



## Faro Convention Meeting

## Faro Convention and Regeneration of Communities

Lisbon, Portugal – 24-25 May 2018



# Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (the Faro Convention)

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Adopted in 2005

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Entered into force in 2011

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ratified by 17 states and signed by six additional states





PEOPLE



PLACES



STORIES

## Parameters

- **Heritage is a social and political construct**
- **Exercise in democracy and human rights**
- **Heritage as means and not as an end in itself**
- **Relations between peoples, places and stories**

Focus on:

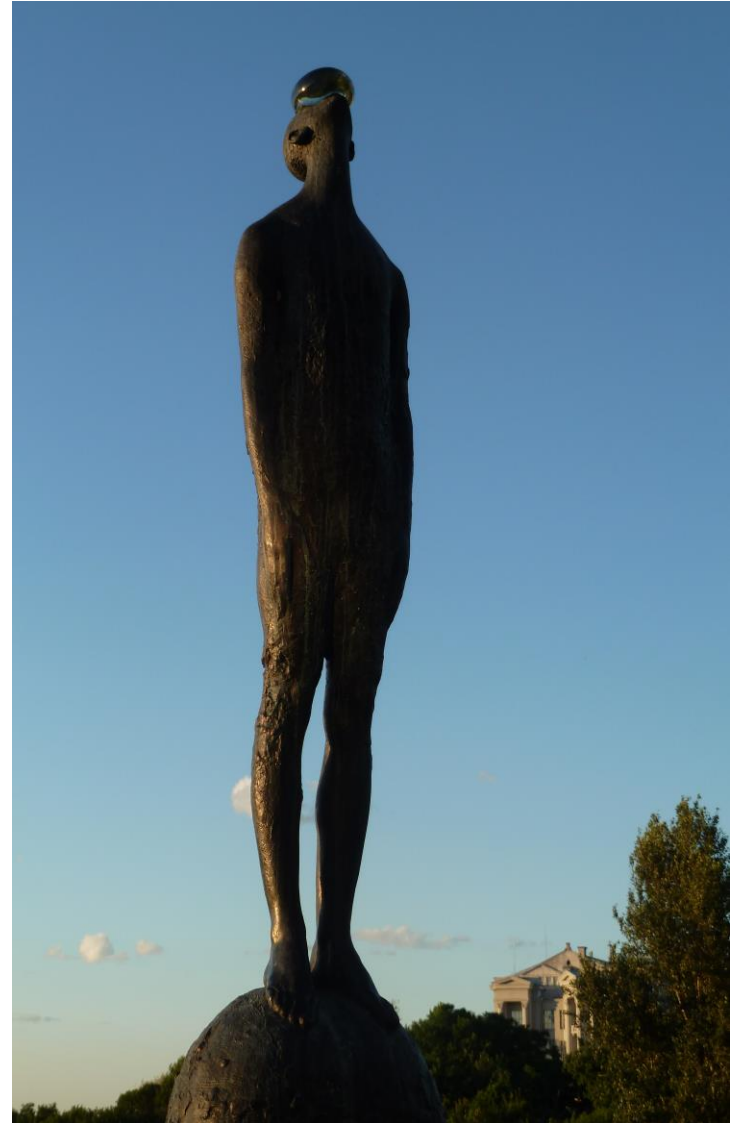
Democratic **Heritage governance** –communities'  
central role

**The role of heritage** in addressing societal challenges

Setting a framework for cooperation as well as  
**integrated and inclusive policies**



