



# **culture 21**

Agenda 21 for culture

# **United Cities and Local Governments UCLG**

- **World organization – members in 127 countries**  
**More than 1.000 member cities**
- **A Committee on Culture**  
**Chair: Barcelona**  
**Vice chairs: Stockholm, Buenos Aires**



## **Main aim for the UCLG's Committee on Culture:**

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***”To promote the role of culture as a central dimension of local policies, fostering the relation between culture and sustainable development and the processes of intercultural dialogue through the international dissemination and local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture”***



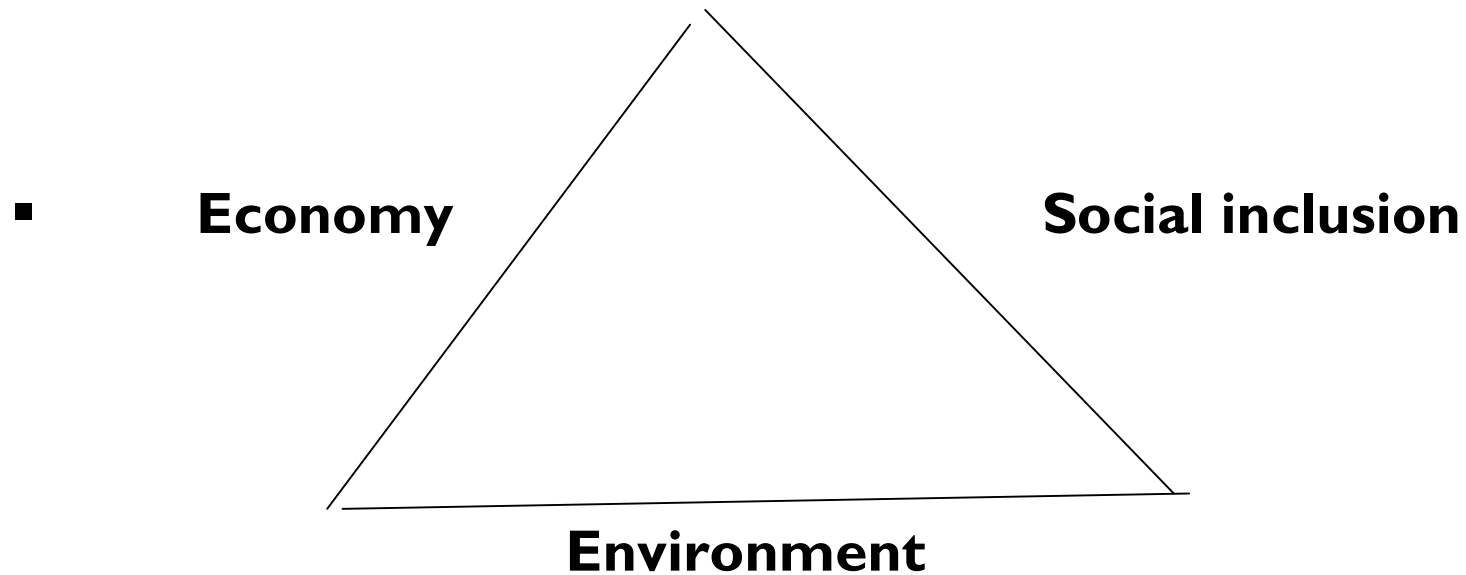
## **The Agenda 21 for Culture – some background facts**

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- **Initiated by Porto Alegre and Barcelona – first draft in 2002**
- **Approved by the Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion in 2004 in Barcelona (300 cities)**
- **Discussed and approved by Eurocities Culture Forum in 2004**
- **Adopted as a reference document by UCLG in 2004**
- **Referred to in the cooperation agreement between Unesco and UCLG**



# The original Agenda 21 from 1992 for a local, sustainable development – three pillars



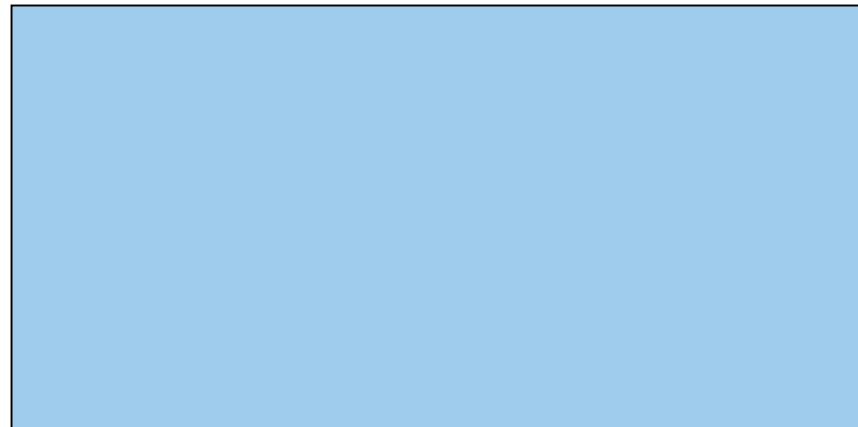
**Culture: a key to citizenship, identity, coexistence and democratic involvement.**

**Culture: the fourth pillar for a sustainable development at a local level**

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**Social inclusion**

**Culture**



**Economy**

**Environment**



# Agenda 21 for Culture - Contents

- **67** articles devided into three sections:
  - **Principles** (culture and human rights, diversity, sustainability, participation, democracy and peace)
  - **Undertakings** (local government responsibilities)
  - **Recommendations** (the central position of culture)



# Five Themes

- **Definition of culture and cultural rights**
- **Culture and governance**
- **Culture, sustainability and diversity**
- **Culture and social inclusion**
- **Culture and economy**

# **Why an Agenda 21 for Culture**

- **The document has a worldwide mission**
- **It promotes the role of culture as a central dimension of local policies**
- **It underlines the growing importance of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in local governance**
- **A reference document for the elaboration of a local cultural strategy**



- **The Agenda 21 for Culture is translated into 11 languages (incl German)**

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