

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDPATEP)

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I. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

The first meeting of the new Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape took place in Strasbourg in the new "Agora" building on 28-29 April 2008 and was opened by Mr Alfredas Jomantas in the chair on 28 April.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted after amendment.

III. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS

The Committee elected as Chair and Vice-Chair:

Mr Bruno FAVEL, France, as Chair (first one-year term renewable once for 2009) Mr Andreas STALDER, Switzerland, as Vice-Chair (first one-year term of office)

as member of the Bureau:

Ms Ragnheidur H. THORARINSDOTTIR, Iceland (begins first two-year term)

and decided that the following would continue in office:

Ms Susan WILLIAMSON, United Kingdom (ended her first two-year term and is renewed for a second two-year term of office 2008-2009)

Mr Irakli METREVELI, Georgia (ended his first two-year term and is renewed for a second two-year term of office 2008-2009)

Mr Virgil NITULESCU, Romania (ended his first two-year term and is renewed for a second two-year term of office 2008-2009)

Ms Gislaine DEVILLERS, Belgium (continuation of her first two-year term of office 2007-2008) Ms Pavlina MISIKOVA (Slovakia) (begins first of her two-year terms of office 2008-2009)

IV. STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURE AND CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE ON THE PRIORITIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW COMMITTEE

Mr Robert Palmer, Director of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage, welcomed the members of the new Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape to its first meeting on behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, who was absent due to illness.

He drew the attention of the participants to the background to the terms of reference to the new Committee which is fully in line with the guidelines laid down following the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government (Warsaw, May 2005). The adoption of the terms of reference by the Committee of Ministers on 30 January 2008 was a clear indication of the willingness to strengthen the cultural heritage and landscape sectors in particular through the implementation and follow-up of the existing conventions related to cultural heritage and landscape (the Granada and Valletta Conventions are among the most ratified of the Council of Europe's conventions).

The positive responses by member countries to the invitation to the Steering Committee gives a clear indication of their commitment to the Council's work in these areas. The Director stressed that it is essential to ensure that the two aspects of the work – heritage and landscape – are

reflected equally as well as in the composition of the delegations. He also drew attention to the need to draw links between the CDPATEP and the CDCULT. One opportunity for this could be through the work on the Directorate's databases under the heading "CulturewatchEurope".

The Director also informed the CDPATEP about the budgetary context 2008-2009 (according to the principles of focus, consolidation and efficiency). There will be 0% real growth and priority is being given to the European Court of Human Rights and the Commissioner for Human Rights. This results in the reductions of some activities and the redeployment of certain posts. However, the Directorate is no more targeted than the Directorate of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education and Languages and the Directorate of Youth and Sport. Subject to budgetary discussions towards the end of the year, this would result in a reduction of 2% across the three Directorates.

Voluntary financial contributions from countries and partnerships with other institutions would be necessary particularly for:

- the observatory function which covers the monitoring of conventions HEREIN;
- targeted activities of the European Landscape Convention;
- regional cooperation programmes in particular South East Europe and the Kyiv Initiative.

Most delegations welcomed the challenges facing the new Committee but drew attention to the need to have a balanced agenda and stressed the importance of consultations at national level and ensuring that an appropriate methodology is used. The focus of the Committee should be essentially practical and provide services to be used by administrations and professionals in the countries such as the HEREIN Network. The exchange of views emphasised the need for delegations and technical ministries to have close relations with Ministries of Foreign Affairs responsible for the Council of Europe's programme of activities.

V. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE NEW STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDPATEP)

The Secretariat presented the background to the adoption on 30 January 2008 of the terms of reference of the new Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP). The field of action of the CDPATEP, combining heritage and landscape, revived an approach to the heritage that had the specific hallmark of Council of Europe action. The aim was to help countries to formulate and then test inter-sectoral and cross-cutting policies on spatial planning, conservation and "integrated" spatial development. A perspective of this kind on the heritage, perceived as standing at the crossroads of cultural policies and spatial management, was intended to demonstrate Europe's cultural diversity through the qualitative treatment of the environment of citizens, at the same time as demonstrating access to cultural and artistic practices.

Because of the fields covered and the instruments available (legal and other instruments of the Council of Europe, observatory "function" and HEREIN information network, etc), the Committee offers an appropriate framework for more detailed work on the methods of, and criteria for, sustainable use of those local cultural resources.

