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

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**DRAFT MEETING REPORT<sup>1</sup>**

**22-23 November 2016  
Council of Europe, Agora, Strasbourg  
Room G05**

**1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair**

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr Kimmo Aulake, who welcomed the participants whose list appears at appendix I. The Bureau noted the resignation of Ms Julia Dao – whom it thanked for her contribution to the work of the Committee – and the need for a fresh election at the next CDCPP meeting.

The Chair also informed the Bureau of his participation in a recent meeting of the Rapporteur Group on Culture of the Committee of Meeting. His speech was made available to all members.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda (see Appendix II) was adopted with the addition of two items under “any other business” namely: Proposal by the Italian Delegation to the Council of the European Union, and Recent developments in the Secretariat of the Council of Europe.

**3. General questions**

**3.1 State of implementation of the work programme and calendar of meetings in 2016**

The Bureau took note of the information contained in document CDCPP-Bu(2016)15 and once again thanked the Secretariat for its structure and completeness. Noting the abundance and variety of the activities, the Bureau wished that the document could also

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<sup>1</sup> Prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Chair.

promote a reflection on the impact and effectiveness of these actions in and for member States. It stressed how important it is for the Council of Europe today not to lose sight of the fundamental relationship culture entertains with democracy and the importance for the CDCPP's work to that end.

It noted that no further work on Art exhibitions is undertaken at this stage – following the CDCPP's approval of a new concept for them. The Bureau suggested possible links with the Platform on Culture and Digitization. It wished the future programme of activities and budget to remain open to the possibility of future exhibitions.

The Bureau was informed of the state of play as regards the new convention on offences relating to cultural property.

With regard to its task of overseeing the implementation of existing conventions in its domain of responsibilities, the Bureau agreed to launch a thorough survey of the reception of the Valletta convention (archaeological heritage) in member states.

It finally appointed, as per CDCPP's decision, Ms Giuliana De Francesco and Mr Andrei Chistol as co-rapporteurs on gender issues.

### **3.2 Committee of Ministers' decisions concerning the CDCPP**

The Bureau noted the information contained in document CDCPP-Bu(2016)16. Having regard to the usefulness of strengthening the ties with the Committee of Ministers, as witnessed by the Chairs presentation before the GR-C, the Bureau urged all CDCPP members, especially when meeting in Strasbourg, to visit or otherwise stay in contact with their Permanent representations.

## **4. Fields of activities of the CDCPP**

### **4.1 Culture**

#### *Indicator Framework on Culture and Democracy (IFCD)*

The Bureau noted the successful launch of the Indicator Framework on Culture and Democracy in follow-up to the decisions by the 2013 Ministerial Conference on Culture and endorsed the work accomplishments.

It underlined the political importance of the IFCD and suggested its full implementation including its interactive online tool as well as active engagement by member states with the project. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to keep the IFCD alive and growing through appropriate partnerships and agreements. It regretted that the IFCD would not be subject of a Joint Project with the European Commission and welcomed the European Cultural Foundation's support in form of a promotional strategy.

## *Compendium of Cultural Policies*

The Bureau noted the progress made on developing a new financing and management model for the Compendium. It agreed to send a letter inviting member States, through their CDCPP members, to explore their member State's wish to join the Consortium and indicate what type of institutions they could work with. The Bureau assisted with the final drafting of the letter and appointed the Chair of the CDCPPP to take part in the first Consortium Stakeholders meeting being held in conjunction with an authors' meeting in late March 2017 in Nicosia, in the framework of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

### *2016 Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation*

The Secretariat reported on the successful holding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation on 29-30 September 2016 and presented a short film produced on the event. The Bureau thanked the Estonian authorities for hosting the Platform Exchange in the framework of the Estonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It underlined the importance of the Council of Europe's work on culture and digitisation, including issues of Big Data and transparency. The Bureau agreed to set up a working party entrusted with drawing up possible policy guidelines based on the Tallinn event and requested the Secretariat to further investigate the interest for and possibilities of a Council of Europe Charter on the Internet of Citizens.

## **4.2 Heritage**

### *Strategy for European Heritage in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

The Secretariat explained that Strategy 21 should be adopted by the Committee of Ministers by the end of 2016 / beginning of 2017. There will be a launching event in Nicosia in early 2017 in the framework of the Cyprus chairmanship.

The Bureau discussed the implementation of Strategy 21, agreeing that there was a need for coherence and meaningful synergies between all the cultural heritage activities and tools, in particular the envisaged "platform of actors" and the existing network of HEREIN correspondents. It agreed that the work on the modalities of an evaluation procedure would start soon with a view to presenting proposals to the next CDCPP meeting.

