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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2025 - <i>Information from the Slovenian delegation, supported by the Italian delegation</i>

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Slovenian 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 17-18 May 2021. The AOB item is supported by the Italian delegation.

Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2025

After examining the completed applications of pre-selected cities, the European panel of experts recommended on 18 December 2020 to nominate Nova Gorica as the European Capital of Culture 2025 in Slovenia.

The Nova Gorica GO! 2025 candidature, with its slogan GO! BORDERLESS, is a tale of blending past memories and future visions to generate a concrete, participated and effective cultural strategy, ultimately contributing to the improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of the whole border area. Nova Gorica and Gorizia have strived and dwelled together: in spite of the events of the 20th century, united by friendship and intense cooperation, the two cities set for themselves the ambitious goal to become a cross-border European Capital of Culture. As such, this European and universal dimension transcends the mere year 2025, the city itself and even the region.

Although the Council is not involved in the formal designation of the European Capitals of Culture, Slovenia would like to inform delegations about the recommendation of the European panel of experts to award the title of the European Capital of Culture 2025 to Nova Gorica.