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Subject: Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2026  
- *Information from the Finnish delegation*

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Finnish 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 29-30 November 2021

**Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2026**

**- *Information note from the Finnish delegation* -**

Finland is one of the two Member States entitled to host a European Capital of Culture in 2026. On 2 June 2021, the panel of independent experts established to carry out the selection procedure recommended the city of Oulu for the title.

On 13 October 2021, and in accordance with Article 11 of Decision No 445/2014/EU, Finland designated the city of Oulu as European Capital of Culture 2026.

In the meeting of the EYCS Council, Finland would like to inform delegations about the designation and about Oulu's cultural programme for this special year.

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