

Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee
Tuesday 29 September 2026
6th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2027-28

1. The Committee is holding three evidence sessions as part of its pre-budget scrutiny. These sessions will focus on the culture and heritage aspects of the Committee's remit.
2. In addition to these evidence sessions, the Committee has also issued targeted requests for written evidence related to the external affairs and international development aspects of its remit.
3. In this first evidence session, the Committee will hear from—
 - Liam Sinclair, Executive Director and Co-Chief Executive, National Theatre of Scotland
 - Lucy Casot, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Galleries Scotland
 - Joseph Peach, Director - Policy and Public Affairs, Culture Counts

and then from—

- Fiona Campbell, Convener, Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland
 - Veronique AA Lapeyre, Director, Scottish Contemporary Arts Network
 - Kenny McGlashan, Chief Executive, Federation of Scottish Theatre
 - Alasdair Nicolson, Festival Director, St Magnus International Festival
4. Some of the witnesses have provided written submissions in advance of the evidence session, which can be found here—
 - [Written submission from National Theatre of Scotland](#)
 - [Written submission from Museums Galleries Scotland](#)
 - [Written submission from Culture Counts](#)
 - [Written submission from Scottish Contemporary Art Network](#)
 - [Written submission from Federation of Scottish Theatre](#)

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