



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

## PROMOTING THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE OF EUROPE

*COMECE conference in the European Year of Cultural Heritage*

Conference: 50 participants

Venue: Secretariat of COMECE, 19 Sq de Meeûs, B-1050 Brussels

Date: Wednesday 31 January 2018

**9:30**            **Arrival and Coffee**

**10:00**            **Welcome**

*Fr. Olivier Poquillon op, General Secretary COMECE*

**10:15**            ***Pulchritudo tam antiqua – tam nova***

**Religious Heritage in Europe – a treasure for all Europeans**

*S.E. Mons Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture*

**10:45**            **Restoring and Mediating Religious Heritage**

*(Starting point for dialogue on faith in contemporary society and support for the cohesion of local communities)*

**Presentation of four examples of best practise**

- *Spomenka Juric, director of the diocesan museum of Sisak: restoration of the St. Martin Chapel in Stari Brod/Croatia (winner of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage 2017)*
- *Mauro Steffenini, president of the association of the friends of St Columban for Europe: A new pilgrimage trail on the footprints of Saint Columban*
- *Rev. dr. Saulius Stumbra, priest of the Telsiai diocesis: Samogitian Calvarias Cross Ways in the context of European Christian Heritage*
- *Rev. Emmanuel Blondeau, rector of the Chartres Cathedral: mediation of cultural and religious heritage in Chartres Cathedral*

**12:30**            **Holy Mass**

**13:30**            **Lunch**

**14:30**            **The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 of the European Union**

*What the European Union wants to achieve?*

*What support for civil society organisations and Churches?*

*Mr. Tibor Navracsics, member of the European Commission in charge of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport*

**15:45 Promoting religious heritage in Europe – the « Future for Religious Heritage », partner of the European Commission in the stakeholder group “Voices of Culture and heritage”**

- *Michael Hoare, Founder and Council Treasurer of the Forum for Religious Heritage*
- *Lilian Grootswagers, Founder and Council Secretary of the Forum for Religious Heritage*

**16:30 Final discussion and conclusion**

- *S.E. Mons Alain Lebeaupin*