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UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay meets High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini in Brussels



On 24 January, Director General Audrey Azoulay met in Brussels with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini.

On the occasion of her first visit in Brussels, UNESCO Director General had a fruitful first encounter with the High Representative, aimed at discussing priority areas for further EU-UNESCO cooperation.

Director General Azoulay received strong support for UNESCO's mandate from the High Representative, stressing that the Organisation will continue to be a significant partner for the EU. In their discussion, in addition to relevant achievements in the cultural sector as the European Union's strategy for international cultural relations, the protection of cultural heritage in danger and the recently launched European Year of Cultural Heritage, it was reiterated the support of the European Union to UNESCO's work in preventing radicalisation and in the fields of education and science.

High Representative and Director General explored future opportunities to cooperate having regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including further joint action on women and youth empowerment.