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WORKING GROUP FOR THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND CONSULTANCY PROGRAMME

ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECTS

Progress Report

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Introduction

The CDCPP entrusted the Bureau with the task of setting up a working group to assess the lessons learned from the projects on cultural heritage implemented under the *Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme related to the integrated conservation of the cultural and natural heritage*. The Working Group was set up by the Bureau of the CDCPP at its meeting on 24 and 25 June 2014 [document CDCPP-Bu(2014)3 rev]. Its aims are as follows:

- to assess the extent to which the results achieved at specific sites or in specific regions may offer lessons that are useful for all member States;
- to identify the cross-cutting themes tackled under these projects so that a link can be made with the Council of Europe's political priorities;
- if applicable, to offer summaries (to be published) or guidelines or to suggest the drafting of recommendations to the Committee of Ministers.

The Working Group met for the first time in January 2015 [meeting report CDCPP(2015)14].

State of progress

The Working Group validated a first analysis [document AT(2015)400] concerning 57 projects and involving over 250 field missions in total. Two groups of projects were analysed according to their principal subject, namely "historic towns" (urban rehabilitation) and the "territory" (local development). A third group of projects (about 20 which concerned more than 220 monuments and sites and which involved over 500 missions) will be the subject of an analysis report in order to complete this stage of the work.

In the light of the information included in the analysis document and the discussions held in Paris, the Working Group has focused on five objectives to be addressed in order to present its final report, as scheduled, to the CDCPP's June 2016 plenary session:

- Objective 1: Analysis of projects related to monuments and sites in order to complete document AT(2015)400;
- Objective 2: Amendment to the Rules;
- Objective 3: Evaluation *ex-ante* of the main projects related to monuments/sites, historic towns and territories:
- Objective 4: Enhancement of the technical cooperation files related to the projects analysed in document AT(2015)400;
- Objective 5: Revision of the reference framework.

The Working Group reaffirms the value and significance of the *Programme* within the framework of the CDCPP work, and would like to see it adapted in line with the present context. This adaptation will allow principally a link to be made between the technical cooperation activities in the field with the "Strategy 21". The *Programme* will then become one of the monitoring and support tools for the implementation of the Strategy 21.

Action

The Bureau is invited to take note of the information given in this document and give as appropriate guidance to the Working Group through the Secretariat.