



European Alliance Group seminar:

‘Fostering and Promoting the Cultural and Linguistic Heritage of Europe’

Aalst, Flanders, Belgium

15 June 2015

- 10.20am Introduction and moderator: **Stanisław Szwabski, President of the European Alliance Group**
- Welcome address: Mr Karim Van Overmeire, Alderman City of Aalst and Member of the Flemish Parliament
- 10.40 am **EU policy towards ‘Fostering and Promoting the Cultural and Linguistic Heritage of Europe’**
- Mr Mark Demesmaeker, Member of the European Parliament
- Mr Walter Zampieri, Head of Unit, DG EAC: Culture Diversity and Innovation, European Commission (tbc)
- The future of the Religious Heritage in the European Union**
- Mr Michael Hoare, Council Member, Future for Religious Heritage and former Chairman of the National Churches Trust, in London
- Case study: language legislation in Belgium**
- Mr Matthias Storme, member of the Belgian Commission on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
- Case Study: Best practice example of cultural preservation and promotion Wolów, Poland**
- Mr Witold Krochmal, Wolów, Poland, former CoR member
- Case Study: Using EU initiatives to foster and promote Culture and Linguistic Heritage: Capital City of Culture & Cork, Ireland**
- Cllr Kieran McCarthy, Member of Cork City Council
- 12.30 pm Closing Statement and adoption of the Aalst declaration: **‘Fostering and Promoting the Cultural and Linguistic Heritage of Europe’**