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**BUREAU OF THE
STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE
(CDCPP)**

MEETING REPORT¹

**21-22 April 2016
Council of Europe, Agora, Strasbourg
Room G01**

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr. Bruno Favel, who welcomed the participants.

The Chair recalled that it is important to preserve a balance between the three components of the committee: culture, heritage and landscape. The member states of the Council of Europe have, since 2015, been faced with internal wars between member states and that wars are also being waged on the borders of Europe. The recent attacks in Brussels and Paris also demonstrate that all member states of the Council of Europe are affected by this difficult context. Culture is a response in favour of the construction of a peaceful and democratic Europe and the CDCPP is faithful to its role in this context.

He then informed the Bureau of the request of the delegation of Belgium/Wallonia that Ms. Gislaine Devillers be authorized to attend for the items pertaining to the Heritage. The Bureau agreed and welcomed Ms. Devillers.

The list of participants is given at Appendix I.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted (see Appendix II).

3. General questions

The Bureau took note of the information provided in document CDCPP-Bu(2016)1.

¹ Prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Chair.

The Bureau also noted recent Committee of Ministers' decisions (see document CDCPP-Bu(2016)2).

As regards the setting up and composition of the newly created PC-IBC committee, the Bureau agreed that the CDCPP be represented in it by its Chair. As concerns the request for possible comments on the resolutions adopted by the 16th CEMAT in Nafplion (2014) it instructed the Secretariat to prepare texts for consideration at the June session of the CDCPP.

4. Fields of activity of the CDCPP

Culture

Culture and Democracy Framework Indicator

The Bureau noted the progress made on building an Indicator Framework, expressed appreciation and full support and agreed that the item with the all the relevant documentation be submitted to the CDCPP for approval. It welcomed in particular the additional study visits in select member States that would allow for a better fine-tuning of the Indicators as a genuine assessment and policy-making tool.

The Bureau noted that the Secretariat and the European Commission had plans for a "launching event" to be held in Brussels, at the EU Headquarters, in October 2016 and approved them too. More detailed information will be provided to the CDCPP.

It agreed that Ms. Vesna Marjanovic, member of the Parliamentary Assembly, be invited to attend the CDCPP meeting and present her draft report on Culture and Democracy.

Compendium

The Bureau discussed the proposed new "business models" for the Compendium, based on a mix of financing (Council of Europe, voluntary contributions and users' fees) (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)4). Some members expressed reservations at the proposed arrangements which in their view would discriminate between member states contributing to the Compendium through the Council of Europe's budget and those also providing Voluntary contributions. A users' fee could possibly also be seen to be incompatible with a cultural venture that should remain free from commercial influence.

The Bureau expressed concern that any modifications to the financing and management rules of the Compendium might impact on the other two information systems (HEREIN and ELCIS) that the Council of Europe supports.

The Bureau agreed to set up a small advisory group made of recent donor states to prepare proposals for consideration at the forthcoming CDCPP meeting. The group should meet in the forthcoming weeks and also use IT for connecting people unable to attend.

In the meantime, the Secretariat would contact CDCPP delegations and current Compendium contributors with a view to identifying suitable compendium partners at national level.

Exchange Platform Culture and Digitisation

The Bureau heard a report from Mr. Aulake on the preparations for the 3rd Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation (Tallinn, 29-30 September 2016) (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)5) and invited the Secretariat to submit a comprehensive conference outline including a detailed programme to the CDCPP meeting in June.

It was noted that the Council of Europe would not be in a position to fund participation in the Platform meeting but expressed the hope that delegations would nonetheless be numerous to attend, as it was the case on the previous two Platform meetings.

Art Exhibitions

The Bureau discussed the proposed approach toward re-defining Council of Europe Art Exhibitions (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)). It agreed with the new orientation, based on a "bottom-up" approach and stress on civil society participation. The World Forum for Democracy was also identified as an appropriate source of inspiration for themes and working methods, including a greater involvement of youth.

It was noted that the small advisory group created by the Secretariat would meet again on 2 May – with the participation of a member of the Parliamentary Assembly – and prepare a final concept paper for discussion at the CDCPP June meeting. The Bureau will examine and validate the paper before submission to the Committee.

Heritage

Implementation of the Namur Declaration

The Bureau noted the progress made at the first three thematic meetings on the Strategy held in January, February and March respectively and congratulated the Rapporteur, Mr. Pierre Paquet, for the impressive work done. It approved the preliminary results as presented in document CDCPP-Bu(2016)7. It noted that a fourth ("synthesis") meeting will be held on 3-4 May to examine the whole draft Strategy and discuss in particular areas of overlapping and evaluation.

Members made comments in relation to terminology, landscape, references to conventions and other instruments. The importance of linking the Strategy to the forthcoming European Heritage Year 2018 was also stressed, as was the need to have the European Commission and all stakeholders on board.

Members so wishing would have until 29 April 2016 for additional comments on the drafts to be presented to the "synthesis" meeting. The final draft Strategy as resulting from this meeting would be disseminated as early as possible to all CDCPP members with a request for written comments and/or amendments prior to the meeting, in order to allow for an orderly discussion.

As regards the draft Committee of Ministers recommendation also presented to the Bureau, members would be welcome to send in comments and suggestions until 6 May 2016.