In reply to the request of one delegation, the Secretariat drew attention to the fact that the CEMAT and the CDCULT are both institutional partners according to the terms of reference of the CDPATEP

The Delegation of Norway asked the Secretariat to change "Nordic Council" to "Nordic Council of Ministers" in the terms of reference and the Secretariat was also asked to correct the title in

English of ECLAS which should read "European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools" (the French version is correct).

a. Strengthening of the landscape dimension of the work of the Committee

See Item XV of the present report.

VI. FOLLOW-UP TO THE HERITAGE CONVENTIONS AND OBSERVATORY FUNCTION

a. Presentation of proposals concerning the follow-up of the European Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (revised) (Valletta)

The presentations by Mr Adrian Olivier and the Secretariat showed the significant progress made with follow-up to the Valletta Convention which should carried out with the support of the HEREIN system. Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Romania and Norway were visited by the group of experts, and the results confirmed the interest of the exercise not only at European level but also for individual countries. The questionnaire enabled a detailed picture to be established of situations at national level. The working method tested for the follow-up to the Valletta Convention could be applicable to other conventions.

b. Presentation of the proposals concerning the follow-up to the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada)

Mr Paul Drury, former Chair of the CDPAT, introduced the background document on Monitoring of the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage "The Granada Convention".

The CDPATEP drew attention to the fact that basically the Granada and Valletta Conventions had similar structures and that it was necessary to be pragmatic and draw on the experience of the Valletta Convention follow-up. It underlined that, in the present budgetary situation with limited human resources, priorities would have to be identified concerning the themes to be dealt with on the architectural heritage.

The Delegation of Azerbaijan informed the CDPATEP that his authorities hoped to sign the Granada Convention on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture which will be held in Baku, on 20-21 November 2008.

The Committee

- gave its agreement to the proposals for the follow-up of the Valletta Convention and set up a working group responsible for validating the adaptation of the computer support made up of the countries involved in the pilot project on archaeology (Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Norway, and Romania);
- invited the Bureau (1-2 December 2008) to examine the proposal for validation put forward by this group and follow it up;
- gave its agreement in principle for the general orientation outlined for the followup to the Granada Convention and invited the Secretariat to prepare this followup. A working group similar to the group on the Valletta Convention (about seven countries) should be set up. Interested countries should inform the Secretariat.

c. Results of the Conference on "International heritage conventions and major texts – current situation and prospects" (Vilnius, 11-13 October 2007)

The Secretariat presented the results of the international conference held jointly with the Parliamentary Assembly's Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage. The event had been a success in terms both of attendance and the standard of the presentations and stocktaking on the various heritage instruments and their prospects. The conference proceedings were available in the form of a working document and would be published towards the end of 2008.

The Chair of the CDPATEP said it had been a great pleasure to organise the event and welcome the participants to Lithuania.

The Secretariat proposed a follow-up the Vilnius conference with a seminar in autumn 2008 which would focus on the Faro Convention and in particular on its innovative aspects in comparison with the previous conventions. The results of this seminar could be used for the publication of an Information Booklet facilitating the understanding of the Faro Convention. Countries interested in hosting the seminar were invited to contact the Secretariat.

The Committee:

- took note of the summary of the report of the Vilnius Conference;
- supported the publication in 2008 of the final report of the Vilnius Conference;
- adopted proposals for the organisation of a seminar on the Faro Convention to be held in Autumn 2008.
 - d. Framework Convention on the value of cultural heritage for society (Faro)

The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP that, to date, there were three ratifications and 10 signatures of the Convention. It proposed preparing an Information Booklet on the Faro Convention which would complement the final report of the Vilnius Conference. Its aim would be to explain for policy-makers and professionals the specific content of the Faro Convention when compared with the Granada and Valletta Conventions. This would facilitate signature and ratification. This exercise would also provide information for the preparatory work for the proposed 2009 Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for the Cultural Heritage.

The Norwegian Delegation invited all members of the CDPATEP to encourage their authorities to sign and/or ratify the Faro Framework Convention.

The Committee:

- took note of the proposal to prepare in 2008 an Information Booklet on the Faro Convention:
- encouraged the member States to sign and ratify the Faro Convention.

