



## STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE

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**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**  
Baku, 4 December 2008

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**List of decisions**

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## I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

*The Bureau:*

- **adopted** the agenda for the meeting and thanked the Chair of the CDCULT, the Director of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage and the Deputy Minister of Culture of Azerbaijan for their warm welcome.

## II. INFORMATION ON RECENT ACTIVITIES

- 1) Feedback and follow-up action to the Ministerial Conference (2-3 December) in Baku

*The Bureau:*

- **expressed** its satisfaction with the conference and thanked the Azerbaijani authorities for their generous hospitality and co-organisation of the event;
- **agreed** to study in more detail the follow-up action to the conference as defined by the Baku Declaration and the strategic orientation of the Committee's work at the extraordinary meeting of the Bureau of CDCULT in March 2009.

## III. PROGRESS REPORTS/ FUTURE ACTION REGARDING INDIVIDUAL CDCULT PROJECTS:

- 1) Initiative "CultureWatchEurope"  
Exchange of views on a working document/progress report

*The Bureau:*

- **welcomed** the progress made by the ad hoc informal working group on "CultureWatchEurope" towards enhancing the Organisation's cultural governance observatory function as a joint effort by relevant key players, and especially the CDCULT and CDPATEP;
- **approved** the approach as set out in the progress report and looked forward to the creation of a joint access platform "CultureWatchEurope" for the Compendium and HEREIN systems, with links to the European Audiovisual Observatory and the Eurimages Fund;
- **initiated** discussions with regard to major themes to be studied in 2010 and 2011 within the framework of "CultureWatchEurope";
- **welcomed** the idea of a feasibility study and the organisation of a conference in 2009 on "Culture and development in Europe 20 years after the collapse of communism" as a first major event held under the banner of "CultureWatchEurope";
- **invited** the ad hoc informal working group to produce a comprehensive plan for the further development of "CultureWatchEurope" and make it available to the Committee's forthcoming plenary session.

## 2) National Cultural Policy Review of Turkey - Latest developments

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** of the beginning of the operational phase of the Cultural Policy Review of Turkey and the progress achieved;
- **welcomed** a strategic orientation of the exercise as well as the synergies sought by the Review partners with other ongoing activities such as the Compendium project, the Kyiv Initiative and forthcoming projects on cultural routes/ tourism/ heritage;
- **anticipates** the timely completion of the exercise and its presentation at the CDCULT's Plenary Session in spring 2010;
- **thanked** the Turkish Authorities for their commitment to the review process and recommended ongoing close liaison between all partners involved in the exercise to maintain the momentum created;
- **invited** member states who have not yet done so to participate in the programme or provide an update on the follow-up given in their countries to a previous review and its recommendations, using the Compendium system's online functions.

## 3) Compendium – Project Development 2009 onwards

*The Bureau:*

- **thanked** the Azerbaijani authorities for hosting the 2008 Compendium Authors' Meeting in Baku on 4-5 December as a side event to the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture and member states for supporting the participation of their national Compendium authors in the event;
- **expressed** its satisfaction with the development and success of the Compendium project over the past ten years and congratulated the governments, authors and editors on their work;
- **took note** of the progress achieved on the Compendium in 2008 and endorsed the project's role as a main component of "CultureWatchEurope" – the Council of Europe's cultural governance observatory function;
- **expressed** its serious concern as to budgetary constraints and asked the Secretariat to submit a proposal including a detailed project budget for 2010 onwards to the CDCULT Plenary Session in spring 2009, with recommendations on the level of regular contributions by participating countries that could be introduced.

## 4) Film Policy Forum (Krakow, September 2008) Possible follow-up

*The Bureau:*

- **thanked** the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, the Polish Film Institute and the City of Krakow for their generous support to the Film Policy Forum held on 11-13 September in Krakow;
- **took note** with interest of the conclusions of the Council of Europe Film Policy Forum;
- **asked** the Secretariat to liaise with the European Commission's Directorate General dealing with Audiovisual Policy;

- **asked** the Secretariat to organise an ad hoc expert group to prepare a draft recommendation on film policies and diversity to be discussed at the next CDCULT meeting in the light of results from the Krakow Forum.
- 5) Any other issues
- Conference on culture and development in Europe 20 years after the collapse of communism, Cracow, 5-6 June 2009

The Bureau:

- **welcomed** the opportunity of holding its first conference under the banner of “CultureWatchEurope” in June 2009 in Krakow, Poland on the pertinent theme of “Culture and development in Europe 20 years after the collapse of communism”;
- **suggested** concrete co-operation with the CDPATEP Steering Committee in the preparation of the event;
- **approved** of the draft conference outline and asked the Secretariat to keep the Bureau of the CDCULT regularly informed of developments – including the circulation of the draft conference background document as well as preparing a detailed conference plan for circulation with the CDCULT in early 2009.

#### IV. CO-OPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDPATEP)

- Exchange of views

The Bureau:

- **proposed** to schedule the autumn meetings of the Bureau of CDCULT and CDPATEP in such a way that the two events overlap for half a day, allowing for exchange and work on projects of shared interest.

#### V. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CDCULT PLENARY SESSION IN MAY 2009

- Proposed date: 14 – 15 May 2009
- Draft agenda for the Plenary Session 2009

The Bureau:

- **agreed** to hold the 2009 Plenary session of the CDCULT on 14-15 May 2009 and agreed to the draft agenda as reflected in the agenda of the CDCULT’s Bureau meeting of 4 December in Baku;
- **thanked** the Chair of the CDCULT, Ms Deiana Danailova, for offering the possibility of holding an extraordinary meeting of the CDCULT Bureau in early March 2009 in Sofia, Bulgaria, to prepare for the plenary session in May.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING OF THE MEETING

*The Bureau:*

- **adopted** the list of decisions and asked the Secretariat to circulate it with all Delegates of the Steering Committee.