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Azerbaijan**

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of the Eastern Partnership Countries**

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I Policy and legal framework for culture

1. List of ratified international conventions

- International Pact on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from 1966 (year of joining 1992) <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx>
- Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the Protocols (year of joining 1993) http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=15391&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (year of joining 1993) <http://whc.unesco.org/en/conventiontext/>
- Convention on Cooperation of the States belonging to the Black Sea Region in the sphere of culture, education, science and information (year of joining 1995) <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/azerbaijan.php?aid=52>
- Convention on Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the European Region <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/EN/Treaties/Html/165.htm>
- Universal Copyright Convention http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=15381&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- Convention on Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Cultural Property http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13039&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- European Cultural Convention <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/QueVoulezVous.asp?CL=ENG&NT=018>
- Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13516&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- European Convention of 1992 for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/143.htm>
- European Convention on Joint Film-Making <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/azerbaijan.php?aid=52>
- Convention for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?pg=00006>
- Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ListeDeclarations.asp?CL=ENG&CM=1&NT=121&VL=1>
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31038&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2. National culture legislation (laws; regulative acts, sector specific regulations)

- <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/azerbaijan.php>
- The Law 'On Culture' 21 December, 2012
- <http://www.president.az/articles/7392>
- The Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan - 12 November, 1995-6 February 1998
- 10 March 1998 The Law 'On Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments'
- 1 February 2010 The Law "On Supplements and Amendments to the Law On Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments"
- 24 March 2000 – The Law 'On Museums'
- 30 November 2000-The Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers 'About Giving Special Permission (License) for Archaeological Excavations'
- 5 June 1996 - The Law 'On Copyright and Allied Rights'
- 2 April 2007 - The Presidential Decree 'About Monumental Sculpture, Memorials and Architectural Complexes'
- 18 August 2006- The Presidential Decree 'About Protection of Historical and Architectural Monuments in Baku, the Capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan'

- 8 June 1999 -The Law 'On Protection of the Environment'
- 8 June 1999 - The Law 'On Ecological Safety'
- 24 March 2000- The Law 'On Specially Protected Natural Territories and Objects'
- 11 June 1999 - Law on the bases of the Town Planning
- 15 May 1998 - Law 'On Architectural Activities'
- 2 August, 2001 The Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 132 on establishment of the division of immovable historical and cultural monuments, being under state protection of the Republic of Azerbaijan and based on their significance degree.
- 6 November, 2007 Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 172 about awarding a status of a National reserve to the Gobustan State historical-artistic preserve
- 19 December, 2007 Order N2564 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan about proclamation of the territory of Attashgah temple situated in Surakhani region of Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the "Atashgah temple", state historical-architectural preserve
- 11 June, 2007 Order N2213 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan About protection historical and cultural values situated in the territory of Gobustan State historical-artistic preserve
- Constitution laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/58/langf/en/>
- On normative legal acts
<http://www.mct.gov.az/service/lang/en/page/7/sid/370/>

3. Overall culture policies and/or sectoral strategies (i.e. film, heritage, etc)

- http://www.azerbaijan.az/portal/Society/Tourism/tourism_e.html
- «About theatre and theatre activities» date of signing 29.12.2006
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/4/langf/en/>
- <http://www.mct.gov.az/service/lang/az/page/7/>
- «About legal protection of samples of the Azerbaijan folklore» date of signing 05.03.2004 <http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/6/langf/en/>
- «About publishing» date of signing 30.05.2000
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/10/langf/en/>
- <http://www.mct.gov.az/service/lang/en/page/7/sid/5/>
- «About tourism» date of signing 04.06.1999 <http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/11/langf/en/>
- «About library work» date of signing 29.12.1998
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/12/langf/en/>
- «About cinematography» date of signing 03.06.1998
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/13/langf/en/>
- About protection and development of Azerbaijani carpet art date of signing 07.12.2004 <http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/46/langf/en/>
- Regulation of Baku Choreography School date of signing 10.07.2009
<http://www.mct.gov.az/dc/id/82/langf/en/>
- About city (regional) Centralized Library Systems of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan published on site 03.05.2012
- <http://www.mct.gov.az/service/lang/en/page/7/>

II Existing analytic documents (reports, research, reviews, etc.) assessing national cultural policy prepared by national and external experts