- MULTIPLE IDENTITIES
- DIVERSITY
- DIGNITY
- QUALITY OF LIFE



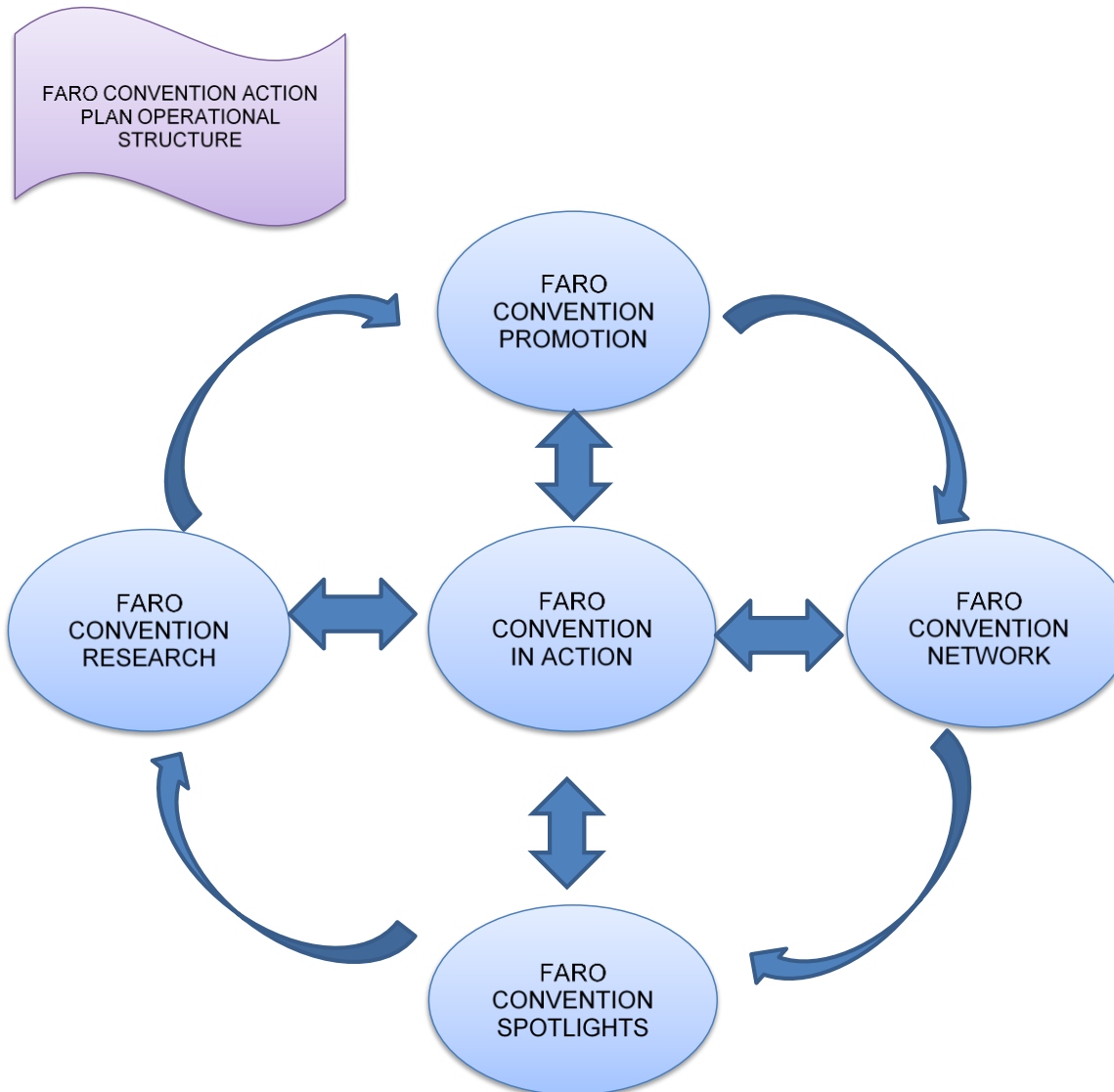


## **The Convention**

- A vision and a new way of looking at heritage
- A distinctive approach
- Exercise in participatory democracy

## **The Action Plan**

- Heritage-led, people centered actions
- An extensive workshop of innovative ideas
- A pan-European Network
- Making Invisible - Visible





## Faro Convention Spotlights

### Spotlight visits:

Forli, Italy – propaganda and populism

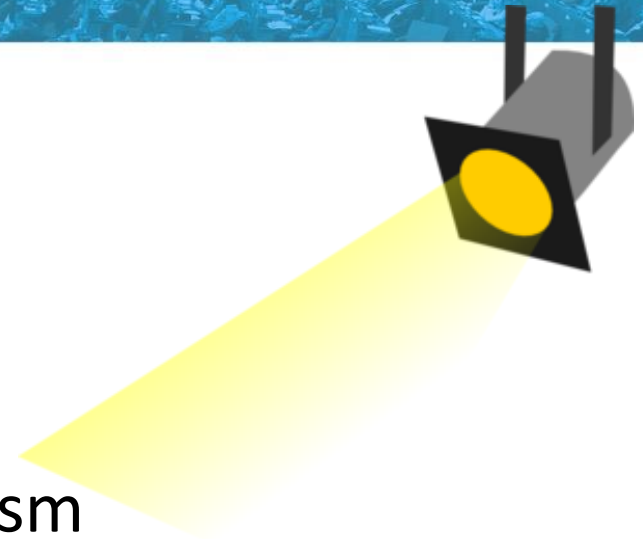
Cres, Croatia – local economic development