VII. DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HEREIN NETWORK

a. Recent developments in the HEREIN Network:

Following the presentation of the progress of the work concerning the HEREIN tool, the CDPATEP's discussions focused on the priority to be given to the Network's various activities. The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP of the following:

- the transfer of the server, which had been kindly hosted by Slovenia for the last three years, to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg with a view to making use of the technical assistance and support of the Organisation's Directorate of Information Technologies;
- the on-going adaptation of the software according of the needs for the follow-up to the conventions (moving from HEREIN 2 to the phase HEREIN 3) including a complement to the database grid taking account of the work carried out for the Valletta Convention (see Item VI of the present report).

Delegations suggested the deletion of Chapter 9 – World Heritage - from the grid as this work is covered by UNESCO.

With regard to the Network Agreement, the CDPATEP recognised the usefulness of such an agreement. Some delegations wondered about the weight to be given to such a document, which should include more political references on the benefits of the Network and the assistance it could offer countries. Its purpose was also to send a strong signal to all members of the network reaffirming the commitment of the Council of Europe and the member States for HEREIN. The progress made on the thesaurus was presented and a meeting of the group of correspondents on the thesaurus should take place on 26-27 June 2008 in Namur (Belgium).

The CDPATEP asked the Secretariat to contact the Directorate General of Education and Culture of the European Union in order to envisage a partnership in the context of the open coordination method (OCM) and the Europen Cultural Agenda as is the case for the EHDs and the technical assistance programme.

The French Delegation informed the participants of the arrangements for the 2008 meeting of the Correspondents to be held in Chaumont, on 25-26 September.

The Committee:

- was pleased with the updating of the reports on-line and reminded countries to continue the process;
- thanked Slovenia warmly for hosting the HEREIN server for three years;
- took note of the work under way for the management and technical adaptation of the database:
- invited delegations to check, before September 2008, the possibility of signing the Agreement on the functioning of the Network and identify in each country the body which could sign it;
- invited the different delegations to study the possibility of voluntary financial contributions and contributions in kind;
- thanked the French Delegation for inviting the Network of Correspondents to Chaumont:
- entrusted the Secretariat with reinforcing the human resources working on the HEREIN Network, keeping the Secretary General and Permanent Representations in Strasbourg informed about the Network and its development and promoting the Network at international meetings.

VIII. MONITORING OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

a. The European Landscape Convention

The Secretariat informed the Committee of the state of progress on the follow up to the European Landscape Convention and the provisions adopted by the Committee of Ministers to date on the tools to be used.

The Committee took note of:

- the state of signature and ratification of the European Landscape Convention and invited those countries which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Convention;
- Resolution CM(2008)3 on the Rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies) and asked the parties to the Convention to translate the resolution into their languages and to transmit an application to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe through the Permanent Representations by 31 December 2008;
- Recommendation CM(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 February 2008 at the 1017th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies).
 - b. Implementation of the European Landscape Convention and methodology to be adopted by the CDPATEP for the follow-up to the Convention (cf document CDPATEP (2008) 20)

The CDPATEP examined the document drawn up on the implementation of the Convention and discussed the methodology on the follow up to the European Landscape Convention in the context of the new Committee.

The Committee:

- in accordance with Article 10 of the European Landscape Convention,
 - ensures its follow-up;
 - adopts the annual programme of work and makes proposals for the medium-term:
- in accordance with Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention, carries out the responsibilities of Organising Committee for the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;
- adopted the methodology for the follow-up of the European Landscape Convention as set out under Item III.A of document CDPATEP (2008) 20.
 - c. Proposals for the 2008 work programme of the European Landscape Convention (and preliminary proposals for certain activities in the period 2009-2010) (cf document CDPATEP (2008) 18)

The Secretariat presented the proposals for the 2008 Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention. The CDPATEP drew attention to the need to streamline the Work Programme and

indicated that its priorities for future activities in 2009-2010 should be focused on the organisation of a Council of Europe Conference on the Convention, the Landscape Award and the annual meeting of the workshops.

The Committee:

- adopted the 2008 Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention according to the Ordinary Budget of the Council of Europe;
- defined priorities for future activities in 2009-2010: Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention in 2009, Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and annual meeting of the workshops;
- invited the member States to make voluntary contributions which would allow other activities to be carried out such as those proposed in document CDPATEP (2008) 18.