### *Faro Action Plan*

The Bureau heard a presentation on the Faro Action Plan 2016-17 and noted with satisfaction that the plan and the activities therein are clearly gaining momentum. It encouraged the Secretariat to continue promoting the different types of activities mentioned in the Plan, paying particular attention to the development of the "Faro community". It also stressed the need to develop synergies between Faro and Strategy 21 initiatives.

It also noted the support of the Republic of Moldova who offered to host a Faro event next year.

## *HEREIN*

The Bureau was briefed about the progress made with regard to the evaluation of the Herein system. A first draft report by the consultant – based on the outputs of the online questionnaire and of direct interviews – should be ready by the end of the year. The Bureau could have a preliminary discussion on the outcomes of the evaluation at its next meeting.

### *European Heritage Days*

The Bureau took note of the comprehensive information provided by the Secretariat and thanked it for the excellent work in 2016. The EHD Strategy 2017-2020 is clearly marking the importance and influence of participatory approach to heritage in all 50 members and participating States.

Synergies with Faro Action Plan, HEREIN and European Landscape Convention were of particular interest and should be sought.

The Bureau will expect an updated report at the next meeting.

## **4.3 Landscape**

### *18<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops*

The Bureau took note of the information concerning the Meeting and its results. It was of the opinion that greater synergies should be sought – see also next item on the agenda – between the “landscape” and “cultural heritage” areas of work, having regard to the scope and relevance of such tools as HEREIN, the European Heritage Days and the Faro Action Plan.

### *Working Group on “Landscape and Democracy”*

The Bureau also took note of the progress made within the Working Group on Landscape and democracy and agreed to examine at its next meeting the draft recommendations currently under preparation, before they are submitted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Landscape Convention (23-24 March 2017).

The Bureau stressed the importance of this work and the need to ensure that landscape activities mainstream with the overarching objective of the Organisation, namely the consolidation of an effective political democracy and the human rights in a pluralist society.

### *Information System of the European Landscape Convention*

The Bureau noted the progress made with regard to the development of the system and agreed that the Secretariat would urge all national representatives who haven't done so yet to complete and validate the online questionnaire by the end of 2016.

*5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award*

The Bureau noted the invitation to the Parties to the Convention to submit applications to the Secretariat not later than 30 January 2017 with a view to completing the selection procedure by June 2017.

**5. Information concerning other bodies of the Council of Europe and Partial Agreements**

The Bureau noted the information provided in document CDCPP-Bu(2016)26. It was particularly pleased to see that Canada will shortly be invited to become a member of EURIMAGES.

**6. Any other business**

Ms Giuliana De Francesco introduced the proposal submitted by the Italian delegation to the Council of the European Union (cultural affairs) on "culture and crisis". She recalled the official standpoint of her delegation according to which action (and resources) invested in combating extremism and terrorism should be matched by equivalent action and funds spent on culture. The Italian proposal was well received by EU member States' delegations.

The secretariat informed the Bureau that as from 1 January 2017 the three divisions (Culture, Heritage and Landscape) that support CDCPP's work currently belonging to the Democratic Governance and Institutions Department will move to the Democratic Initiatives Department (three divisions of which will also move into the opposite direction). These changes were meant to provide more coherence to the Departments and foster synergies. There will also be some changes in staff.

The Bureau thanked its current secretariat for the work done and bid farewell to those staff members that would be leaving the sector. It also expressed its deep conviction that work in the new administrative environment will continue to be as effective and pleasant as it was so far.

**7. Dates of the next meetings**

The next meeting of the Bureau will take place on 7-8 March 2017.

**8. Closing of the meeting**

The chair closed the meeting thanking all participants for their valuable contribution.

## APPENDIX I

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**APPENDIX II****AGENDA**

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- 4. Fields of activities of the CDCPP**
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    - Culture and Democracy Framework Indicators – Follow up to the Launch event, Brussels, 14 October 2016 [CDCPP-Bu(2016)17]
    - Compendium of cultural policies – Follow up to the donors' meeting, Strasbourg, 4 November 2016 [CDCPP-Bu(2016)18]
    - Council of Europe exchange platform on the impact of digitization on culture – Follow up to the 2016 meeting, Tallinn, 29-30 September 2016 [CDCPP-Bu(2016)19]
  - 4.2 *Heritage*
    - Implementation of the Strategy 21 following the adoption by the Committees of Ministers of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)... [CDCPP-Bu(2016)20]
    - Faro Action Plan – State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)21]
    - HEREIN – State of implementation
    - European Heritage Days - Presentation
  - 4.3 *Landscape*
    - 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on "National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities", Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2016 – Presentation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)22]
    - Report of the Working Group on the European Landscape Convention "Landscape and Democracy", 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, Paris, Council of Europe Office, 18-19 October 2016 – Presentation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)23]
    - Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6) – State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)24]
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe – State of implementation [CDCPP-Bu(2016)25]



- 5. Information concerning other bodies of the Council of Europe and Partial Agreements**
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