

BELGIAN CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HERITAGE

**Cultural heritage in the 21st century for living better together.
Towards a common strategy for Europe**

NAMUR (BELGIUM), 22 – 24 APRIL 2015

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 22 April 2015

- 4 – 6 pm:** Meeting of senior officials
Purpose: Preparation of the Conference of 23 April
Venue: *Conference Centre Namur Expo, Avenue Sergent Vrithoff 2, B-5000 Namur*
- 7 pm:** Welcome by Mr Maxime PREVOT, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister for Heritage, Mayor of the City of Namur
- 7.15 pm - :** *Cocktail reception*
Venue: *Château de Namur, Avenue de l'Ermitage 1, B-5000 Namur*

Thursday 23 April 2015

Venue: Conference Centre Namur Expo, Avenue Sergent Vrithoff 2, B-5000 Namur

- From 9 am:** Welcome
- 10 – 11 am:** Opening of the Conference
- 10 – 10.10 am:** Address by Ms Snežana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ, Director General of Democracy on behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 10.10 – 10.20 am:** Address by Ms Juliana HOXHA, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- 10.20 – 10.30 am:** Address by Ms Sabine ROHMANN, President of the Education and Culture Committee of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe
- 10.30-10.40 am:** Address by Mr Apolonio RUIZ LIGERO, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

10.40 – 10.50 am: Address by Mr Maxime PREVOT, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister for Heritage, Mayor of the City of Namur

11.00 am – 12.30pm: WORKING SESSION 1

A changing Europe – Europe in the 21st century

Chair: Mr Geert BOURGEOIS, Minister-President of the Flemish Government

11 – 11.10 am: Introduction to theme by the Chair

11.10 am – 12.30 pm: Discussion

12.30 – 2.00 pm: For the Ministers and Heads of Delegation:

Lunch hosted by the Director General of Democracy on behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Ministers and Heads of Delegation (by invitation) and group photo

For the participants at the Conference:

Lunch hosted by the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

2.30 – 5 pm: WORKING SESSION 2

A strategy to be drawn up (issues at stake and priorities)

Chair: Mr Rudi VERVOORT, Minister-President of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region

2.30 – 2.40 pm: Introduction to theme by the Chair

2.40 – 5 pm: Discussion

5.15 – 6.15 pm: Meeting of senior officials

Purpose: finalisation of the draft declaration

7.30– 10.30 pm: Gala evening hosted by the Belgian Chairmanship (by invitation)

Friday 24 April 2015

From 9 am: Welcome

9.30 – 11 am: WORKING SESSION 3

Partnerships to be developed

Chair: Ms Isabelle WEYKMANS, Vice-Minister-President of the German-speaking Community, Minister for Culture, Employment and Tourism

9.30 – 9.40 Introduction to theme by the Chair

9.40 – 10.30 am: Intergovernmental organisations:

- UNESCO
- European Commission
- ICCROM

10.30 – 10.40 am: Professionals:

- ICOMOS

10.40 – 11 am: Civil society:

- Europa Nostra
- European Association of Historic Towns and Regions

11.00 – 12 am: Discussion

12 am – 12.30 pm: CLOSING SESSION:

Adoption of the Namur declaration

Chair: Mr Maxime PREVOT, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister for Heritage, Mayor of the City of Namur

12.30 – 2 pm: Lunch hosted by the Belgian Chairmanship

2 pm: Technical visits