



## IGCAT News

### **IGCAT wishes you a very happy new year!**



2014 was a very exciting and busy year for IGCAT and 2015 promises some thrilling times ahead. The entire IGCAT team wishes you all a very happy and prosperous 2015!

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### **Art of Food meeting discusses food and cultural diversity**

The Art of Food meeting held on 17-19 November in Sant Pol de Mar (Catalunya) gathered experts from 11 different countries to discuss the growing convergence between food, art, culture and tourism. One of the key issues emerging from the discussion was the need to maintain the diversity of culture and food. Both are threatened...



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## Two global conventions for tourism and gastronomy in 2015



Growing attention for the relationship between gastronomy and tourism is being marked by the steep increase in events devoted to the topic. In 2015 there will be two global conventions dealing with tourism and gastronomy; the [World Food Travel Summit and Expo](#) will be held in early April in Estoril, Portugal, closely followed...

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## European Capitals of Culture Seminar for candidate cities

Candidate cities in various stages of bidding for the coveted European Capital of Culture title, took part in a meeting with the authors of the [European Capitals of Culture \(ECOC\) reports](#) in Barcelona on Friday 12 December 2014. The meeting featured the participation of several bidding ECOC cities in order to explore challenges as well...



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## IGCAT Director Participated in the Council of Europe's 'Cultural Routes Programme' on 9 December 2014

Diane Dodd, IGCAT's Director, took part in an intermediary meeting of experts for the Council of Europe's Cultural Routes



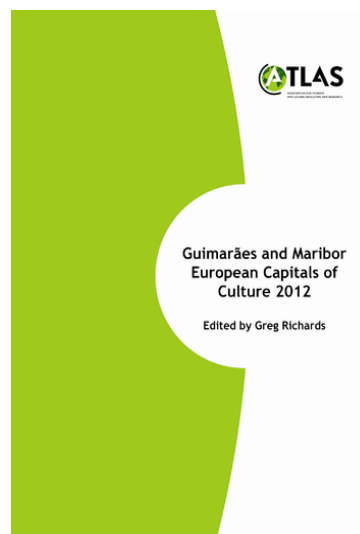
programme on 9 December in Luxembourg. The Cultural Routes Programme is supported by both the Council of Europe and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and seeks to empower Europe...

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## New report on the European Capital of Culture

A new report published by the [Association for Tourism and Leisure Education and Research](#) (ATLAS) analyses the two ECOC held in 2012 in Guimarães (Portugal) and Maribor (Slovenia). The report, edited by Greg Richards (IGCAT's president), reveals the impact of the two events on the image of the two cities, as well as their influence on resident and visitor opinions. The report is available via the [ATLAS Bookshop](#). In particular the data from Maribor are revealing, because they show some very negative attitudes by residents towards their own city during the ECOC year. This was a result of policy measures introduced by the city's Mayor...



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## Forthcoming Publication on Audience Development and Community Engagement



IGCAT is working on a forthcoming publication looking at citizen engagement and audience development practices. We would like to identify cultural institutions from around the globe that are working to enhance citizens' participation and community engagement in and through arts and cultural practices. Mainly we are trying to identify...

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## Upcoming Events

### UNWTO and UNESCO organize the first world conference on cultural tourism

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and UNESCO will gather for the first time ministers of Tourism and Culture from around the world during the global cultural tourism conference to be held from the 4th to 6th February 2015 in Cambodia. The meeting will focus on five main themes: **governance and partnership** models, **preservation** of culture, living...



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### UCLG Culture Summit in Bilbao - March 2015



Since its inception, culture has been at the heart of UCLG's agenda, as can be demonstrated by the adoption of the Agenda 21 for culture, the Policy Statement and the inclusion of culture in UCLG's advocacy efforts related to the Post-2015 Agenda, including the activities of the Global Taskforce. The process to elaborate the...

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# Operationalizing Culture in the Sustainable Development of Cities | 6-8 May | Helsinki - Finland.

