

To all interested people and organisations

5 August 2004

Dear colleague

NEW EUROPEAN UNION CULTURE PROGRAMME

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to contribute to the development of the UK negotiating position for the new Programme that will succeed the Culture 2000 Programme from 2007. We are consulting widely to get as many views as possible on the direction the new Culture Programme should take, and in order to help us develop as robust and thorough a negotiating position as possible, and most importantly, which has the support of those of you who will be using the Programme. We would welcome any general or specific comments on any aspect of the proposal.

The following information is attached:

ANNEX A is an introduction to the consultation process.

ANNEX B sets out the broad background to the current Programme.

ANNEX C summarises the Commission's proposal for a new Programme.

ANNEX D is a list of those persons, Government Departments and other bodies consulted. N.B. This list is not comprehensive. **Please pass on this consultation to other relevant bodies within your ambit.**

Also attached is a web link to the europa web site which shows the text of the Commission's proposal.



If you have any queries please feel free to phone or email me (020 7211 6169, michael.Helston@culture.gsi.gov.uk), my colleague, Aidan Mclvor (020 7211 6113, aidan.mclvor@culture.gsi.gov.uk) or Geoffrey Brown at EUCLID (0151 709 8647, info@euclid.info).

The closing date for responses is Friday 29 October.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

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