IX. PROPOSAL TO ORGANISE A COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE IN 2009

a. Background document

The Secretariat introduced the proposal to organise a Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Cultural Heritage in 2009 on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Council of Europe and the 40th Anniversary of European cooperation on cultural heritage. It pointed out that Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Cultural Heritage traditionally took place only every 6-10 years and that each conference marked a stage in the Organisation's work on heritage. The expected result of the proposed Conference would not be to agree on a convention or recommendation to governments but to develop a common initiative on heritage based on an updated concept of heritage and its significance in a changing Europe through better use of the existing conventions and follow-up instruments of this Organisation.

b. First exchange of views on the themes of the Conference

The CDPATEP held a first exchange of views on the themes proposed following the meeting of the Bureau of the CDPAT (Paris, November 2007) and the preliminary meeting (Paris, March 2008) which can be found in the Secretariat working document suggesting a series of possible themes under the title "Heritage in a time of change – challenges and opportunities in Europe".

A number of delegations raised the question of the need for such a conference and also the short time for its preparation. The Norwegian Delegation considered that another approach could be to orient the theme towards "cultural heritage and local democracy". Others observed that it would be necessary not to overlap with other proposed conferences.

The Delegation of Azerbaïjan informed the CDPATEP about the Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers for Culture on Intercultural Dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and in neighbouring countries (see under Item XIII.a).

c. Invitation by Romania to host the conference – place and dates

The Romanian Delegation considered that it would be possible to prepare the conference by the end of 2009 and reiterated its invitation to host the conference. It also informed the CDPATEP that his government had already given its formal commitment to the organisation of the conference even though there will be a new government following elections at the end of 2008.

The Committee:

- held a first exchange of views on the aims of the conference on the basis of the working document;
- decided that delegations should secure, by mid November 2008, the agreement in principle of their authorities on the organisation of the conference if possible in 2009 or failing that in 2010 on the possible dual fields of "heritage and local democracy" and "heritage in a time of change";
- asked the Secretariat to organise the consultations and working groups mentioned in the background document to take the preparatory work of the conference a step further bearing in mind the new approach of the CDPATEP;
- entrusted its Bureau with discussing the timing and possible themes of the conference following the consultations in the countries on its feasibility and on the basis of the preparatory work to be carried out by the Secretariat and the experts on the themes and content;
- took note of, and thanked the Romanian Government for, its invitation to host the conference.

X. INFORMATION ON THE REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

- Regional Programme for Cultural and Natural Heritage in South-East Europe
- Reconstruction Implementation Commission for the architectural and archaeological heritage sites in UNMIK/Kosovo
- Kyiv Initiative Regional Programme

The Secretariat presented the state of progress of the regional programmes and highlighted the major events taking place under these programmes. The Greek Delegation drew the Committee's attention to the "Intercultural encounters on maritime, river and lake routes of South East Europe", Athens, 12-14 June 2008.

The Committee took note of this information and supported these initiatives.

XI.EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS – a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission

The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP about the new programme proposals for the European Heritage Days which it had developed together with its partners in the European Commission.

a. 2008 Forum

It drew particular attention to the new series of annual forums on communicating about the cultural heritage. The first in this new series would be on "Heritage and Dialogue" and take place in Brussels, on 23-24 October 2008, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the European Heritage Days in Belgium and as a contribution to 2008 – European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. It is being organised with the support of the Fondation Roi Baudouin, a former liaison office for the European Heritage Days.

The Belgian Delegation indicated that, in Belgium, no distinction is made between landscape and heritage and this will be implicit in the Forum. He drew attention to the fact that, for the

organisation of the Forum, the three governmental bodies are working together in the organisation together with the German community.

ICOMOS welcomed this initiative and informed the CDPATEP of its willingness to participate in the Forum.

The members of the CDPATEP were strongly encouraged to participate in the Forum.

b. Internet site

The Internet site for the European Heritage Days would now be managed by the European Secretariat of the Days in Strasbourg.

c. Media action in the framework of the new proposals

The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP of the progress made under this new proposal and invited the members of the CDPATEP to send it any information about television channels in their countries which might be willing to contribute.

The Committee:

- took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the updating of the European Heritage Days being carried out in close cooperation with the European Commission and gave its support to the idea of organising an annual forum on the professional interpretation and communication of cultural heritage;
- took note of the dates of the Forum in Brussels (23-24 October 2008) and thanked Belgium for its invitation;
- supported the proposals on the media and the identification of possible media partners interested in participating in the "virtual" launch;
- invited delegations to indicate if their countries would be willing to host a forum in the coming years.