- Cultural policy in Azerbaijan: report of Azeri experts and report of an independent panel of European examiners, Baku: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2003, ISBN 9952-21-020-5
- Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe. Cultural Policy Profile of Azerbaijan: http://www.culturalpolicies.net/down/azerbaijan_112014.pdf
- Cultural policy in Azerbaijan: report of an independent panel of European examiners Maria Berza, Strasbourg: Council of Europe 2003 (STAGE Project) http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/Reviews/CDCULT2002-28BAzeri_EN.pdf
- Cultural policy in Azerbaijan: report of Azeri experts and report of an independent panel of European examiners, Baku: Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2003, ISBN 9952-21-020-5
- Cultural policy in Azerbaijan: the Republic of Azerbaijan national report on cultural policy Strasbourg: Council of Europe 2002 (STAGE Project) http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/Reviews/CDCULT2002-28AAzeri_EN.pdf
- Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage in Historic Towns. Heritage Assessment Report of Azerbaijan. 2010: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kyiv/PP2/KI_2010_066-PP2AzerbaijanHAR.pdf
- Terry Sandell, Jahangir Selimkhanov, Luciano Gloor, Tetiana Biletska. Analytical Baseline Report on the Culture Sector and Cultural Policy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, August 2012 (revised January 2013). URL: http://www.euroeastculture.eu/struct_file.php?id_a=242

III Sector structure

1. National Authorities

- Ministry of Culture and Tourism (please, see attachment 1 for organogram) <http://www.mct.gov.az/>
- The Committee on Cultural Issues of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan <http://www.meclis.gov.az/>

2. Public cultural institutions:

a. Public Museums (per sector)

146 museums and 30 picture galleries. Of these, 138 museums (including 21 branches) are controlled by the Ministry of Culture, 4 are controlled by the National Academy of Sciences, and the remainder are controlled by other departments.

- The State Museum of the Arts (the Mustafayev Museum), which houses 14,525 items; <http://www.baku-hotels.net/baku/museums/muzei-iskustv.htm>
- Azerbaijan Carpet Museum, which houses 9,823 items; http://www.azcarpetmuseum.az/index_eng.htm
- National Museum of History of Azerbaijan, which houses 255,375 items; www.azhistorymuseum.az
- The Complex of Shirvanshahs Palace, which houses 21,391 items; <http://www.shirvanshah.az/index.php?id=6&lang=3>

- The State Theatrical Museum (the Djabbarli Museum), which houses 116,783 items;
<http://azerbaijan.travel/en/accommodation/217-Azerbaijani-State-Theatre-Museum-named-after-J-Jabbarli>
 - Azerbaijan State Museum of Musical Culture, which houses 31,284 items;
<http://www.musicmuseum.az/az/index.php>
 - Museum of Azerbaijan Literature n.a. Nizami Ganjavi, which houses 59,275 items.
<http://www.science.gov.az/en/literaturemuseum/index.htm>
 - Independence Museum of Azerbaijan
<http://www.citylife.az/catalog.php?lang=en&pt2=12&ps=&letter=&n=1&nid=125>
 - Baku Museum of Modern Art <http://mim.az/>
 - Historical-ethnographic museum of Khinalig village <http://www.linkapedia-visualarts.com/topics/museums/historicaethnographic-museum-of-khinalug-village/08544503>
 - Baku Museum of Miniature Books
<http://citylife.az/catalog.php?lang=en&pt2=12&ps=&letter=&n=2&nid=90>
 - Nakhchivan Memorial Museum <http://www.nakhchivan.az/portal-en/muz-ler.htm>
 - Shusha Museum of History
 - Institute of Manuscripts n.a. Mahammad Fizuli
<http://www.science.gov.az/en/manuscript/index.htm>
- b. Public Theatres, Opera Houses & Concert Halls
- Azerbaijan State Academic Drama Theatre
http://azerbaijan24.com/about/azerbaijan_cities/baku/theaters_in_baku/azerbaijan_state_academic_drama_theatre/ , www.azdrama.az
 - Azerbaijan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_210_en.html <http://www.tob.az/>
 - Azerbaijan State Theatre of Musical Comedy
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_207_en.html
 - Azerbaijan State Pantomime Theatre www.pantomima.az
 - Azerbaijan State Russian Drama Theatre <http://www.rusdrama-az.com/center.html>
 - Azerbaijan State Theatre of Young Spectators
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_208_en.html
 - Baku Puppet Theatre
http://azerbaijan24.com/about/azerbaijan_cities/baku/theaters_in_baku/baku_puppet_theatre/
 - Green Theatre <http://www.citylife.az/catalog.php?lang=en&pt2=10&nid=116>
 - Yug Azerbaijan State Theatre http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_214_en.html
 - Rashid Behbudov State Song Theatre
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_211_en.html
 - Shusha Musical Drama Theatre
 - International Mugham Centre of Azerbaijan
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Mugham_Center_of_Azerbaijan
 - Ganja State Drama Theatre
 - Nizami Poetry Theatre
 - State Theatre of Poetry Named After Zardabi
- Concert Halls:**
- The Magomayev Azerbaijan State Philharmonic Hall
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azerbaijan_State_Philharmonic_Hall
 - Chamber and Pipe Organ Music Hall
<http://www.citylife.az/catalog.php?lang=en&pt2=10&nid=1183>
 - Grand Hall of Baku Music Academy
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baku_Academy_of_Music
 - Opera Studio n. a. Shovket Mammadova
 - Heydar Aliyev Palace http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heydar_Aliyev_Palace
 - Baku Jazz Centre www.bakujazz.com , <http://jazzcenter.jazz.az/>
 - Nakhchivan State Philharmony

