

REPORT IN ENGLISH OULU

Cáceres 2031 at the 17th Culture Next Conference in Oulu – Culture, Sustainability and European Cooperation

- International participation. Cáceres 2031 took part in the 17th Culture Next Conference in Oulu (Finland), European Capital of Culture 2026, which focused on sustainability and the role of culture in advancing sustainable development.
- Bid representation. General Coordinator Iris Jugo and Head of Cultural and Artistic Programming Carlos Gago represented Cáceres 2031, exchanging experiences and participating in discussions with European cities and cultural professionals.
- Meeting with the European Commissioner for Culture. Cáceres 2031 participated in a meeting with Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport, to learn about emerging priorities for the future of the European Capitals of Culture, particularly beyond 2033.
- European priorities. The discussion highlighted youth participation, training and capacity building within the cultural sector, as well as the importance of creating a lasting legacy for cities and their surrounding territories.
- Initiatives aligned with these priorities. Cáceres 2031 is already addressing these areas through Generación 31, which promotes youth participation in cultural life, and the Cultural Activation Office, which provides training, advice and support to artists and cultural organisations.
- Culture and sustainability. The conference explored sustainability through collaboration between organisations, citizen participation and the development of long-term cultural networks, aiming to create projects with lasting impact.
- European cooperation and knowledge exchange. The bid team used the conference to learn from other cities, exchange good practices and establish connections that could enrich its cultural programme.
- Strengthening the European dimension. Participation in Oulu reinforces Cáceres 2031's engagement with Culture Next and its internationalisation strategy, connecting Extremadura's cultural sector with European networks, institutions and professionals.

Conclusion. Cáceres 2031's participation in Oulu reinforces its commitment to sustainable, participatory and internationally connected cultural development, aligned with European priorities and focused on building a cultural legacy that extends beyond 2031.

