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What Cultural Policies for Diversity ?

Date: 9-10 April

Location: Zurich, University of the Arts, 60 Ausstellungsstrasse

Event: [9th Annual Authors / Experts Meeting](#) of the Council of Europe / ERIcart's Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe with Public Forum contributing to CultureWatchEurope will be organised in the framework of the [Swiss Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe](#), hosted by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture in co-operation with Zurich University of the Arts.

Description: A Public Forum on Swiss and European Cultural Diversity Policies, a thematic opening on Ethics, Human Rights and Cultural Development and a session on different perspectives from other Continents interested in setting up cultural policy information systems, will be the highlights of this cultural appointment in Switzerland.

Background information:

The [Compendium](#) is a web-based information and monitoring system with a comprehensive data collection on cultural policies, instruments, debates, trends and good practices in Europe. It was initiated by the Council of Europe as a joint venture with the ERIcart's Institute in 1998. Cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue are amongst the priorities' areas addressed by the *Compendium*.

The Council of Europe's [CultureWatchEurope](#) initiative promotes culture as "the soul of democracy" by offering an innovative and evidence-based overview of culture, heritage and media developments in Europe. Key-words in this mission are: transparency, access and participation, respect for identity and diversity, intercultural dialogue and cultural rights.

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