- Sports and Concerts Complex n. a. Heydar Aliyev
<http://azerbaijan.travel/en/accommodation/782-Sports-and-concerts-complex-named-after-Heydar-Aliyev>
 - Shakhriyar Baku Cultural Centre
 - Ganja State Philharmony n. a. Fikret Amirov
 - Zagatala Folk Circus of Ropewalker
- c. Public Cinemas
- Nizami Cinema Center <http://nizamicinema.az/>
- d. Public Film & Music distributors
- Cinealliance Azerbaijan Film Production Company www.azerbaijanfilmproduction.com
 - Narimanfilm www.narimanfilm.az
 - Cinex Azerbaijan Film & Digital production company www.cinex-az.com
 - Cinealliance Azerbaijan Film Production www.cinealliance.com
 - Film Professionals in Azerbaijan - Creative COW
<https://services.creativecow.net/l/Azerbaijan/Film>
 - "Azerbaijanfilm" Film Studio
 - "Birlik" Studio (It functioned under the "Azerbaijanfilm" film studio).
 - "Debut" Studio (It functioned under the "Azerbaijanfilm" film studio).
 - "Mozalan" Studio (It functioned under the "Azerbaijanfilm" film studio).
 - "Salname" Studio
 - "Yaddash - Memory" Documentary Film Studio
 - "Old City Film"
 - "Panorama Production"
 - "Yeni dalgha - New Wave" Producing Center
 - Butafilm
 - "Dervish" Producing Center
 - "Film" Producer Center
 - STEP LTD
 - Azerbaijan Film Commission www.afc.az/eng/companies
- e. Public Broadcasters
- Ichtimai Television www.itv.az
- f. Public Libraries (per sector)
- Azerbaijan National Library <http://www.anl.az/>
 - Presidential Library <http://www.preslib.az/en/index.html>
 - National Virtual Library <http://www.kitabxana.net/?&sel=3>
 - Azerbaijan State Library named after F. Kocarli
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_161_en.html
 - State scientific and agricultural library
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_161_en.html
 - State Youth library named after Jaffar Jabbarli
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_161_en.html
 - Azerbaijan state scientific and medical Library
http://www.azerbaijans.com/content_161_en.html
- g. Archives
- National Archive office of Ministry Cabinet of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://www.milliarxiv.gov.az/>
 - State Archive of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
 - State Historical Archive of Azerbaijan Republic

- <http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Archive Center of Moving Image and Photo materials
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Art and Literature Archive of Azerbaijan Republic named after S.Murtar
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Archive of scientific and technical materials of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Sound Recording Archive of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Archive of Political Parties and Public movement of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- Baku Branch of State Archive of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- Sumgayit Branch of State Archive of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- Archive Office of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of the Ministry of Cabinet
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- Ganja Branch of State Archive of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>
- State Film Fond of Azerbaijan Republic
<http://afc.az/eng/equipment/lib.shtml>

3. Civil society participation

- a. Professional Unions, Guilds & Associations related to culture (per sector)
 - Union of Azerbaijan Writers <http://www.azyb.net/>
 - Union of Azerbaijan Composers <http://composers.musigi-dunya.az/az/gurulush.html>
 - Union of Azerbaijan Ashiqs http://www.aab.az/index_eng.php
 - Union of Azerbaijan Journalists <http://ajb.az/>
- b. NGO's, associations with activities in culture (per sector)
 - "YARAT" non-profit organization
 - Public unity of "Development and Teaching of Azerbaijani music"
 - Azerbaijan Fund of creative activities
 - The World Young Turk Writers Unity
 - Public unity of "Development Fund to Carpet-weaving named after Latif Kerimov"
 - International fund named after "Mahmud Kashqari"
 - "Mahseti" Public unity of poets' party
 - Public unity of Professional film actors Guild
 - "Ronahi" Public unity of Kurd cultural centre
 - Association of "Carpet world" (Guba division)
 - Association of creative women
 - Public unity of "Creative initiatives"
- c. Outstanding personalities active in culture, active artists (per sector)
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Azerbaijanis
 - www.fish4art.az
- d. Private foundations, donors, sponsors
 - Heydar Aliyev Foundation <http://www.heydar-aliyev-foundation.org/en>

