



STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDCPP)

CDCPP-Bu(2015)13

Strasbourg, 18 March 2015

7th meeting of the Bureau

16 March 2015: 14h00-17h30

17 March 2015: 9h00-12h30; 14h00-17h30

**Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe, Room 14**

MEETING REPORT

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

Mr Bruno Favel, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), opened the 7th Bureau meeting and welcomed the members of the Bureau (see Appendix 1). He expressed his deep regrets about the conflicts currently taking place at the borders of Europe and within Europe, and deplored the terrible destruction of the Mesopotamian cultural heritage. He stressed how important it was for the Council of Europe to promote the values of culture, heritage and landscape in the priorities of the Council of Europe. He underlined the importance of the CDCPP's main lines of work in the field of culture, cultural heritage and landscape, and the need to strengthen cooperation with the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe. The Chair also mentioned the value of his presentation on the CDCPP's work to the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C) on 17 March, and invited the members of the Bureau to join their respective Permanent Representations' delegations on this occasion.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

[CDCPP-Bu (2015)1 Rev.]

The Bureau adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix 2 to this Report.

3. GENERAL ISSUES

3.1 State of implementation of the Programme of Activities and calendar of meetings in 2015

[CDCPP-Bu(2015)2]

The Bureau reviewed the state of implementation of its Work programme, deciding to return to the items of discussion during the meeting.

3.2 Review of the Council of Europe's conventions

[CDCPP-Bu(2015)3]

The Secretariat reported that 11 member States had already replied to the questionnaire "Review of the Council of Europe's conventions under the responsibility of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)".

The Bureau asked the Secretariat to remind the members of the CDCPP who have not yet replied to the questionnaire, to send the Secretariat the completed questionnaire before 15 April 2015.

3.3 Consideration of the CDCPP's work by the Committee of Ministers

[CDCPP-Bu (2015)4]

The Bureau took note of the information in the document, and expressed the wish that meetings be held with members of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe and with the Parliamentary Assembly, with a view to promoting more systematic cooperation.

3.4 Preparation of the CDCPP's 4th Plenary Session (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 1-3 June 2015)

[CDCPP-Bu (2015)5]

The Bureau held an exchange of views on the agenda of the 4th plenary session of the CDCPP in June, and adopted the draft document as presented, with the addition of four items, namely:

- European Heritage Days;
- the protection of cultural heritage in conflict situations;
- the European Landscape Convention Award;
- a debate on the usefulness of identifying cross-cutting actions to promote inclusive societies.

4. FIELDS OF ACTIVITY OF THE COMMITTEE

4.1 Culture

i) Presentation of activities in the field of culture

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The Bureau:

- welcomed the promising results in the development of the indicator framework on culture and democracy (IFCD) as well as the forthcoming co-operation with the European Cultural Foundation, the ERSTE Foundation and the European Union on this project; expressed the wish that a IFCD launching conference be organised at the end of 2015, and that the project be promoted within the member States; asked the Secretariat to ensure synergies with the current Council of Europe work on inclusive societies;
- endorsed fund-raising initiatives for the Compendium information system, including a call for sponsorship by private sector actors, foundations and public institutions on the website; and thanked France, Finland, Switzerland and Croatia for their voluntary contributions to the project;
- noted the progress made regarding the revision of the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production, and the fact that the conclusion of technical works would be finalised at the Conference of Parties to the Convention on 30-31 March 2015, with a view to presenting it to the CDCPP's plenary session in June 2015. The CDCPP would be invited to decide on the presentation of the draft revised convention to the Committee of Ministers;
- noted the holding of a Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation organised in the framework of the 2015 Ars Electronica Festival in September 2015 in Linz, Austria.

ii) Draft Recommendation on the internet of citizens

[CDCPP(2015)11]

The Bureau examined the Preliminary draft Recommendation of the Council of Europe on the Internet of Citizens and asked the Secretariat:

- to proceed with a written consultation of the CDCPP Bureau members (who would be invited to send their comments to the Secretariat within two weeks of receiving the request);
- to submit the revised version based on these comments to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE) for their comments;
- to present the revised version based on the comments to the members of the CDCPP at the plenary session in June 2015; the CDCPP would be invited to decide on the presentation of the draft recommendation to the Committee of Ministers.

