



DEPARTMENT OF  
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# Culture and sustainable development

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## Governing principles that have been present throughout history

Five key attitudes for sustainability highlighted in <i>Beyond the Limits: Global Collapse Or a Sustainable Future</i> , 1992	Five ways to happiness and wellbeing , 2008	<i>INTEGRITY in Caritas in veritate, Vatican 2009</i>
Truth-telling	Notice!	Embrace reality
Visioning	Be Active!	Justice/Solidarity
Connecting	Connect!	Community and Cooperation
Learning	Learn!	Intelligence/Innovation
Love	Give!	Love



# How is culture related to sustainability

- *Culture encompasses the shared values, beliefs, practices, and expressions of diverse communities, shaping their identities, relationships, and interactions with the world around them.*
- *In the pursuit of the SDGs, culture emerges as a cross-cutting and transformative force. By recognizing and leveraging the power of cultural diversity, societies can forge inclusive pathways towards sustainable development.*
- *The United Nations, in collaboration with member states, civil society, and cultural stakeholders, has a crucial role to play in promoting cultural rights, preserving cultural heritage, fostering intercultural dialogue, and advancing inclusive and sustainable development for all*

# Interlinkage - SDGs and culture



## SDG 4 – Education and Intercultural Understanding

- SDG 4 highlights the significance of inclusive and quality education as a catalyst for sustainable development.
- Culture plays a pivotal role in education by shaping the values, beliefs, and perspectives of individuals.
- Incorporating cultural diversity into educational curricula fosters **intercultural understanding, empathy, and tolerance**, preparing individuals to navigate a diverse and interconnected world.

## SDG 11 - Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Cities

- SDG 11 recognizes the indispensable role of culture in shaping urban environments
- Cultural heritage contributes to the **identity, memory, and continuity of communities.**
- By preserving and promoting cultural heritage, cities can strengthen community bonds, and foster sustainable tourism.

## Culture as a powerful tool for the SDGs implementation. Department of Sustainable Development representative actions

- In 2021, at Expo Dubai, we presented the cultural project : „Sustainable Romania Local Knowledge from the Past for a Global Lasting Future”, based on the contribution of the 3 great romanian personalities: Antipa, Brâncuși, Roegen
- In 2022 another cultural project was carried out: the National Educational Theatre Caravan - The 17 Magnificent Ones Who Changed the Future. For the project implementation, more than 50 teenagers from the 8 regions were brought together. Through live representations or online streaming, thousands of teenagers learned more about SDGs enjoying a cultural act



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