



## Proposal for a new Working Group 'Cultural Access and Entitlement'

### Proposed Work Plan

1. WG Title:	<b>Cultural access and entitlement</b>
2. Within Forum for:	Culture
3. Chair city and the responsible officer, including contact details:	<b>Riga - Diana Čivle</b> , Director of the Culture Department, Riga City Council. K.Valdemara Str. 5, Riga LV1010, t. +371 7043648 - Fax: +371 7043671 e-mail: <a href="mailto:Diana.Civle@riga.lv">Diana.Civle@riga.lv</a>
4. Partner cities and responsible officers:	To be identified ( Culture Forum meeting in Nantes 07.03.2007, Culture Forum meeting in Dublin 14.06.2007)
5. Objectives of the WG:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To identify, define and compare culture accessibility issues of the Culture Forum Cities, taking into consideration all aspects of accessibility (social, cultural, intellectual, physical, and financial), policies and action plans of the cities.</li> <li>- To share the views and best practices of improving the accessibility of cultural spaces and services.</li> <li>- To identify successful models of strategies, instruments and tools for ensuring equal opportunities for all, promoting involvement of citizens from the deprived areas, increasing the number of people participating in cultural activities.</li> <li>- To identify tools for evaluating accessibility.</li> <li>- To contribute to policy debate on culture accessibility issues, considering also future directions, showing need for enhanced political support</li> <li>- On the basis of the collected data on the best practices and experiences contribute to the policy making on the local, national and European level.</li> </ul>

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6. Synergies with other Forums and WG's as well as outside organizations:	WG Agenda 21 for Culture, WG Migration and Integration in Europe: Social Affairs Forum, WG Urban Research : Cooperation Forum, WG Urban Competitiveness: Economy Forum, WG Strategic Planning, "Accessibility network for museums"
7. Practical actions to be developed and implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping cities that are interested to contribute</li> <li>- Working out schedule for WG activities</li> <li>- Active networking between the WG meetings</li> <li>- Working out the benchmarking questionnaire</li> <li>- Carrying out a survey, collecting baseline data from as many Culture Forum Cities as possible</li> <li>- Workshops (Best practices -Evaluation of the results)</li> <li>- Developing policy recommendations based on the results of the survey</li> <li>- Involving WG partners in joint projects, leading and coordinating the projects</li> </ul>
8. calendar of timetable of actions (beginning and completion) and an estimation of the completion of the WG mandate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beginning: Culture Forum meeting in Dublin, Ireland 14.06.2007: - identifying cities interested in participation in the WG, working out WG schedule, questionnaire.</li> <li>- Culture Forum and WG meeting in Bergen, Norway 18.10.2007</li> </ul>
9. Potential project work:	Projects supported by EU financial instruments
10. Dissemination of outcomes:	EUROCITIES Culture forum members, EUROCITIES forums, AGM, City Councils, local and international meetings and conferences
11. Success criteria to evaluate the activities of the WG:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Culture Forum member cities join and actively participate in the work of the WG</li> <li>- The questionnaire has been elaborated</li> <li>- The survey has been accomplished</li> <li>- The workshops have been carried out</li> <li>- The ongoing networking process is active</li> <li>- WG partners have been involved in joint projects related to culture accessibility</li> <li>- Policy recommendations have been developed</li> <li>- The relevant projects have been started</li> </ul>
12. Expected support from the Brussels office:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide information on relevant developments at EU level.</li> <li>- Ensure coordination with other EUROCITIES activities relevant to the WG objectives.</li> <li>- Establish and maintain relations with European institutions and other organizations relevant to the theme of the WG</li> <li>- Provide assistance in organizing workshops and carrying out the survey</li> <li>- To lobby the on-going and planned projects</li> </ul>