



## STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE

CDCULT-BU(2009)LD2def

21 December 2009

**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau**  
Strasbourg, 9 - 10 December 2009

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**List of decisions**

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A. Opening of the meeting by the Chair and introduction to the day by the Director of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage

*The Bureau:*

- **adopted** the agenda of its 8th Bureau meeting and thanked the Chair and the Director for their opening statements to the session.

1. Revision of the European Cultural Convention

**CDCULT-BU(2009)03rev:** First insights on a possible update of the European Cultural Convention of 1954

*The Bureau:*

- *Following the request by the CDCULT at its Plenary session in May 2009 for further study of the issue, exchanged on the desirability of updating the European Cultural Convention and **expressed** its general interest in pursuing reflection on whether to produce a new standard setting text;*
- **thanked** the Secretariat for the succinct information document provided;
- **asked** the Secretariat to prepare for an in-depth discussion of this issue at the forthcoming Plenary Session of the CDCULT, on the basis of a revised document that would set out the potential and the technicalities of generating an additional instrument, study all legal implications and foresee co-operation between the CDCULT and other relevant Steering Committees;
- **proposed** that as part of this exercise, a review of the current and potential responsibility of relevant organisations, including the European Commission in areas covered by the European Cultural Convention, might be considered to define the Council of Europe's optimal role in actions governed by the ECC;
- **underlined** the importance of an open, future-oriented and fully operational framework for cultural co-operation, reflecting the Council of Europe's standards and values and addressing the needs for intercultural dialogue in an increasingly interdependent world.

2. Programme and Budget Planning for 2010 and onwards including action priorities

**CDCULT -BU(2009)07rev:** Financial Overview of funds available for activities overseen by the CDCULT in 2009 and in 2010

*The Bureau:*

- **thanked** the Secretariat for the overview table on resources available in 2010 as it stands on 9 December, and recognised that additional voluntary contributions will be received in the course of 2010;
- **thanked** the Director General for her detailed presentation of the resources situation at DG IV level and the Director for his detailed presentation of the budgetary processes and methods applied at the Council of Europe;
- **asked** the Secretariat to provide an updated overview table on resources available to activities under the responsibility of CDCULT in May 2010 for the Committee's Plenary session.

### 3. CDCULT working methods: Action list for improvement

**CDCULT-BU(2009)05:** Ten actions for enhancing the CDCULT's working methods

*The Bureau:*

- **exchanged** on ways of improving the Committee's working methods following the 2009 Plenary session and the study by the GT.REF-INST working party on Council of Europe Committees;
- **decided** to implement the list of ten actions proposed for enhancing the Committee's working methods and asked the Secretariat to inform all CDCULT delegates accordingly;
- **decided** to ask each CDCULT delegate to provide a written statements on recent political developments prior to Plenary sessions and disseminate these via the CoE website in advance of the session and;
- **requested** the Secretariat to prepare the agenda for the 2010 CDCULT Plenary reflecting these decisions and setting aside time for exchange on key strategic and budgetary issues, which may be influenced by discussions by the Committee of Ministers relating to the CoE reform process.

### 4. Other

**CDCULT-BU(2009)08:** CDCULT draft reply to Recommendation 275 (2009) on Creative cities – managing the cultural activity of cities

*The Bureau:*

- **approved** of the draft CDCULT reply to Congress Recommendation 275 of 2009 and asked the Secretariat to ensure follow-up with Council of Europe bodies.

**CDCULT-BU(2009)15:** CDCULT draft reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1884 (2009) on Cultural education: the promotion of culture, creativity and intercultural understanding through education

*The Bureau:*

- **approved** of the draft reply to PACE Recommendation 1884 of 2009 and asked the Secretariat to ensure follow-up with Council of Europe bodies.