4. Business related to culture

a. Private Art Galleries

- Art Group
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-4346.html>
- The Center of Modern Art
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-346.html>
- Gallery Qiz Qalasi
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-4346.html>
- Baku Center of Art (Yeni Gallery)
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-4346.html>
- The Museum Centre Art Gallery
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-4346.html>
- Union of Artists Exhibition Hall
<http://www.gpsmycity.com/tours/baku-art-galleries-tour-4346.html>

b. Private Theatres and Concert Halls

- Buta palace www.butapalace.az/
- Baku Chrystal Hall www.crystalhall.baku3d.az/
- Kappellhaus - German-Azerbaijan Cultural Union

c. Private Cinemas

- "Azerbaijan Cinema International Company (ACIC)
<http://www.cinema.az/company/lang.en/>
- Park Cinema <http://www.parkcinema.az>
- 28 Cinema <http://www.28cinema.az/ru/>
- Dostluq <http://www.navigator.az/catalogue/14/29>

d. Private Broadcasters

- Azerbaijan Television (AzTv) www.aztv.az
 - Azad Azerbaijan Television(ATV) www.azadazerbaijan.com
 - Xazar Television http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xazar_TV
 - Spase Television www.spasetv.az
 - Lider Television www.lidertv.com
- Regional television channels**
- Alternative Television (Alternative TV) – Is broadcasted in Gandja.
 - Aygun Television (Aygun TV) – is broadcasted in Zakatala region.
 - South Television (South TV) – is broadcasted in the Southern region (in the frequency of LankaranTV)
 - World Television (World TV) – is broadcasted in Sumgait.
 - Xeyal Television (Xeyal TV) – is broadcasted in Quba.
 - Kepez Television (Kepez TV) – is broadcasted in Gandja.
 - Qutb Television (Qutb TV) – is broadcasted in Quba region.
 - Mingechevir Television (MTV) – is broadcasted in Mingechevir.
 - Simurq M Television (Simurq TV) – is broadcasted in Tovuz region
 - Channel-S – is broadcasted in Sheki city.
 - El TV – is broadcasted in Yevlakh region.
 - RTV – is broadcasted in Khachmaz region.

Television channels in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic:

- Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic State Television and Radio Broadcasting Committee
- "Channel 35" Television

Online Televisions:

The online televisions have no frequency. They are broadcasted via Internet.

- Channel 13: <http://www.kanal13.tv/>
 - AN TV: <http://www.antv.ws>
 - Ferq TV: <http://www.antv.ws>
- e. Private Book Publishers
- Ali and Nino Publishers <http://www.alinino.az/>
 - Apsheron Nashr
 - Azerbaijan Publishers
 - Ishiq
 - East-West publishers <http://www.sharq-qarb.az/>
 - Elm publishers
 - INDIGO Print House <http://www.navigator.az/firm/219/info/>

IV Regional/national/local policy initiatives focusing on inter-/intraregional aspects

1. Major cultural events at regional/national/local level (per sector)
 - Gabala International Music Festival <http://www.gabalainternationalmusicfestival.com/>
 - Eurovision Song Contest 2012
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurovision_Song_Contest_2012
 - International World of Mugham Festival
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_World_of_Mugham_Festival
 - Participate Art Festival
<http://baku.angloinfo.com/information/lifestyle/entertainment/festivals-events/>
 - The Flower Festival
<http://baku.angloinfo.com/information/lifestyle/entertainment/festivals-events/>
 - The Uzeyir Hajibeyov International Music Festival
<http://baku.angloinfo.com/information/lifestyle/entertainment/festivals-events/>
 - The International Rostropovich Festival
<http://baku.angloinfo.com/information/lifestyle/entertainment/festivals-events/>
 - World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue:
2nd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue Baku <http://bakuforum-icd.az/>
3rd World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue Baku <http://bakuforum-icd.az/>
2. International cooperation
 - a. International institutions, donors, sponsors present in the country
 - British Council Azerbaijan www.britishcouncil.az

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