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Subject: Nomination of Veszprém for the European Capital of Culture 2023
- Information from the Hungarian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Hungarian delegation on the above subject, which has been placed under 'Any other business' on the agenda for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22 and 23 May 2019.

Nomination of Veszprém for the European Capital of Culture 2023

Following an open selection process in compliance with the rules foreseen in Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, the city of **Veszprém in Hungary** has been officially nominated European Capital of Culture for the year 2023. A city awarded the European Capital of Culture title receives considerable international attention from the moment of its selection and extending well beyond the year of the title. It has a responsibility to uphold the reputation of the European Capital of Culture brand for the benefit of those previous title holders and future ones. It is also responsible to EU institutions and bodies as this is an EU initiative.

As a former meeting point between the West and the East, Veszprém and the Balaton region will strive to implement inclusive action plans that will focus on cultural community building and establishing a sustainable network of cultural operators. The objective of the cultural strategy is to leave a strong and long-term legacy behind, which will celebrate the cultural diversity of Europe and the common elements we share as well as enable a wider access to culture.

Although the Council is not involved in the formal designation of the European Capitals of Culture, Hungary welcomes the opportunity of the Council meeting to briefly inform about the concept developed by the city of Veszprém for the European Capital of Culture 2023 title.