## B. JOINT SESSION CDCULT / CDPATEP

### 1. Activities

#### 1.1. Introduction by each Chair: short presentation of their Committee's key activities in 2009-2010 and medium term prospects for both Committees

*The Bureaux:*

- **thanked** the Chairs of the CDCULT and the CDPATEP for their overviews given on the Committee's respective work plans

#### 1.2. Presentation of the new Culture Directorate Website

*The Bureaux:*

- **thanked** the Information Manager of the Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage for her presentation of the new website

#### 1.3. Implementation of joint activities and themes of common interest

Possible updating of the European Cultural Convention (intervention by Ms Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport; General Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue and the Anti-Discrimination Campaign)

*The Bureaux:*

- **thanked** the Director General for her constructive intervention on this issue and **agreed** that the ECC, being an excellent instrument, should be kept as is whilst a new instrument (Framework Convention or other tool) could orient relations and co-operation with neighbouring regions in the future;
- **thanked** the Director General for her proposal to hold a meeting of Chairs of Committees coming under the DG IV in early 2010 to further exchange on the issue of updating the ECC or the generation of another new tool to orient future co-operation with regions beyond Europe.

*(For other relevant decisions on this issue, see above under A.1.)*

#### CultureWatchEurope (CWE)

*The Bureaux:*

- **took note** with interest of the progress made on the CWE initiative;
- **asked** the CWE Chairman and the CDCULT Secretariat to present the CWE initiative as well as the National Cultural Policy Review Programme in more detail at the forthcoming Plenary session of the CDPATEP.

#### Cultural Policy Reviews (see above decision)

## Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

### *The Bureaux:*

- **expressed** its interest in the Cultural Routes project and its will to co-operate more closely in the future on this activity, and that further discussions take place at the CDPATEP Plenary session about this item.

### Kyiv Initiative

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### The heritage dimension of Intercultural Cities Medium term prospects for both Committees

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Further co-operation between the CDCULT, CDPATEP and CEMAT, co-operation priorities as of 2010 and co-operation methods between the Committees

### *The Bureaux:*

- **decided** to postpone the debate of other issues of common interest to forthcoming joint meetings and **proposed** to hold a joint meeting -possibly only of its Chairs and Vice-Chairs- prior to the Committee's Plenary sessions in 2010;
- **underlined** that a focused agenda and early availability of relevant documents was key to the success of further joint meetings of the Bureaux .

## C. OPENING OF DAY TWO BY THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURE

### 1. Progress reports on CDCULT activities

**CDCULT-BU(2009)02add:** Compendium Project Development and Mobilisation of Resources – *Document for information*

### *The Bureau:*

- **took note** of recent progress made and **welcomed** the Compendium's thematic and functional developments of 2009;
- **welcomed** the promising prospects following the endorsement of the Compendium financial strategy geared at increased voluntary contributions by member states, and encouraged all member states to consider contributions for 2010 in response to letters sent by the Secretariat;
- **underlined** the Compendium's special nature as a truly Europe-wide project with 45 participating states;
- **noted** that project 434 was technically 'coming to an end' in 2010 and expressed its interest in contributing to the evaluation of project 434 to be carried out, inviting all delegates to reply to a questionnaire that will be sent out in this respect in early 2010.

**CDCULT-BU(2009)04:** Intercultural cities: a policy innovation network for the management of diversity

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** with satisfaction of the proposed follow-up to the pilot phase of the Intercultural Cities programme and decided to recommend that CDCULT approves the proposal as an element of the programme of the 2011 activities;
- **encouraged** the Secretariat to seek enhanced partnerships with the European Commission and other organisations in order to strengthen the financial and expert basis for the programme;
- **approved** in principle the opening of the programme to cities outside Europe in the spirit of the Declaration of the Baku Conference of Ministers of Culture of December 2008;
- **called upon CDCULT members** to hold consultations at national level for the identification of cities which would be candidates to participate in the programme, as well as possible sources of funding to support their participation.

