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The Commission supports Europe's rich cultural heritage, including sites of religious interest, and Member States in developing cultural heritage policies and initiatives.

Programmes such as Creative Europe support cross-border projects in cultural heritage, notably in the areas of safeguarding, digitisation, sustainability, and knowledge exchange. Funding is allocated on a competitive basis, and interested parties can explore opportunities by visiting the official Creative Europe website: Calls - Culture and Creativity¹.

Beyond Creative Europe, the Commission's CultureEU funding guide² provides details on over 75 funding sources available. Furthermore, initiatives like the European Heritage Awards provide opportunities to promote and safeguard sites of outstanding cultural and spiritual value, such as Mount Athos.

As part of EU rich cultural heritage, Mount Athos is eligible to be included in European cooperation projects in which organisations – such as cultural institutions, universities, Non-Governmental Organisations, or public authorities – act as applicants. Commission services encourage Mount Athos's Holy Community or potential applicants to contact the local Creative Europe desk³ to receive more information on funding opportunities offered by their programmes.

¹ <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/funding/calls>.

² <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/funding/cultureu-funding-guide>.

³ <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/resources/creative-europe-desks>.