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**NEW EDITION OF “EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE - VOLUME II,  
A REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PRACTICE”**

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## **Introduction**

1. “*European Cultural Heritage*” (volumes I and II) was first published in 2000 and reprinted in 2003.
2. Volume I (“*collected texts*”) contains over 71 key texts (Conventions, declarations, resolutions, recommendations, etc.) adopted since 1954 to form the Council of Europe’s frame of reference in the field of cultural heritage. This volume has been widely disseminated, among both competent authorities and researchers.
3. Volume I is currently being reprinted. The new edition will feature an additional 40 or so texts adopted between 2003 and 2015.
4. Extensive use has also been made of the “*review of policies and practice*” (volume II), which provides an interpretation of the relevant Council of Europe literature, complete with comments, interpretations and explanations showing the synergies that exist between the principles and policies of cultural heritage. This review takes a thematic approach based on the main definitions provided in the founding texts (architectural, archaeological, movable, intangible and natural heritage, etc.).
5. Volume II urgently needs updating, as the Council of Europe’s goals and the challenges involved have changed since 2003. It is important that the review be adjusted to incorporate new ideas and perspectives introduced by recent benchmark texts (such as the Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society).
6. Given the CDCPP’s current focus on preparing the “European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century” (Strategy 21), the new version of volumes I and II should be able to make a valuable contribution to this process.

## **Proposal**

7. Preparations for republishing volumes I and II began in 2014 with the help of an expert appointed by the Council of Europe. The Secretariat recommended that, like the previous versions, the new versions adopt a thematic approach (and keep the same themes, while adding new material) so as to make it easier to interpret the reference texts and ensure that the interpretations provided were user-friendly.
8. The Secretariat suggests preparing the new volume II so that it can be used directly by the thematic working groups that are to be set up during the second stage of the Strategy 21 drafting process [see document CDCPP(2015)15].
9. The Secretariat will form a small group of experts (under the supervision of a rapporteur) who will put forward simple, objective texts for each chapter of the publication, it being understood that these chapters will basically replicate the table of contents used in previous editions, with some additions to reflect the Council of Europe’s recent work (1. Cultural rights, human rights and the value of heritage for society; 2. Architectural heritage – and its various sub-categories: towns/cities, etc.; 3. Archaeological heritage; 4. Industrial heritage; 5. Territorial heritage; 6. Movable heritage; 7. Intangible heritage and three additional sections; 8. Cultural heritage; 9. Sustainable development; endangered heritage – conflict, post-conflict, post-disaster, etc.).
10. The provisional texts will need to be sent to the Secretariat in the order in which they are produced, one chapter at a time. Following an initial re-reading, they will be forwarded to a maximum of 3 or 4 Bureau members (who will either volunteer or be assigned). It will be for the Bureau to approve the final texts for publication. The Bureau’s comments and suggestions will be emailed to the experts via the Secretariat.
11. It is possible that an initial version of all the chapters may be produced by the experts and sent to the Bureau for comments in October/November 2015. The aim is to have the texts available by the end of the year. That way, they can be used by the working groups for Strategy 21 and be published at the same time for wider dissemination.

12. Unlike the previous edition, volume II will merely seek to explain the texts in relation to the main themes and subjects (with no “prospective” part).
13. Once Strategy 21 has been adopted, the Secretariat can propose that the CDCPP bring out a third volume, which would aim to explain the scope of Strategy 21, its objectives and how it works, etc. so as to translate the principles of this strategy into layman’s terms and help authorities and professionals in the member states to implement it.