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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION

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- the Committee is invited to discuss the document and request the Secretariat to carry out a mapping exercise as detailed hereunder, and report back at the next meeting of the Committee.

Introduction

The new CDCPP terms of reference for 2014-2015 [document CDCPP(2014)2] and the proposed Programme of Activities for 2014-2015 [document CDCPP(2014)6] present interesting possibilities for setting up or consolidating partnerships in order to reinforce the Council of Europe's contribution to democracy. The priorities of democratic participation, democratic innovation and diversity should come together in concrete initiatives and actions in the field, bringing the declared values and the reality experienced on the ground closer together. An integrated approach should broaden the concepts of culture/heritage/landscape in terms of human rights and democracy for the well-being of communities, and set up an institutional framework assuring fundamental rights.

The Council of Europe provides a pan-European knowledge-based platform and sound expertise. Extending partnerships is of paramount importance in order to exchange knowledge, experience and skills thereby improving equality, fundamental rights and democratic participation in our member States. It is of paramount importance to ensure a synergetic complimentary approach. The Organisation can offer a coordination platform to increase connectivity between partners, and consolidate its capacity to institutionalise professional experience at pan-European level.

This document provides a starting point for deeper discussions on current partnerships and potential cooperation with interested organisations. Clearly the Council of Europe, through its Steering Committee, cannot work with all of its partners at any one time. It has neither the financial nor human resources to activate all potentially enriching partnerships and must therefore be selective, taking into account priorities and changing circumstances. Therefore, on the basis of the Programme of Activities for 2014-2015 and the CDCPP's terms of reference, it is of paramount importance to define concrete opportunities for collaboration with partners. There is a need for strong partnerships reflecting the diversity of necessary skills, knowledge and experience to ensure innovation, participation and synergetic actions to achieve common objectives and ensure impact.

The current terms of reference of the CDCPP include the following organisations, together with the European Union.

Intergovernmental organisations

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA);
- Nordic Council of Ministers;
- Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE);
- International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM).

Observers

- European Cultural Foundation (ECF);
- European Cultural Centre in Delphi;
- Culture Action Europe;
- European Network of Cultural Administration Training Centres (ENCATC);
- European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF);
- European Association of Archaeologists (EAA);
- Europae Archaeologiae Consilium (EAC);
- Europa Nostra;
- International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS);
- Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OHWC);
- International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP);
- International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA);
- European Council of Town Planners (ECTP);
- European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools (ECLAS);
- International Association of the European Heritage Network (AISBL).

Suggested approach:

On the basis of existing information, and without prejudice to collaborating with relevant organisations other than those listed on page 2, the Secretariat could carry out a mapping exercise on:

- existing active/non-active collaboration between the Council of Europe and organisations participating in the CDCPP;
- existing collaboration with organisations outside the formal structure of CDCPP;
- possible collaboration with new organisations having similar/converging objectives.

It would also analyse converging priorities/objectives between the CDCPP Programme of Activities 2014-2015 and partner organisations, and identify opportunities for synergies and collaboration in possible joint actions.

A report would then be submitted to the CDCPP for discussion and approval at its next meeting. The Bureau will be kept informed of developments.