4.2 Heritage

i) Oral presentation of the Secretariat regarding the activities in the field of heritage

The Bureau took note of the latest developments regarding the activities under the CDCPP's work programme on heritage and welcomed the progress made. In particular it:

- welcomed the progress made in the HEREIN information system;
- requested the continuation and completion in a timely manner of the activities of the Working Group on technical assistance, expressing the desire to receive the report before the end of 2015.
- welcomed the holding of the European Heritage Days in the member States of the Council of Europe.

**ii) Preparation of the Ministerial Conference on Heritage
Namur, Belgium, 22-24 April 2015**

[CDCPP-Bu(2015)7]

The Bureau:

- discussed the state of preparation of the Ministerial Conference on cultural heritage, the theme of which would be *“Cultural heritage in the 21st century for better living together. Towards a common strategy for Europe”*, to be held in Namur on 22-24 April 2015;
- made comments on the draft final document drawn up by the Secretariat on the basis of the text proposed by Belgium;
- requested a revised version, in accordance with the following procedure:
 - Belgium would send a revised version to the Bureau members and to the Secretariat on 18 March 2015;
 - the Bureau members would be invited to make comments by 23 March 2015;
 - Belgium, with the help of a group of experts, would finalise the draft document on 24 March in Brussels in the presence of the Council of Europe Secretariat;
 - the Secretariat would circulate this text as from 26 March to the CDCPP members for possible comments, with a response deadline of 7 April 2015;
 - the Secretariat would send out a revised version in the light of the aforementioned comments in order to present it to the GR-C on 16 April 2015.
- noted that the members of the Bureau of the CDCPP would be informed and consulted throughout the process.

iii) Discussion on the protection of cultural heritage in conflict situations

The Bureau expressed its deep regret about the conflicts currently taking place at the borders of Europe and within Europe, and in particular deplored the terrible destruction of the Mesopotamian cultural heritage.

4.3 Landscape

The Bureau took note of the latest developments regarding the activities under the CDCPP's work programme on landscape, in particular:

- the holding of the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention organised under the auspices of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 18-20 March 2015 at the Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe Strasbourg;
- the documents that would be presented on this occasion;
- the fact that the conclusions of the Conference would be presented to the CDCPP's 4th Plenary Session (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 1-3 June 2015).

The Bureau warmly thanked the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia for organising, in co-operation with the Council of Europe, the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *“National Landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”* in Yerevan, Armenia in 2016.

5. INFORMATION ON OTHER COUNCIL OF EUROPE BODIES AND THE WORK OF PARTIAL AGREEMENTS [CDCPP-Bu(2015)9]

The Bureau:

- took note of the information regarding the other Council of Europe bodies and the work of Partial agreements, in particular that of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes (EPA), and expressed the wish that its representatives participate in the CDCPP meeting in June 2015;
- reiterated its invitation to the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe to attend the next meeting of the CDCPP in June 2015;
- expressed the wish that the activities of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes be presented during the meeting.

6. PROPOSALS FROM THE BUREAU MEMBERS CONCERNING ACTIVITIES IN 2016-2017 [CDCPP-Bu (2015)10]

The Bureau held an exchange of views on the preparation of the Work Programme for 2016-2017 and expressed the wish:

- that a reflection document be drawn up on future CDCPP work, with a view to ensuring a greater integration of the three components of the CDCPP, taking into account the wishes and demands of the Committee of Ministers for innovative projects supported by the Council of Europe;
- for increased cooperation with the education sector.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Bureau:

- warmly thanked Mrs Maria José Festas, former Bureau member and participating in the meeting in her capacity as expert representing the theme of landscape, for the remarkable role she had played over the years in the CDCPP.

8. DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

The Bureau took note of the following meetings:

- the 4th plenary session of the CDCPP on 1-3 June 2015;
- the 8th CDCPP Bureau meeting in November 2015.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Bureau adopted the meeting report.

10. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Chair of the Committee thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

APPENDIX I

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