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# STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDCPP)

# OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE WORK OF PARTIAL AGREEMENTS

For information

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#### 1. PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Information on the sessions of the PACE may be found on its website <a href="http://assembly.coe.int">http://assembly.coe.int</a>.

The CDCPP has advised the Committee of Ministers in the follow-up to the following Recommendation:

Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society

The Parliamentary Assembly is currently working on the following topics:

### Culture and democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović, Serbia, SOC

## Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad

Rapporteur: M. Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', France, SOC

The protection and promotion of Regional or Minority Languages in Europe Rapporteur: Mme Rózsa Hoffmann, Hungary, EPP/CD

# 2. CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Information on the sessions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe may be found on its website <a href="https://www.coe.int/congress">www.coe.int/congress</a>.

#### Calendar of activities:

http://www.coe.int/t/congress/Calendar/default\_en.asp?mytabsmenu=1

#### 3. PARTIAL AGREEMENTS

# **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA)**

Accessions or other Participations – Website

Reference text: <u>CM/Res(2013)66 - 18/12/2013</u> - <u>Statute</u>

Websites: <a href="http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/routes/default\_en.asp">http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/routes/default\_en.asp</a> <a href="http://www.culture-routes.lu/php/fo\_index.php?lng=fr">http://www.culture-routes.lu/php/fo\_index.php?lng=fr</a>

The Enlarged Partial Agreement aims to assist in the creation, certification, evaluation and promotion of transnational cultural routes, as cultural cooperation networks generating exchanges, intercultural dialogue, education for culture and heritage and sustainable socio-economic development.

The Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement, Mr Stefano Dominioni, will attend the CDCPP meeting and make a presentation on recent developments in the functioning and activities of the EPA.

## European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)

Accessions or other Participations – Website Reference text: R(87)2 - 20/03/1987

The European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) is a co-operation group established in 1987 under the auspices of 9 countries from southern Europe and now brings together 26 member States from Belgium to Azerbaijan and from Russia to Morocco. The aim of the group is to reinforce and to promote co-operation between member States in a multi-disciplinary context to ensure better prevention and protection against risks and improved preparation in the event of major natural or technological disasters.

# <u>European Support Fund for the Co-production and Distribution of Creative Cinematographic and Audiovisual Works « Eurimages »</u>

Accessions or other Participations – Website
Reference text: R(88)15 - 26/10/1988 : English
(as amended by R(89)6 - 15/06/1989; R(90)34 - 30/11/1990; R(92)3 - 10/02/1992;
R(93)10 - 03/04/1993; R(98)10 - 02/07/1998; CM/Res(2013)57 - 11/12/2013)
http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eurimages/default\_en.asp

## Action required

The Committee is invited to take note of the information regarding the other Council of Europe bodies and the work of Partial agreements.