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This year, the thirteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will take place in Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius, in the period of November 26 - December 1st. Sweden submitted the Nomination file No. 01392 for inscription in 2018 on the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, namely the art of storytelling in Kronoberg Region (South-Sweden). This is the Land-of-Legends Programme which we invite you to discover together with us!

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