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- Information from the Croatian and Irish delegations

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Croatian and Irish delegations on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any Other Business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 21 and 22 November 2016.

European Capitals of Culture 2020

The European Capitals of Culture initiative has become one of the most ambitious cultural initiatives in Europe as well as one of the most appreciated by European citizens. It provides an opportunity to highlight the richness and diversity of European cultures and the features those cultures share, as well as to promote greater mutual understanding between European citizens.

Following a transparent and competitive competition managed by national authorities and evaluated by a panel of independent experts, the cities of Rijeka (Croatia) and Galway (Ireland) have been formally designated as the 2020 European Capitals of Culture. Both cities will implement comprehensive cultural programmes as part of their long-term strategy to deliver a sustainable impact on local economic, cultural and social development.

While the Council is no longer formally involved in the designation of the European Capitals of Culture, Croatia and Ireland welcome this opportunity to briefly inform the Council about the cities of Rijeka and Galway.
