Online Meeting of the Ministers of Culture

1 – 6 p.m. (CET)

22 April 2020

Guidance Note

Guiding questions

This note is intended to facilitate Ministers’ interventions during the meeting. The questions below are intended to provide some guidance and to structure the debate. Ministers may wish to address all of the questions in their intervention or to select those which they deem are most pertinent.

• What are the main priority areas in your country’s response strategy to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the cultural sector?

Examples of priority areas (non-exhaustive):

cultural heritage - tangible and intangible -, cultural and creative industries, individual creators and SMEs, cultural and natural sites, museums and cultural institutions, performing arts, cultural tourism, artistic education, among others.

• Which measures and mechanisms should be given priority at the national, regional and international levels to support recovery and resilience in the culture sector?

Examples of measures and mechanisms (non-exhaustive):

Maintaining budget allocations for culture, sustaining access to culture, measuring the impact of the crisis on culture, protecting artists and cultural professionals’ social rights, providing emergency support to the cultural ecosystem (notably individual professionals and SMEs), strengthening support to creation, renewing partnerships, facilitating digital opportunities, among others.

Should they wish, Ministers are kindly invited to provide a message/quote from their intervention via the chat section during the meeting for consideration by UNESCO. This message can be prepared prior to the meeting and should not exceed 50 words.