

A Policy Roundtable event on:

Safeguarding the Future of Our Past

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Host: Foundation for Research and Technology - Hellas, Institute of Electronic Structure and Laser (IESL-FORTH)

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Goal:

This policy roundtable event aims to contribute to the discussion towards an **effective and sustainable preservation of Cultural Heritage (CH)** within the forthcoming EC programme period. Especially, within the **current multi-crisis** environment (natural disasters, climatic change, geopolitical developments), a **holistic strategy for CH conservation and protection** requires a large amount of **high quality complete and accurate data**. Options for the deployment of advanced digital technologies and platforms for data acquisition, processing and correlation combined with effective tools for remote, non-destructive, non-invasive analytical and imaging diagnostics may serve this goal.

Agenda (Tentative)

I. Opening remarks

- **10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome & Introduction**
 - **Costas Fotakis**, iPhotoCult Scientific Coordinator, Minister for Research & Innovation (2015-2019) (IESL-FORTH, Greece)
 - **Athanasios Gerakis**, Project Adviser, European Research Executive Agency
 - **Anna Rosenberg**, General Secretariat for Research & Innovation, Ministry of Development of Greece (GSRI), National Representative/Expert CL2
- **10:15 – 10:35 | Priorities for the preservation of Cultural Heritage within Horizon Europe**
 - **Katja Reppel**, Head of Unit RTD.D.4 - Democracy Equality Culture, European Commission, Directorate-General Research & Innovation
- **10:35 – 10:45 | iPhotoCult Presentation**
 - **Anastasia Giakoumaki**, iPhotoCult Project Manager (IESL-FORTH, Greece)

II. Session 1: Emerging and Digital diagnostic tools for Cultural Heritage

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- **10:45 – 11:00 | Laserlab-Europe Technology Roadmap for Cultural Heritage**
 - **Sara Mosca**, Central Laser Facility, STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UKRI and Expert group Laser Science for Cultural Heritage, Laserlab-Europe network
- **11:00 – 11:15 | Cultural heritage digitalisation in Europe: a research agenda for its conservation and valorisation**
 - **Franco Niccolucci**, President, ARIADNE Research Infrastructure, Brussels (Belgium) and Director, VAST-LAB, Fondazione PIN, Prato (Italy)

-----10-Minute Break-----

III. Session 2: Policy Discussion and Recommendations

Moderator: **Alexandros Selimis**, iPhotoCult Project manager (IESL-FORTH, Greece)

- **11:25 – 12:40 | RoundTable: Policy Measures for Cultural Heritage science and preservation research**
 - **Policy suggestions based on the experience of Green Cluster projects:**
ARGUS: Prof. Dr. George Pavlidis, ATHENA RC. **ChemiNova:** Noémie Gabay, ICCROM. **NERITES:** Dr.-Ing. EWE Jörg Hermsdorf, Laser Zentrum Hannover
 - **Ana-Maria Stan**, RTD.4 - Democracy Equality Culture, European Commission, Directorate-General Research & Innovation
 - **Despoina Tsiafaki**, National Representative CL2, Director of Research and Head of the Department of Culture and Creative Industries of Institute for Language and Speech Processing (ILSP) at the Athena Research Center (Athena RC), Greece
 - **Alexandre Caussé**, Executive Director of JPI Cultural Heritage and coordinator of ARCHE project
 - **Nikolas Bakirtzis**, Director of the Andreas Pittas Art Characterization Laboratories (APAC Labs), Cyprus Institute (Cyl), Nicosia and Coordinator of Cyl's Science and Technology in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage doctoral program
 - **Katrien Keune**, GoGreen Scientific coordinator, Head of Science, Conservation & Science Department, Rijksmuseum, John van Geuns chair, Van 't Hoff Institute for Molecular Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Chair, Netherlands Institute for Conservation+Art+Science+ (NICAS)
- **12:40 – 12:50 | Open Discussion**
- **Closing**
 - **Costas Fotakis**