

The President

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Dear Dr Zanda,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2016 seeking the patronage of the European Parliament for the fifth edition of the Babel Film Festival, to be held in Cagliari from 4 to 9 December 2017.

The Babel Film Festival and its commitment to promote and raise awareness of minority languages is well known and respected by the European Parliament, which has demonstrated its appreciation by granting patronage to the two previous editions.

Owing to the small, ever-decreasing number of users, minority languages are in constant danger of being extinct and, once lost, they can never be retrieved. By proper ways of documenting, promoting and encouraging the use of the minority languages, they stand a better chance of surviving and preserving specific cultural, historical and ethnic knowledge. Film, as a medium, is capable of capturing spoken language and, in this manner, contributes to safeguarding the linguistic diversity of Europe and the world.

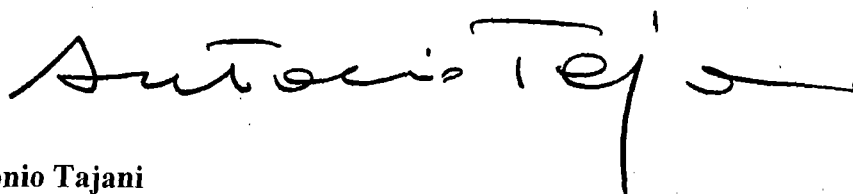
Our institution is convinced¹ that the promotion of culture, cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue acts as a catalyst for cooperation between Member States. Cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, plays a significant role in creating, preserving and promoting European culture and values and national, regional, local and individual identity, as well as the contemporary identity of the people of Europe. I am therefore very pleased that, thanks to the efforts of the European Parliament, the European Year of Cultural Heritage is officially scheduled for 2018.

¹ European Parliament resolution of 8 September 2015 towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe (Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0293).

Given the clear European dimension of your initiative, it is with great pleasure that I grant your event the European Parliament's patronage².

I warmly wish you every success for the festival.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Tajani', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Antonio Tajani

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