XII. CULTURAL IDENTITIES, SHARED VALUES AND CITIZENSHIP

- a. Final report on the post-Summit Project
- b. Results of the three thrusts of the Project: the Manifesto for Multiple Cultural Affiliation, the Handbook on values for life in a democracy and discovering the other face of heritage

Professor Jean Petaux introduced the results of the post-Summit Project on "Cultural identities, shared values and citizenship" and the results of the Forum on "Cultural identities for Europe" which brought the Project to an end (Strasbourg, 3 December 2007). He informed the participants about the Manifesto for Multiple Cultural Affiliation and the Handbook on values for life in a democracy which had been produced for the Forum.

c. Follow-up to the Project

The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP that the necessary steps have been taken for the publication of Manifesto and the Handbook and a number of proposals are being discussed for dissemination seminars with partners from civil society and NGOs in the member States.

In addition, the third thrust of the post-Summit project on the intercultural interpretation of the heritage is going forward and will be addressed at the first Forum on "Heritage and Dialogue" organised within the framework of the European Heritage Days (Brussels, 23-24 October 2008).

The representative of ICOMOS drew attention to the Ename Charter which goes in this direction and expressed the willingness of his organisation to cooperate with the Secretariat on this topic. The representative of the European Council of Town Planners (ECTP) also expressed his organisation's support for this work.

The Committee:

- took note of the present report and the texts resulting from the activity;
- asked the Secretariat to ensure in 2008 the publication of the final versions of the Manifesto and the Handbook as presented at the end-of-Project Forum on 3 December 2007;
- encouraged the appropriate bodies in the member States to promote these publications at events or colloquies in their countries;
- asked the Secretariat to ensure the follow-up to the work on the intercultural interpretation of heritage in the context of the monitoring of the heritage conventions, the European Heritage Days and the "Intercultural Cities" project.

XIII. INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

a. Conference of Ministers of Culture in Baku (Azerbaijan), 20-21 November 2008

The Delegation of Azerbaïjan informed the CDPATEP about the Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers for Culture on Intercultural Dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and in neighbouring countries which will take place in Baku, on 20-21 November 2008. Azerbaïjan is a member of both the Council of Europe and ISESCO and the conference is being organised with this in mind and involves both Council of Europe member States as well as member States of ISESCO which would participate as observers. This occasion would provide an opportunity for dialogue with Azerbaïjan's neighbours.

The French Delegation remarked that the dates of the Baku meeting clashed with the informal Summit of Ministers of Culture of the 27 member States of the European Union which will be held in Brussels on 20-21 November 2008.

b. "Intercultural Cities"

The Secretariat presented the aims of the Project and information about the first steps in its implementation and the involvement of a number of cities. The project would contribute to the follow-up of the Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue. Heritage issues should be introduced where possible in further initiatives in the cities participating in the Project.

The Committee took note of the information about:

- the Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers for Culture on Intercultural Dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe;
- the progress made on the "Intercultural Cities" project.

XIV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2008 PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES FOR 2009

- Discussion on the priorities for 2009

The 2008 programme was presented and commented on under the different items of the agenda of the CDPATEP. As to the 2009 programme, the Director of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage gave information about the priorities of the Committee of Ministers and the budgetary context. Concerning the heritage sector, the 2009 priorities would be similar to those of 2008 with special emphasis on the strengthening of the monitoring of the heritage conventions and the adaptation and development of the HEREIN support, the feasibility and preliminary work for a possible Council of Europe conference of ministers on the values of heritage in the present society and its role in local democracy, the updating of the European Heritage Days as a European joint action with the European Commission and as a specific contribution of the heritage sector to diversity and dialogue.

The priorities for the landscape sector have been defined under Item VIII of the present report.

The Committee confirmed the above-mentioned priorities for 2009.

XV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE FUTURE WORKING METHODS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE CDPATEP

Following the discussions at its first meeting, the CDPATEP expressed its satisfaction at the fact that both cultural heritage and landscape had been brought together. They were of the opinion that the discussions should be equally shared between the two topics and the composition of delegations should reflect the scope of the new committee.

Delegations suggested that the Bureau of the CDPATEP could focus on the working methodology of the new Committee at its next meeting and identify items for the agenda that should be simply provided for information, which would not prevent members of the CDPATEP from raising questions during meetings.

