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

**WORKING GROUP ON
POLICY GUIDELINES FOR AN INTEGRATED
CULTURE, NATURE AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT**

For information

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Introduction

At its plenary session of 18 June 2021, the CDCPP welcomed the proposal from the Bureau – building on previous exchanges of the Committee in autumn 2020 – to prepare a set of guidelines for inspired policy making by governments, towards an integrated culture, nature and landscape management, based on the Council of Europe's human rights approach and the Conventions in the sector.

The CDCPP delegates were invited to contact the Secretariat to express their interest in being involved in a working group to draft such guidelines.¹ The input and composition of the group appear in Appendix I.

Progress

At the first meeting of the Working Group on 28 October, members discussed the overall approach² suggested by the lead expert and CDCPP Vice-Chair, Mr Terje Birkrem Hovland, which would be as follows:

"Based on the key principles derived from the various Conventions, suggest a tool-box of concrete actions/tools for inclusive policy making that can be used (as appropriate) at national, regional or local level to strengthen the inseparable links between people, culture and nature and to better protect and expand cultural, natural and landscape diversity."

The Working Group examined a first tentative outline for the Guidelines/Policy guidance tool consisting of relevant main headings and related actions/tools and their best grouping and presentation:

1. Introduction – Global challenges and the need for new and stronger coordinated policies;
2. The Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach and the Council of Europe's Conventions in the field of culture, nature and landscape;
3. A "tool-box" with a number of relevant actions/tools that can be used at national, regional or local level, as appropriate, to strengthen the inseparable links between people, culture and nature and to better protect and expand cultural, natural and landscape diversity.

The Working Group also identified any missing topics and exchanged on the use of terms.

Next steps

Following a presentation of the process and the tentative outline to the CDCPP Bureau on 3-4 November, the CDCPP plenary on 8-9 December will hold a first exchange on the outline of the policy guidelines for an integrated culture, nature and landscape management.

In addition, the Bureau of the Bern Convention will be consulted on the occasion of their plenary session of 29 November-3 December.³ Furthermore, Mr Karlo Amirgulashvili, member of the Bureau of the Bern Convention, is also a member of the working group.

A series of working group meetings/workshops in winter 2021 and spring 2022 should lead to the finalisation of the policy guidelines in the course of the year, including with the help of written consultations as appropriate and the possible adoption of the guidelines at the 2022 autumn plenary session of the CDCPP.

Action required:

- The CDCPP is invited to take note of the approach taken in the preparation and outline of policy guidelines for an integrated culture, nature and landscape management, as presented in Appendices I and II of this document;
- Interested delegates are invited to inform the Secretariat of their readiness to participate in meetings of the working group.

¹ At the meeting of 18 June and also by e-mail of 1 July.

² See also Appendix II.

³ This follows a first consultation with the Bureau of the Bern Convention on 15 September.

APPENDIX I

WORKING GROUP – INPUT AND COMPOSITION

Policy Guidelines for an integrated culture, nature and landscape management (based on the Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach and the Conventions in the sector).

Preparation of a draft text:

26 August - first outline by the lead expert and input by the Secretariat.

1 September - revised version shared with CoE Heads of Division from the Culture, Nature and Heritage Department.

2 September - first internal meeting of Heads of Division with the lead expert.

8 September - revised outline text by lead expert and input by the Secretariat, shared with colleagues including from the Bern Convention.

15 September - presentation at the Bern Bureau meeting by lead expert/Secretariat; further refined with CDCPP Bureau members and designated Bern member in September.

23 September - discussion at a CDCPP Bureau meeting.

28 October - first meeting of the Working Group.

3-4 November - draft text to the Bureau for review.

The Bureau of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention was also informed of this cross-sectoral activity by its Bureau member, Mr Karlo Amirgulashvili. The CDCPP Bureau and Secretariat will keep the Standing Committee informed of developments in 2022.


Workshops/Meetings of the working group could be organised in the winter/spring of next year.

A final draft text could be envisaged during the course of early 2022/spring, with a final version ready for adoption next autumn.

Name	Member State	Comments
Terje Birkrem Hovland	Norway	Lead expert and CDCPP Vice-Chair
Flora Van Regteren Altena	Netherlands	CDCPP Chair
Karlo Amirgulashvili	Georgia	Bureau member of the Bern Convention
Vera Ameels	Belgium (Flanders)	Experts proposed by Serge Defresne (CDCPP delegate, Belgium)
Ulla Salmela	Finland	Bureau member, CDCPP
Orane Proisy	France	Bureau member, CDCPP
Krisztina Kincses	Hungary	Bureau member, CDCPP
Solange Michel	Switzerland	Bureau member, CDCPP
Nuran Pilehvarian	Turkey	Bureau member, CDCPP
Claire Giraud-Labelle ENCATC member	Observer to the CDCPP	Will be invited to participate after the CDCPP plenary session in December 2021


APPENDIX II

PowerPoint presentation from the Working Group meeting on 28 October 2021

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Policy guidelines for an integrated culture, nature and landscape management


WG-meeting
28. October 2021



Background and assignment


- 2021 report by the Secretary General:
 - Developing an integrated culture, nature and landscape strategy based on the Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach
- Overall objective:
 - Strengthening the inseparable links between people, culture and nature and their important contribution to sustainable development based on the Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach and the Council of Europe's Conventions in the field of culture, nature and landscape.
- Output:
 - a set of guidelines for an integrated culture, nature and landscape management based on the CoE conventions.
- Outcome:
 - the member states are equipped with a set of guidelines for inclusive policy making by governments to protect and expand cultural, natural and landscape diversity, which is vital for sustainable development.



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Relevant Conventions

European Cultural Convention (1954)
 Bern Convention (1979)
 Granada Convention (1985)
 Valletta Convention (1992)
 Florence Convention (2000)
 Faro Convention (2005)
 Nicosia Convention (2017)

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Rock art in Vinjæn Landscape protection area.
 Photo: Arve Kjærheim, Riksantikvaren

Approach

Based on the key principles derived from the various Conventions, suggest a toolbox of concrete actions/tools for inclusive policy making that can be used (as appropriate) at national, regional or local level to strengthen the inseparable links between people, culture and nature and to better protect and expand cultural, natural and landscape diversity.

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A tentative outline/structure

1. Introduction – Global challenges and the need for new and stronger coordinated policies
2. CoE – the Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach and the Council of Europe's Conventions in the field of culture, nature and landscape
3. A "Tool-box"



Thank you

