



8th Meeting of the Informal Network of European National Commissions

24-28 April 2024
İstanbul, Türkiye

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24 April 2024 - Wednesday
Arrival of the participants

25 April 2024 - Thursday

09.00 **Registration and morning coffee**

09.30 **Opening remarks**

Prof. Dr. M. Öcal Oğuz, *President, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO*

Anthony Ohemeng-Boamah, *Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations*

Prof. Dr. Yusuf Tekin, *Minister of National Education of the Republic of Turkey (TBC)*

Presentation to summarize the last 3 meetings

Rita Brasil de Brito, *Secretary-General, Portuguese National Commission*

Aslaug Dora Eyjolfsdottir, *Secretary-General, Icelandic National Commission*

Family Photo

10.30 **Coffee break**

11.00 **European National Commissions' Engagement in Global Priority Africa**

Moderator

Anthony Ohemeng-Boamah, *Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations*

Rapporteur

National Commission of the Republic of Bulgaria for UNESCO

12.30 **Lunch - Hotel**

14.00 **National Commissions sharing best practices**

Moderator

Prof. Dr. M. Öcal OĞUZ, *President, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO*

Rapporteur

Estonian National Commission

Presentations

Involvement of Civil Society in our activities: "Working Group on Cultural Diversity"

Martin Fritz & Claudia Isep, *Austrian Commission for UNESCO*

Fair Culture Initiative

Lutz Möller, *German Commission for UNESCO*

Introducing Magic Mitten: A toolkit to support children affected by war

Gabor Soós, *Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO*

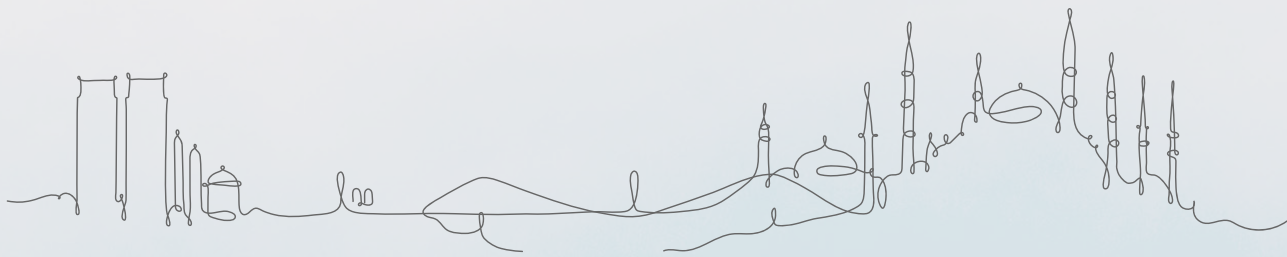
Close/Far. A Journey of Discovery Exploring the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Immigration in Italy

Enrico Vicenti, *Italian National Commission for UNESCO*

Safeguarding our past and future: Cultural heritage in the face of Climate change: & Local to Global update

James Bridge, *United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO*

15.30 **Coffee break**



16.00 **Contributions of European National Commissions to UNESCO Strategic Documents UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-29 (41 C/4) and the Draft Program and Budget for 2026-2029 (43 C/5)**

Moderator

James Bridge, *Secretary General, United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO*

Rapporteur

Austrian Commission for UNESCO

18.00 Participants meeting at the lobby

19.00 **Dinner - Kiva Galataport**

26 April 2024 - Friday

09.00 **Morning coffee**

09.30 **Enhanced Collaboration: Fostering a More Involved Role for National Commissions**

Moderator

Marielies Schelhaas, *Secretary General, Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO*

Rapporteur

Canadian Commission for UNESCO

10.45 **Coffee break**

11.15 **UNESCO's Role and Actions for the Summit of the Future**

Moderator

Jasna Zrnovic, *Secretary General, Commission of the Republic of Serbia for Cooperation with UNESCO*

Rapporteur

Polish National Commission for UNESCO

12.30 **Closing Remarks**

13.00 **Lunch – Hotel**

Free time

17.30 Participants meeting at the lobby

18.30 **Bosphorus boat tour and dinner**

27 April 2024 - Saturday

09.00 Participants meeting in the lobby

11.00 **Topkapı Palace**

13.30 **Lunch - Olive Anatolia**

15.00 **Hagia Sophia**

16.30 **Grand Bazaar**

19.00 **Dinner - Armada Hotel**

28 April 2024 – Sunday

Departure of participants

Please note that details of the social program may be subject to change.

