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Consultation to boost cultural heritage online

The European Commission's Reflection Group on digitisation recently launched a consultation on how best to foster the online presence of cultural heritage. As Europe's creative and cultural sectors undergo a revolutionary transition, innovative solutions are needed to keep up with technological advances and reap them to their full benefits.

The Group, established in April 2010, is part of the European Commission's broader strategy to help the cultural sector make the transition towards the digital age. This is to ensure that Europe's rich cultural heritage and diverse cultural content is preserved and made accessible to all on the internet, including finding new effective business models.

The consultation is inviting all interested parties - citizens, cultural institutions, public authorities, private companies, NGOs, academic institutions - to give their views on key issues of digitisation. These include potential sources of funding for digitisation and for developing Europeana, Europe's digital library. Ideas are also being sought on how to bring more copyrighted material online and on how to ensure cross-border access to digitised resources

The consultation will run until 30 September 2010. At the end of 2010 the Group will come forward with a set of recommendations for the digitisation, online accessibility and preservation of Europe's cultural heritage in the digital age, looking in particular at the issue of public-private partnerships for digitisation in Europe.

The consultation is available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=comitedessages&lang=en>



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Commission adds two Ghanaian airlines to the EU list of air carriers subject to an operating ban

This week the European Commission updated the list of airlines banned in the EU to impose an operating ban on one air carrier from Ghana and to place operating restrictions on another air carrier from that country.

This update is adopted following exceptional measures taken by two Member States which have banned the air carriers in question from their territory. With this update, the carrier Meridian Airways from Ghana is included in the list of banned airlines as a consequence of a series of very poor results from inspections involving not only their aircraft but also facilities used by the airline in the EU.

Another air carrier from Ghana, Airlift International, was inspected in a Member State and the results indicated a standard well below that required by international standards. The Air Safety Committee unanimously supported the introduction of operating restrictions on Airlift International to exclude from operations into the EU the inspected aircraft, plus two others that are currently in storage. This leaves the company with one aircraft that is still permitted to operate into the EU. The Commission will continue to monitor closely the performance of the airline and will intensify its consultations with the civil aviation organisation of Ghana to find sustainable solutions to the identified safety problems. The Commission will review the case of the two carriers at the next meeting of the Air Safety Committee in November.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1090&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>