

# NEW METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES 2022

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### THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE RETHINK THE ROLE OF EXPERTS TO RESPECT THE ROLE OF COMMUNITIES

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Communities are the custodians of their intangible cultural heritage and its use and knowledge. An important aspect to debate concerns the communities' role in preserving and highlighting their intangible heritage and the awareness of the strong links existing between intangible and tangible heritage, and spiritual values. This awareness is essential to develop a new model of hospitality based on the respect of local identities and cultural diversities, a new model to be conceived and managed by local communities for travellers who are interested in enjoying a new holistic approach to cultural heritage and people. In case local communities need to be helped to carry out this model, the new challenge is to re-think the traditional role of consultants: no more primary experts of the local intangible heritage but facilitators able to temporarily support communities and young generations in processes of increasing of the awareness and strategies to enhance traditional knowledge, practices, etc to be connected to cultural spaces, natural resources, etc. No more trainers teaching each subject area but builder of capacities at the service of the new generations, helping them to be protagonists of their own heritage, identity, future to share with travellers, guests, friends.

This session seeks to investigate:

- The role of experts: existing good practices;
- The role of experts on intangible heritage and the holistic approach (intangible/tangible) to be shared with local communities;
- New strategies for the enhancement of the heritage to be managed by local communities.

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