



## ECHOES Second Policy Event

**Towards a distributed, multi-level, collaborative governance for the Cultural Heritage Cloud**

**5 February 2026**

Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot-Curie, Rue du Trône 100, Brussels

Following ECHOES' first Policy Event, this second occurrence will gather European, national and regional representatives, policymakers and cultural heritage experts around our theme: Towards a distributed, multi-level, collaborative governance for the Cultural Heritage Cloud. This Event is the opportunity for ECHOES to reaffirm its commitment to **bring together the Cultural Heritage communities** around this leading-edge platform, as well as to present its strategy for the Cloud's **legal entity and governance model**.



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**Registration**

09:30

**Welcome coffee**

10:00

**Welcome address:**

- Host institution CNRS
- European Commissioner (TBC)
- Dr. Christian EHLER for the European Parliament
- Anne BESNIER for the European Committee of the Regions

11:30

**ECHOES General presentation and Presentation of Sustainability stakes and strategy for the Cultural Heritage Cloud**

12:10

**Keynote speech:**

European Partnership Resilient Cultural Heritage – Alexandre CAUSSÉ and MariaChiara ESPOSITO

12:30 **Lunch break**



**Session 1**

**Multi-level governance and subsidiarity: which legal competence?**

**Chair:** Mariachiara ESPOSITO (FSP)

**Panel:**

- Pascal LIEVAUX (Partnership Resilient Cultural Heritage, JPI CH)
- Rickard BUCKSCH (DG-RTD)
- Anne BESNIER (CoR and Centre Val de Loire region)
- Representative from Tuscany region (TBC)
- MEP – Committee CULT (TBC)
- MEP – Committee ITRE (TBC)

13:30

**Coffee break 14:45**

**Session 2**

**Enabling cooperation in and around the Cloud ecosystem**

**Chair:** Philippe VENDRIX (CNRS)

**Panel:**

- Maria-Claudia BODINO (DG-RTD)
- Vania VIRGILI (E-RIHS)
- Agiatis BENARDOU (DARIAH)
- Juliette RAOUL-DUVAL (ICOM Europe)
- Vincent VANDEGHINSTE (CLARIN)
- Harry VERWAYEN (Europeana)
- Franco NICCOLUCCI (ARIADNE)

15:15

**Conclusion 16:30**

**Palais du Coudenberg visit 17:00**