Despite the tremendous effort put into developing local sustainability policies and plans that include culture in cities and smaller communities internationally, there is frequently a gap between discursive elements of the planning process and their operationalization in practice. Further, one of the major gaps in the guides and integrated frameworks developed for cities to include...



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## Current News From Around The Globe

### IGCAT Participated in the 4th ENCATC's Academy in Brussels



George Chatzinakos joined the 4th ENCATC's (the European Network on Cultural Management and Cultural Policy education) Academy in Brussels, Belgium on 8-9 of December. The theme of this year's Academy was on "Culture in External Relations and Cultural Diplomacy: Focus on the Americas". The event was organised...

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### Locl Food Lab

LOCI, inspired by the Chaat stands of India, employs a representative from the Centre to tailor make your desired snack in

accordance with your selection from their mini menu. The edible experiments are made from hyper-local ingredients, in their natural season, by hyper-local people. The representative present can then answer (or ask) questions which the participants...

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## The smartest cities rely on citizen cunning and unglamorous technology



From **Porto Alegre's participatory budgeting** and the literally de-stratifying **cable cars of Caracas**, to Nairobi's "digital matatus" and the repurposed **bus-ferries of Manila**, the communities of the...

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## Romania launches competition for the European Capital of Culture 2021 title

Romania recently launched the competition that will design the Romanian city that will receive the title of European Capital of Culture in 2021, according to Minister of Culture Hegedüs Csilla. The deadline for submitting applications is October 10, 2015. The European Parliament and the European Commission decided in April that Romania and Greece can nominate...



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# Arterial Network: Bringing Together Southern African Cultural Leaders



Leading human rights and cultural players of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) gathered in Cape Town on the 4th and 5th of December 2014 to assess the state of the human rights agenda as it pertains to the arts and cultural sectors in Africa. Arterial Network South Africa (ANSA) and Arterial Network's...

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## Zero Waste Dining

Brighton's newest restaurant **SILO** has adopted an interesting slant on sustainable behaviour by utilizing a pre-industrial food system which generates zero waste. SILO chooses to provide quality through purity, applying this ethos to determining their menu right down to how they source their ingredient. SILO pride themselves on totally eliminating waste from their operation...



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## 10,000 Gardens in Africa Project in London



Slow Food® London

From 1,000 to 10,000 gardens: this is the challenge with which Slow Food began 2014. An ambitious goal that Slow Food and its Foundation for Biodiversity are undertaking with the help of the network of Terra Madre communities in Africa, and with a major fundraising campaign across the rest of the world. The Slow Food network...

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## Pilsen 2015 celebration less than a month away

The West Bohemian city will be a European Capital of Culture next year. You can look forward to more than six hundred unique events starting Jan. 17 when the West Bohemian city of Pilsen takes up the banner as European Capital of Culture for 2015. 'Pilsen 2015 is the biggest cultural project in the modern...



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## Diplomats mobilise to save France's culinary pride



The French have a worldwide reputation for gastronomic excellence. But while the country still boasts some of the globe's finest restaurants, chinks have begun to appear in its culinary armour with ever-increasing competition from other countries, from Japan to Brazil via Spain, Denmark and Britain. With so much riding on France's...

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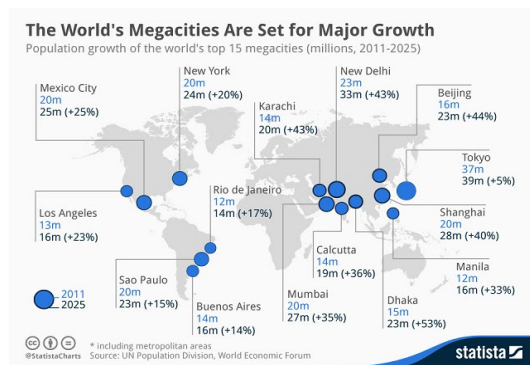
## Maps that Help to Visualize the World's Urban Growth

We are living in the midst of the urban century. Though it is common knowledge that the world is **urbanizing**, it can be striking



to visualize this growth on a map. Urban growth – particularly in megacities – can create distinct challenges including housing shortages, **air pollution**, **congestion**, and more. However, well managed...

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