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High praise for Galway's 2020 bid, but concerns that 'European dimension' is lacking

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

Galway enjoys wide support for its European Capital of Culture bid, and has the potential to host an event of this magnitude. However Galway 2020's lack of detail and plans on the all-important 'European Dimension' has been criticised by the capital of culture selection panel.

The 'European Dimension' will have to be addressed in the next bid-book to come before the capital of culture selection panel ahead of its final decision. However all three Irish bids were

lacking in this regard, and it is a matter there is time to address. The main concern for Galway will be Limerick, with the selection panel noting approvingly how that city was already a 'national capital of culture' in 2014.

Last November, Galway, Limerick, and a joint bid from Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny - dubbed The Three Sisters - were shortlisted for the European Capital of Culture 2020 status. The following month, the ECOC selection panel produced a Selection of The European Capital of Culture in 2020 in Ireland-



The Galway 2020 team celebrate being shortlisted late last year.

The Selection Panel's report Pre-Selection Stage, outlining the strengths and weaknesses of the various bids, and what it expects from the three contenders in their next bid-books.

Regarding Galway's bid, the report noted the "enthusiasm" of the Galway 2020 presentation team, and praised their "ability to take on board new ideas and respond to sometimes critical comments", as well as the level of public consultation which had been undertaken. It praised a number of its proposals and recognised

"the ambition of the region in developing its cultural and social offers". It also said the "overall proposed budget is sound at this stage".

The report remarked that the Galway 2020 bid had "clear support at political and executive levels", and highlighted as "an exceptional statement of intent and support", the Galway business community's agreement "to an increase in the business rate, on the condition it is used for the ECOC".

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