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CULTURAL HERITAGE

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION AND DECISION

Item 3.1.ii of the draft Agenda

- The Bureau is invited to take note of the latest developments;
- Under item 4 (page 4), the Bureau is invited to discuss the Secretariat's proposals and decide on the procedure for setting up a working group to assess the lessons learned from the pilot projects.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Cultural Heritage

Terms of reference of the CDCPP (expected results - extract)

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2. Preparation of two draft recommendations fostering the implementation of the cultural heritage and landscape conventions, for adoption by the Committee of Ministers.
3. Identification of best practices on improving living spaces, social inclusion and quality of life in line with the Faro and Landscape Conventions, with a view to their wide dissemination in member States.
 - Implementation of the Faro Convention's Action Plan
 - Implementation of the European Landscape Convention's Working Programme
4. Evaluation of the lessons learned from the field pilot projects on cultural and natural heritage in South-East Europe, Caucasus and Black Sea regions and selected EU member States, and preparation of policy guidelines.

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Actions undertaken:

- Diagnosis of the state of publication of the national reports;
 - Targeted assistance to the Coordinators to publish national reports;
 - Working group on communication to prepare the next plenary meeting of the Coordinators (scheduled in October 2014).
2. **Preparation of two draft recommendations fostering the implementation of the cultural heritage and landscape conventions, for adoption by the Committee of Ministers.**

Actions undertaken:

- In cooperation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), drafting of a report underway on post-crisis processes (the role of heritage in post-catastrophe and post-conflict situations).

3. Identification of best practices on improving living spaces, social inclusion and quality of life in line with the Faro and Landscape Conventions, with a view to their wide dissemination in member States:

- Implementation of the Faro Convention's Action Plan

Actions undertaken:

- Elaboration (in progress) of 5 Faro Free Applications, based on the results of the Marseilles Forum;
- Elaboration of the Terms of Reference for the Faro Appreciations and first mission to Pilsen (Czech Republic, European Capital 2015);

Actions planned:

- Faro Walk (conference), Walloon Region (Belgium) – date and place to be confirmed – on citizen participation in the management of major historic sites.

4. Evaluation of the lessons learned from the field pilot projects on cultural and natural heritage in South-East Europe, Caucasus and Black Sea regions and selected EU member States, and preparation of policy guidelines.

Actions undertaken:

- Second experts' mission to Lorca (Spain); recommendations for implementing three pilot actions for contributing to the rehabilitation process;
- Drafting of the cooperation programme with the Republic of Moldova based on the Council of Europe report on the situation regarding the heritage policy;
- Implementation of the Business Planning and Fundraising Strategy as part of the Ljubljana Process II (in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Kosovo*);
- Publication as part of the European Heritage Collection on the impact of the Ljubljana process in the South-East European region;
- Finalisation of the new Joint Programme "Community-Led Urban Strategies in Historic Towns" (COMUS) in partnership with the Organization of World Heritage Cities;
- Presentation of the new COMUS project to Belarus and Georgian authorities.

Actions planned:

- Negotiations with the European Union (DG EAC) about a new Joint Programme on local development, based on the Local Development Pilot Projects implemented in South-East Europe;
- Presentation of the new COMUS project to authorities in Armenia and Azerbaijan;
- Compilation of experiences accumulated as part of the Technical Cooperation Programme, for publication as part of the European Heritage Collection.

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

Setting up of a working group to assess the lessons learned from the pilot projects.

At its third meeting, from 19 to 21 March 2014, the CDCPP asked the Bureau to set up a working group to evaluate the lessons learned from the pilot projects and to draw up proposals.

Terms and conditions:

Objectives: The working group's objective will be to consider the projects carried out under the *Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme related to the integrated conservation of the cultural heritage*. The aim is not to evaluate that programme itself (the CD-PATEP conducted an evaluation in 2010), nor is it to evaluate the projects in themselves (they have in principle or in part been the subject of internal or external evaluations, especially in the case of the joint programme with the European Union), or to evaluate the management of those projects by the Secretariat. The objectives are:

- to learn lessons related to the subjects dealt with;
- 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.

Terms of reference: The working group is being set up for the period of the current terms of reference of the CDCPP (until the end of 2015) and is one of the means of achieving the expected results.

Programme: The working group should be operational from 1 September 2014. A first meeting will be held in order to present all the activities and projects carried out in the context of the *Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme*, so as to identify projects and themes to be considered as a matter of priority. It will be for the working group to specify the terms of the method to be used (that method will be presented to the Bureau at its autumn meeting). The Secretariat will, when necessary, commission experts to write reports or to collect useful information for inclusion in working files on projects or on the working group's priority themes, in order to facilitate and simplify the group's work. External experts or representatives who can contribute additional information useful to the discussion may be invited to the working meetings. Two working meetings are to be held in 2014, and another two before the next meeting of the CDCPP in 2015.

Membership: The Secretariat recommends that the working group be set up with the following membership:

- 1 rapporteur appointed from within the Bureau (internal decision);
- 2 members of the CDCPP (the arrangements for calling for candidatures will be decided by the Bureau);
- 1 HEREIN coordinator (the arrangements for calling for candidatures will be decided by the Bureau);
- 1 representative of ICOMOS, an observer with the CDCPP (the arrangements for calling for candidatures will be decided by the Bureau);
- 1 expert from the Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme (appointed by the Secretariat);
- 1 Secretariat staff member (appointed by the Secretariat).