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#### INFORMATION NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	International Conference „Towards the Recovery of the Culture Sector of Ukraine” from 6 – 7 June 2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania“ - <i>Information from the Lithuanian delegation</i>

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Lithuanian delegation 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 14 May 2024.

International Conference ‘Towards the recovery of the culture sector of Ukraine’  
from 6 – 7 June 2024 in Vilnius, Lithuania

*Information from the Lithuanian delegation*

Lithuania intends to seize the opportunity offered by the meeting of the Ministers of Culture to inform Member States about the International Conference ‘*Towards the recovery of the culture sector of Ukraine*’ which will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania from 6 – 7 June 2024.

The Conference will be hosted by the Republic of Lithuania, in close cooperation with Ukraine and in partnership with UNESCO. It aims to raise awareness about the impact of Russia’s war of aggression on Ukraine’s cultural sector and consolidate international support for the stabilisation and recovery of Ukraine from the effects of the war.

The Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine and UNESCO have steered the international coordination efforts through the international coordination meetings for culture in Ukraine and the efforts of dedicated working groups to jointly develop and update an *Action Plan for Culture in Ukraine* in response to the evolving situation and needs. The Action Plan responds to the priorities of the Government of Ukraine, in particular those of the *Recovery and Development Plan for Ukraine* presented at the Lugano Conference on the Recovery of Ukraine in 2022.

Discussions at the conference will be organised into two sessions. The first session will aim to take stock of the impact of the war on the cultural sector and is expected to result in better coordinated efforts and initiatives. The updated *Action Plan for Culture in Ukraine* will also be presented.

The second session will be co-chaired by the Minister for Culture of Lithuania and a high-level representative of the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine. It will aim to provide a platform for high-level representatives to share their insights and/or announce concrete pledges towards the recovery of Ukraine’s cultural sector.

At the end of the conference, we would aim to adopt the *Vilnius Call for Action on the Recovery of the Culture Sector of Ukraine*.

Lithuania invites Member States and the European Commission to actively participate in the conference and to contribute towards the recovery of Ukraine’s cultural sector.