The CDPATEP asked the Secretariat to explore the possibility of having two Vice-Chairs for the Committee – one with a cultural heritage background and the other a landscape background.

The Committee:

- entrusted its Bureau with focusing on the working methodology of the new Committee and making proposals for the next meeting of the CDPATEP;
- invited the Bureau to identify items for the agenda of the next meeting which could simply be for information not discussion;
- asked the Secretariat to explore the possibility of having two Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

XVI. RELATIONS WITH CDCULT

The Chair of the CDCULT informed the CDPATEP about the reorientations of the CDCULT's programme of activities in the last two years and the progress made on the cultural governance observatory function.

a. "CulturewatchEurope".

The Chair of the CDCULT stressed the importance of the CDPATEP participating in and contributing to this observatory function which should make the best use of the work carried out within the framework of the Compendium, HEREIN, Eurimages and the Audiovisual Observatory.

The Committee:

- took note of the information provided by the Chair of the CDCULT on "CulturewatchEurope";
- asked the Secretariat to keep it informed about the next steps in the development of "CulturewatchEurope" and the participation of the HEREIN system in this process.

b. Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The Secretariat informed the CDPATEP about the latest developments as regards the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and in particular the fact that the Committee of Ministers had adopted Resolution (2007) 12 on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe on 10 October 2007.

The CDPATEP was concerned that the Advisory Committee had not met for a considerable period of time. The Secretariat informed the Committee that it would meet in the Autumn.

The CDPATEP decided that it would continue to be represented on the Advisory Committee on the Cultural Routes by Mr Alfredas JOMANTAS (Lithuania) and Mr Virgil NITULESCU (Romania).

The Committee:

- took note of the Resolution of the Committee on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe;
- decided that Mr Alfredas JOMANTAS (Lithuania) and Mr Virgil NITULESCU (Romania) would continue to represent it on the Advisory Committee on the Cultural Routes;
- asked the Secretariat to inform it of the dates of the next meetings of the Advisory Committee.

XVII. FOLLOW-UP OF CDPATEP ACTIVITIES AND SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS OF ITS MEMBERS

During its last meeting, the CDPAT had identified a series of specific assignments for its members. The CDPATEP confirmed these assignments as below:

The Committee confirmed the following assignments of its members: Monitoring of standards: for 2008/2009, Ms Susan WILLIAMSON (UK), Mr Irakli METREVELI (Georgia), and Ms Pavlina MISIKOVA (Slovakia); HEREIN: for 2008/2009, Ms Gislaine DEVILLERS (Belgium), Mr Bruno FAVEL (France), Ms Malgorzata FOKT-WILLMANN (Poland) and Mr Dag MYKLEBUST (Norway); Technical co-operation: for 2008/2009, Mr Borislav SURDIC (Serbia) and Ms Jelka PIRKOVIC (Slovenia); European Heritage Days: for 2008/2009, Ms Malgorzata FOKT-WILLMANN (Poland)); Relations with the CDCULT: for 2008/2009, Ms Françoise GAMERDINGER (Monaco); for 2008/2009, appointed Ms Ragnheidur H. THORARINSDOTTIR (Iceland) to represent the CDPATEP in the work on the Action Plan in replacement of Ms Anna Conticello (Italy).

XVIII. EUROPEAN HERITAGE LABEL

for 2008/2009, Mr Audun MOFLAG (Norway)

CEMAT:

The French Delegation informed the CDPATEP about the background to, and the present state of progress on, the European Heritage Label. He informed the CDPATEP of the request of some countries for the Council of Europe of Europe to join this process. The French Chairmanship of the European Union would be reflecting on how to associate the Council of Europe with this work in the coming six months. The Delegation also informed the CDPATEP that neighbouring countries to the European Union member States were being invited to participate in the Label and that Switzerland is already participating in this initiative.

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The United Kingdom Delegation suggested that a paper on the criteria and supporting arrangements would be useful background for the CDPATEP to have a discussion on the European Heritage Label.

The Committee took note of the state of progress on the European Heritage Label.

XIX. OTHER BUSINESS

The representative of the Secretariat presented the work of the Task Force on Social Cohesion in the 21st Century on the topic "Towards an active, fair and socially cohesive Europe" and drew the attention of the CDPATEP to the involvement of the heritage sector in the further action..

XX. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT LIST OF DECISIONS

The CDPATEP was adopted electronically.