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**Subject: ENCATC Annual Conference 2013
5-7 November, Antwerp (Belgium)**

Dear Members,
Dear Colleagues,

ENCATC is pleased to invite you to its next Annual Conference co-organized with the University of Antwerp which will take place in Antwerp on 5-7 November 2013.

This international gathering is a timely opportunity to reflect upon the new European Communication on "*Rethinking Education: investing in skills for better socio-economic outcomes*". This new European strategy states that the development of entrepreneurial skills is a top priority for our education and training systems. This concept is much wider than just training on how to start a business: entrepreneurship is firstly a mindset. In addition, with increasingly rapid changes in the workplace, this conference wishes also to rethink and create a debate around *Leadership* for cultural organizations and for cultural managers.

This conference has been designed for academics, trainers, researchers, professionals from the cultural and educational sector, organizations, students, policy makers, artists and media from all over the world.

In terms of capacity building, this outstanding event will provide you with the unique opportunity to build up new knowledge, discover new researches and learn from innovative teaching methods. In Antwerp, you will also have the possibility to enlarge your personal and professional network, to exchange experiences and to build new cooperation projects. Moreover, building on the success of the previous years, a number of interactive seminars and study visits at leading cultural organisations based in Antwerp will offer you the possibility to learn and share about trends and perspectives in cultural management and cultural policy in a variety of fields including heritage, museums, performing arts, cultural indicators, cultural & creative industries, urban management and Europe international.

Online registration is already open, to register please click here:
<http://www.encatc.org/register/>.

The draft programme of the Conference will be posted on our website on the 30th of May.

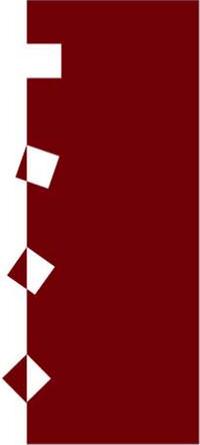
For those who need a **VISA** please to write on a very short notice to traine2@encatc.org.

We look very much forward to seeing all of you in Antwerp this autumn!

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Alongside its Annual Conference ENCATC will also organize:

The final Conference of the European project CREAM: *Creative blended mentoring for cultural managers*, aims to develop and test a mentoring kit deployed into learning outcomes to foster creativity and entrepreneurial skills, based on the mapping of competences needed in the cultural sector. The CREA.M project runs for a period of 24 months, from December 2011 until November 2013. CREA.M strongly fosters the European Agenda's 2020 objective to boost jobs in Europe. The project will contribute to job growth by helping cultural managers update their skills and competences so they can find stable employment or create their own businesses. All this is made possible thanks to the support of the European Commission's Leonardo da Vinci programme which funds innovative projects in the field of Vocational Education and Training.

The Forum of Young Cultural Policy Researchers: The Forum will give early career cultural policy researchers the opportunity to meet and share experience with their fellow researchers from different countries, to present their recent research projects, and to discuss topical research issues regarding content and methodology with senior researchers from other countries and possibly find partners in the content of their research.

The 10th Cultural Policy Research Award Ceremony: The year 2013 CPRA winner will be selected and announced in Antwerp during this conference! The CPRA is a 10.000 Euros research prize, targeting young academics, researchers and policy makers.

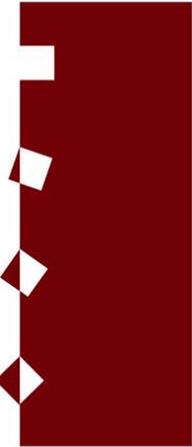
The ENCATC Annual Research Session: Cultural management cannot develop without the contributions both researchers and practitioners. Through its Research Session, ENCATC provides a forum for exchange of insights and perspectives in the field of cultural management and cultural policy. It offers researchers from Europe and beyond the opportunity to present the results of their most recent research, to discuss ideas face-to-face and learn about the latest development in cultural management and cultural policy. During this session, over 30 policy papers will be presented and debated.

The annual **General Assembly and Board elections!!:** The ENCATC General Assembly is a statutory body, which meets once a year and which is open to all ENCATC members. At the annual General Assembly, the overall work Programme, budget, membership report, strategic developments and membership fees for the year ahead are discussed and approved. Work progresses are also evaluated.

The **Annual ENCATC Thematic Areas Seminars and Study Visits to leading cultural organisations based in Antwerp:** members of the ENCATC Thematic Areas will get together to discuss about state of art trends and perspectives in their specific thematic areas.

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