Fontecchio, Italy – post-disaster recovery

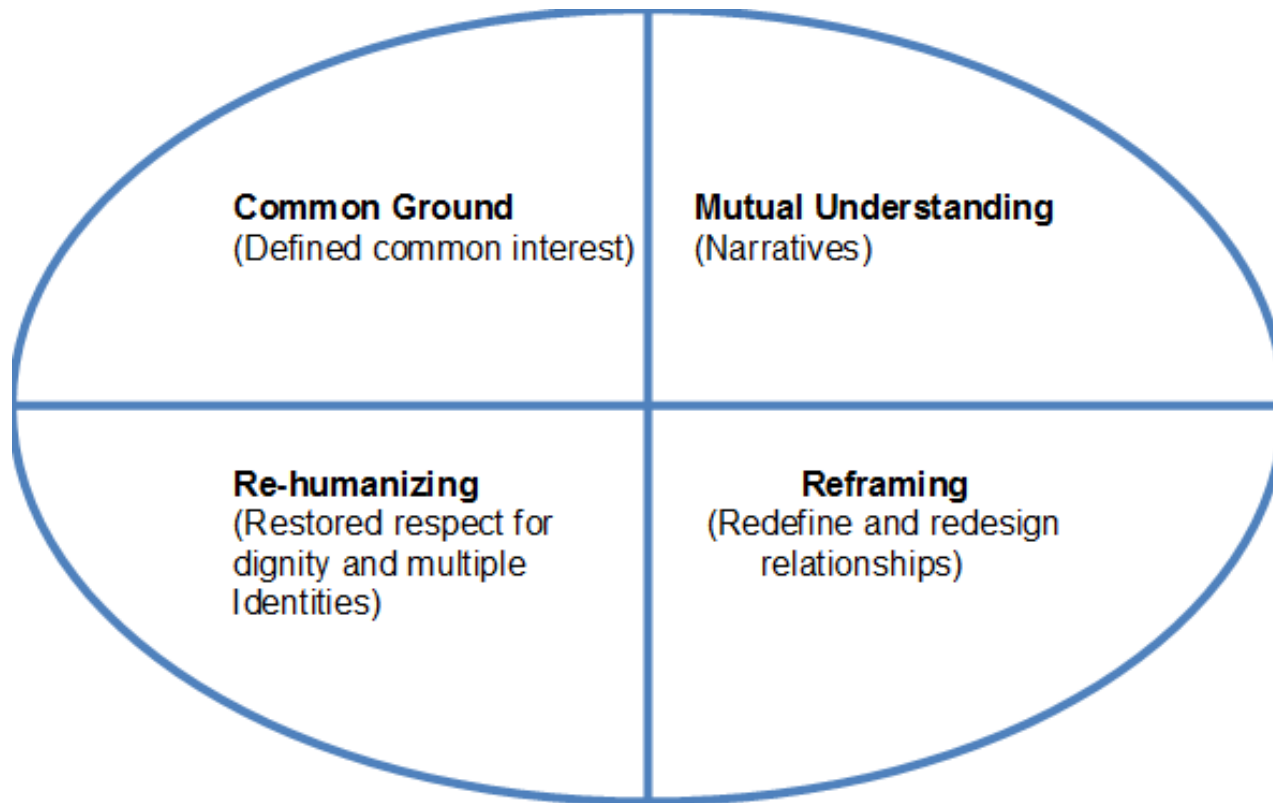
Machkhaani, Georgia – community engagement

St. Millian, Spain - rural settlements, abandoned heritage

Lisbon, Huelva and Cordoba – community regeneration



## Faro Convention Methodology



Commons – Cooperation – Narratives  
Places – People - Stories



## Community Regeneration and Heritage

- Acknowledgement: The need to step out of the dominant narrative
- Mutual understanding: Acknowledgment of all groups sets a platform for a genuine dialogue
- Interpretation: The possibility to share the narratives (having a space to tell and listen = to live, to understand by doing, to be in situation, to walk in the tracks of the others) is essential
- Transmitting: With the consideration of human settlements as places of transformation, and the people's right and active role in remaking their culture and heritage, communities constantly regenerate themselves.



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 **Faro Convention Network**

