

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDCPP)

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DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ENLARGED PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL ROUTES

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Item 3.7 of the draft agenda

- The Committee is invited to take note of the decisions of the Governing Board taken at its meeting of 12 April 2013, and to approve those decisions concerning the 2012-2013 evaluation cycle.

Decisions of the EPA Governing Board (Luxembourg, 12 April 2013)

1. Decisions *for information of the CDCPP*

At its meeting on 12 April 2013, the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA):

Concerning the elections to the Bureau of the EPA

- re-elected Elke Atzler as Chair and Randi Ertesvåg as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Concerning the 2013 and 2014 cultural routes annual advisory forums

- thanked Austria for its offer to host the 2013 Advisory Forum in Innsbruck, accepted the offer and approved the proposals made on the organisation;
- thanked Azerbaijan for its offer to host the 2014 Advisory Forum in Baku and accepted the proposal;
- took note that as a consequence of these decisions henceforth the decision on the hosting of the Annual Advisory Forums would be taken by the Governing Board in the year preceding that of the event, in order to allow sufficient time for its preparation.

Concerning action in preparation of the end of the pilot phase of the EPA

In view of the progress made during the pilot phase of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, the increase in the number of member States and the continued support of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the programme:

- recommended that the Committee of Ministers confirm the EPA and establish it on a permanent basis;
- proposed that the new resolution should provide for a mechanism allowing observer status for other international organisations, NGOs and the representative of the routes;
- proposed that the text provide for participation in meetings of a member of the CDCPP (or relevant intergovernmental committee);
- recommended that observer status for prospective new member states should not be subject to financial contribution and should last for one year only.

To this end, the Governing Board:

- approved in principle the amendments to the statutory texts as presented and asked the Chair to forward these to the Chair of the Committee of member States;
- approved the preliminary draft progress report to the Committee of Ministers and asked the Secretariat to prepare a new draft by 1 September 2013 to members of the Governing Board, in view of its subsequent transmission to the Committee of member States for their discussions on the confirmation of the EPA;
- took note that a draft explanatory report to Resolution CM/Res(2010)52 would be proposed to the Committee of Ministers for adoption, draft which would be circulated to the Governing Board in September at the same time as the draft progress report (1 September).

Concerning the request for observer status with the EPA by Armenia

- voted in favour of the participation of Armenia in the work of the EPA as an observer.

2. Decisions for approval of the CDCPP concerning the 2012-2013 evaluations of certified routes and new candidates for certification

Concerning the 2012-2013 evaluation cycle

The Governing Board :

- took note of the recommendations of the Bureau with respect to the 7 routes and 3 new proposals examined in the 2011-2012 evaluation cycle, and in the light of the oral presentations of candidates for certification;
- concerning the *Ways of Saint James of Compostela*, the *Hansa Route*, the *Route of Saint Martin of Tours*, the *Route of El legado andalusi* and the *Phoenicians' route* (re-evaluation after one year), welcomed the progress made by these routes in one year to achieve conformity with Resolution CM/Res(2010)52 and confirmed their certification for a new period of three years;
- concerning the *Iter Vitis* route and the *Via Francigena* (regular three-year evaluation), decided to confirm the certification of these routes for a further three-year period;
- concerning the routes *In the footsteps of the Huguenots and Waldeser* and the *European Route of Megaliths* (candidates for certification), decided to award certification to these routes and congratulated them on joining the programme;
- decided to communicate its decisions to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape in advance of its meeting on 27 May, for information and confirmation of the decisions concerning new certifications;
- instructed the Executive Secretary to communicate its decisions to each route concerned, informing them of any relevant recommendations and observations made with regard to the route by the Governing Board during discussions.