By courtesy of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism, in cooperation with the Milan City Council and Cariplo Foundation, a parallel programme has been set up at BASE Milan, in immediate vicinity of Superstudio where the European Culture Forum 2017 takes place. Audiovisual broadcasting of the Forum will be provided, alongside with networking opportunities and working groups, a poster session and catering.

Participation to the event is free and open until reaching maximum capacity. The event will be held in English.

For any further question please send an email to ecf@base.milano.it.

The European Culture Forum is a biennial flagship event organised by the European Commission to raise the profile of European cultural cooperation, to bring together cultural sectors’ key players and to debate on EU culture policy and initiatives. Its 2017 edition will also mark the official launch of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, the thematic EU year devoted to our common cultural assets and all their aspects.
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Confirmed speakers:

- **Silvia Costa**, European Parliament Member and former Chair of the EP CULT Committee
- **Prof. Małgorzata Omilanowska**, Professor of Art History at the University of Gdańsk, former Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland
- **Prof. Dr. Hermann Parzinger**, President of Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, Ambassador of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 in Germany
- **Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović**, Secretary General of Europa Nostra and Coordinator of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3
- **Prof. Pier Luigi Sacco**, Professor of Cultural Economics, IULM University, Milan

With the participation of **Jill Cousins**, Executive Director at Europeana.

Reactions, debate, Q&A with the audience.

**Live video streaming from ECF-Superstudio**

**Plenary session 2**

**Challenges (for Culture) in Europe: 2007, 2017, 2027**

Moderated by Hannah Conway and Norman Jardine

Keynote speech by Petra Kammerervert, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the CULT Committee.

Confirmed speakers:

- **Miren Arzalluz**, Director at Etxepare Basque Institute, Basque Government
- **Johannes Ebert**, Secretary General at Goethe Institut
- **Katherine Watson**, Director General at European Cultural Foundation
- **Ferdinand Richard**, Founder & Director of A.M.I., President of Roberto Cimetta Fund
- **Csilla Hegedüs**, President at Transylvania Trust, former Minister of Culture and Deputy Prime Minister of Romania

Reactions, debate, Q&A with the audience.

**Networking cocktail**

Both ECF BASE and ECF Superstudio attendees are welcome to join BASE Milano for a networking cocktail.

**Live streaming of Prima diffusa**

**Teatro alla Scala premiere of the opera “Andrea Chénier”**

The event will be open to all Forum attendees and to Milanese citizens.

**ECF Party**

A music journey into Italian Music - Presented by elita.

The event will be open and free for all Forum attendees.
December 08  
• Day 2 •

08:00-08:30  
Registration

09:00-09:30  
Live streaming from ECF-Superstudio  
Opening address  
Welcome by Cristina Cappellini, Councillor for Culture of the Lombardy Region, and Filippo Del Corno, Councillor for Culture of the Municipality of Milan. Opening address by Mircea Diaconu, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the CULT Committee.

09:30-11:30  
Live streaming from ECF-Superstudio  
Plenary Session 3  
Culture in cities and regions: closer, better, faster, stronger?  
Moderated by Hannah Conway and Norman Jardine

Confirmed speakers:  
Alexandra Szalay-Bobrovniczky, Deputy Mayor of Budapest  
Dr. Beatriz Garcia, Researcher in Urban Sociology, University of Liverpool  
Dr. Shain Shapiro, Founder and CEO, Sound Diplomacy  
Michael Walling, Artistic Director, Border Crossings  
Mr Oeds Westerhof, Director, Network & Legacy, Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018

Pitch presentations:  
Re-Future [integration of unaccompanied refugee minors]  
Museum of Art in Łódź, Poland  
Bios Romantso, Athens, Greece

Reactions, debate, Q&A with the audience

11:30-11:45  
Coffee break

11:45-12:45  
Networking session  
More details soon
Lunch break

Networking session
More details soon

Live streaming from ECF-Superstudio
Presentation of European Culture Forum 2017 Game Jam results by Marco Accordi Rickards, Executive Director of Video Game Museum of Rome (VIGAMUS) and Susan Gold, Founder of Global Game Jam.

Live video streaming from ECF-Superstudio
Closing Remarks

End of Forum