Compass for discussion on cultural heritage as part of the cultural heritage strategy work

Ministry of Education and Culture
Our diverse cultural heritage

• Cultural heritage refers to resources, environments and things inherited from the past that people wish to preserve and keep alive, so that they can be to be passed on to future generations.
• The cultural heritage may be tangible, intangible or digital.
• It can include meaningful objects, documents, photographs, buildings and environments, archaeological relics, customs, traditions, language, landscapes, art, etc.
• Everyone has the right to their own cultural heritage; everyone also bears responsibility for their cultural heritage.
• Cultural heritage changes over time.

By connecting everyone in building a sustainable future, cultural heritage is a positive resource.
Why a cultural heritage strategy?

• This work will produce a proposal for Finland's first-ever cultural heritage strategy. The work is based on the policies in the Government Programme.

• The Cultural Heritage Strategy will set targets up to 2030.

• The aim is to identify the diversity and opportunities that cultural heritage offers.

• The strategy sees cultural heritage as a resource for sustainable solutions for the future.

• It serves to strengthen the role of cultural heritage as a positive resource that unites people.
How is the work being carried out?

• We aim to create a process in which as many people as possible can contribute by expressing what they consider important and worth striving for in cultural heritage.

• The strategy is being executed under the leadership of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The project has a steering group that outlines and directs the work, and a working group responsible for stakeholder cooperation etc.

• The proposal for a cultural heritage strategy will be submitted to the Minister of Science and Culture in spring 2022.
How to follow progress on the strategy work?

• The compass for discussion on cultural heritage is an important part of the strategy work.

• The compass enables you to participate and have a say in shaping the cultural heritage strategy.

• Thank you for taking part in the debate using the compass for discussion on cultural heritage. Your views matter.

• Open webinars and workshops will also be organised during the strategy work process.

• The webinars give information on the progress being made in the strategy work and bring inspiration on important themes in cultural heritage.

• The workshops allow us to work on themes together with different target groups.
Themes of the Cultural Heritage Strategy

• Regional equity and non-discrimination
• Cultural heritage as part of a sustainable future
• Transmitting, preserving and using cultural heritage
• Wellbeing and cultural diversity
• Research-based, reliable and socially relevant knowledge

Cultural heritage is processed by means of these themes in the strategy work. They are the same themes as in the compass for discussion on cultural heritage.

You can find instructions on how to use the compass for discussion on cultural heritage on the Cultural Heritage Strategy website and in the compass tool itself.
More information on the Cultural Heritage Strategy

• Background study to support the drafting of the Cultural Heritage Strategy (in Finnish): Kulttuuriperinnöt kestävän tulevaisuuden avaimina: Taustaselvitys kulttuuriperintöstrategian laatimisen tueksi - Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö (minedu.fi)

• Website of the Cultural Heritage Strategy: https://minedu.fi/kulttuuriperintostrategia

• The Cultural Heritage Strategy in the Gateway to Information on Government Projects: Kulttuuriperintöstrategia - OKM - Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö (minedu.fi)
Wishing you fruitful discussions on cultural heritage!

You can use the compass until 30 September 2021.