**CDCULT-BU(2009)06:**

Progress Report on “CultureWatchEurope” (CWE) and the creation of a joint access portal

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** of the progress achieved on the creation of a joint access portal for “CultureWatchEurope” linking the Compendium, HEREIN and the European Audiovisual Observatory and **welcomed** its launch in 2010;
- **welcomed** the results of the CultureWatchEurope 2009 conference on “Culture and Development 20 Years after the Fall of Communism in Europe” (Krakow, 4- 6 June 2009) and the follow-up conference by EUNIC on “Breaking down Barriers” (28 October 2009) and asked the Secretariat to forward the conclusions derived from these events to all delegates with a view to follow-up at national level and debate of possible additional action at the CDCULT 2010 Plenary session;
- **asked** the Secretariat to produce an easily accessible CWE brief setting out functions and mission statement, target groups and partnership details;
- **proposed** that the CWE Task Force holds a meeting prior to the CDCULT Plenary 2010 to elaborate further on the “alert function” of CWE;
- **committed** to support CultureWatchEurope by recommending to CDCULT delegates to make voluntary contributions available for the development of activities such as the access portal, joint search engine or the 2010 conference.

**CDCULT-BU(2009)10:** CultureWatchEurope (CWE) Conference 2010 - Draft Outline

*The Bureau:*

- **welcomed** the first draft outline of the CultureWatchEurope conference 2010 dealing with the financial crisis regarding culture, including the role of the state as a substantial cultural provider, new multi-stakeholder partnerships, new management models and new cultural policy paradigms, reflecting the priorities set out by the Bureau at its extraordinary meeting in 2009;
- **asked** the Secretariat to keep the CDCULT informed of the progress made on the conference preparations and invite policy makers via CDCULT delegates for widespread participation;
- **invited** member states to support this key event by means of targeted voluntary contributions.

### **CDCULT-BU(2009)09rev:** Cultural Policy Reviews - Progress Report

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** of the progress achieved on the Turkish Cultural Policy Review and the successful first visit of the Council of Europe expert team to Turkey in November 2009;
- **thanked** the Turkish Authorities on their commitment to the review process and expressed its encouragement for a timely completion of the exercise with a presentation at the CDCULT's Plenary Session in spring 2011;
- **welcomed** the possibility of a forthcoming update of the Cultural Policy Review for the Russian Federation as part of the Framework Agreement agreed with the Russian Federation's Ministry of Culture.

### **CDCULT-BU(2009)11:** Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe - progress report

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** of the Cultural Routes progress report;
- **thanked** the Government of Slovenia for their support to the launch of the European route of Roma cultures and heritage;
- **asked** the Secretariat to implement the activities of the Cultural Routes programme as envisaged and to keep the Committee informed of major developments.

### **CDCULT-BU(2009)12:** XXXth Council of Europe Exhibition: 'Art after 1945' Progress Report

*The Bureau:*

- **welcomed** the progress achieved on the exhibition 'Art after 1945' and the major contribution by the German Historical Museum in Berlin for the planned exhibition 'Crisis of Reason' (working title) to be organised from October 2012 to February 2013);
- **asked** the Secretariat to keep the Committee informed of developments and to report back in more detail on the "Art after 1945" Exhibition at the Plenary Session 2010.

### **CDCULT-BU(2009)13:** Artists for Dialogue Initiative – progress report

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** of the Artists for Dialogue progress report;
- **thanked** the Government of Azerbaijan for the support given to the Artists for Dialogue Initiative;
- **recommended** that the next steps towards further development and towards implementation of the Artists for Dialogue initiative will be realised in the following months and **invited** the Secretariat to report back to the Committee at its Plenary session in 2010.

### **CDCULT-BU (2009)14:** World Forum for Intercultural Dialogue 2011, Baku, Azerbaijan

*The Bureau:*

- **took note** with interest of the World Forum for Intercultural Dialogue 2011, proposed by the Government of Azerbaijan to be held in Baku, and expressed its view that the Alliance of Civilisations and UNESCO should be the leading partners in the event, given its global scope and ambition;
- **welcomed** further information and exchange on this initiative at the occasion of the forthcoming meeting of the Plenary Session in May 2010.

## D. PREPARATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

### 1. Preparations for the Extraordinary meeting of the CDCULT Bureau in Sofia, spring 2010

*The Bureau:*

- **welcomed** the possibility of holding an extraordinary meeting of the CDCULT Bureau in March 2010 in Sofia.

### 2. Preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> CDCULT Plenary Session in 2010

*The Bureau:*

- **decided** to hold the next Plenary session of the CDCULT on 6-7 May 2010 and asked the Secretariat to inform all delegates as soon as possible.