Faro Action Plan

The Bureau discussed the proposed simplifications of modalities, principles and criteria adopted by the CDCPP in June 2014 (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)8) and – subject to a number of clarifications – was in favour of them. In particular, the choice of experts to be involved in the assessment of the "Faro experiences" should result from a transparent process and be based on strict and professional criteria. The role of the country where the "Faro experience" takes place would also need to be clarified.

The Secretariat will present a revised concept paper for consideration at the CDCPP meeting.

HEREIN

The Bureau discussed at length the proposed new priorities for HEREIN (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)9), having regard to the capacity of the HEREIN tool (database) to deliver the outputs that users expect and the growing demand for information and data exchanges and for thematic debates. It was informed that the Secretariat intends to conduct from 2016 a thorough evaluation of HEREIN – in line with similar exercises routinely performed by the Directorate of Internal. This draft evaluation will be presented to member states at the plenary meeting of the CDCPP in June 2016.

The CDCPP will be informed of the state of play at its next meeting.

Technical cooperation

The Bureau noted the proposed modalities for the final appraisal of the technical cooperation (CDCPP-Bu(2016)13) and, having heard the favourable opinion of the Rapporteur, Mr. Pierre Paquet, approved them.

European Heritage Days

The Bureau was given a presentation of the European Heritage Days and its portal. It congratulated the Secretariat for the excellence of its work.

Some members expressed dismay at the dropping of the adjective "European" from some member States' Heritage Days and initiatives.

Landscape

Landscape and democracy

The Bureau noted the state of the implementation of the activities related to the European Landscape Convention (document CDCPP-Bu(2016)10) in particular the decision of the Working Party on Heritage and Democracy to prepare two draft recommendations by the end of 2017, the Forum of National Selections for the 4th session 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award (Budapest, 9-10 June 2016, in cooperation with the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture) and the Workshops on National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities (Yerevan, 5-7 October 2016, in cooperation with the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia).

It expressed the hope that CDCPP members would attend those meetings.

5. Meeting of the CDCPP

The Bureau approved the draft agenda of the meeting to be held on 13-15 June 2016 (document CDCPP-(2016)OJ1 prov).

The Bureau noted in particular that the CDCPP will have to pronounce itself on the granting of observer status to the "Fédération européenne pour les métiers du patrimoine bâti – FEMP" and to the "Réseau des sites majeurs Vauban".

6. Information concerning other bodies

The Bureau took note of the information as per document (CDCPP-Bu(2016)11).

7. Miscellaneous

Follow-up to the Sarajevo conference declaration

The Bureau welcomed Ms. Isabel Castro, member of the Secretariat of EURIMAGES, who introduced the working document (CDCPP-Bu(2016)12). After a thorough debate, the Bureau expressed itself in favour of the drawing up of a Committee of Ministers' recommendation based on the Sarajevo declaration whose pertinence it underlined.

It also noted that the funding of the working party – should the Committee of Ministers decide to set up one – would be provided by EURIMAGES.

Implementation of the programme and budget

The Bureau held an exchange of views with the Director of Democratic Governance, Ms Claudia Luciani, on the state of implementation of the budget and programme for 2016 and prospects for 2018-2019. Some members asked for more detailed budgetary information about all activities that are also funded through voluntary contributions in order to better ascertain the opportunities or need for additional extra-budgetary support.

The Secretariat acknowledged the good will and generosity of several member states and agreed to prepare information sheets enabling for a better understanding of budgetary appropriations allotted to Council of Europe' activities in the field of culture, heritage and landscape.

8. Dates of the next meeting

The Bureau left the choice of the date of the next meeting to the Chair and members to be elected at the CDCPP meeting.

9. Closing of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting thanking all participants and invitees for their contribution to the debates and decisions.

APPENDIX I
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APPENDIX II**AGENDA**

- 1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda** [CDCPP-Bu(2016)OJ1 rev.2]
- 3. General questions**
 - 3.1 *State of implementation of the work programme and calendar of meetings in 2016* [CDCPP-Bu(2016)1]
 - 3.2 *Committee of Ministers' decisions concerning the CDCPP* [CDCPP-Bu(2016)2]
- 4. Fields of activities of the CDCPP**
 - 4.1 *Culture*
 - Culture and Democracy Framework Indicators – State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)3 rev.]
 - Compendium of cultural policies – New perspectives of funding [CDCPP-Bu(2016)4]
 - Council of Europe exchange platform on the impact of digitization on culture – 2016 meeting [CDCPP-Bu(2016)5]
 - Council of Europe art exhibitions – Toward a new concept [CDCPP-Bu(2016)6]
 - 4.2 *Heritage*
 - Implementation of the Namur Declaration – Strategy 21 – State of progress [CDCPP-Bu(2016)7]
 - « Faro Community » - Revised modalities and action plan [CDCPP-Bu(2016)8]
 - Analysis of the impact of the technical assistance projects – State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)13]
 - HEREIN network and database – Update [CDCPP-Bu(2016)9]
 - European Heritage Days - Presentation
 - 4.3 *Landscape*
 - Meeting « Landscape and democracy » - State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)10]
- 5. Meeting of the CDCPP on 13-15 June 2016 – Preliminary draft agenda** [CDCPP(2016)OJ1 prov.]
- 6. Information concerning other bodies of the Council of Europe and Partial Agreements** [CDCPP-Bu(2016)11]

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 *Follow-up to the 2015 Sarajevo Conference Declaration on
« Women in today's European film industry »*
- 7.2 *Implementation of Budget and Programme for 2016-2017
and prospects for 2018-2019*

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8. Dates of the next meetings

9. Closing of the meeting