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MEETING REPORT

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Introduction

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) was held in Strasbourg from 27 to 28 November 2012 with Ms Deiana DANAILOVA (Bulgaria) in the chair. All members of the Bureau took part in the meeting.
2. The Bureau of the CDCPP adopted the agenda.
3. The members of the CDCPP took note of the update on developments since the first Bureau meeting (Paris, 20-21 September 2012) by the Director of Democratic Governance, Culture and Diversity Directorate, Ms Claudia LUCIANI. The chair thanked the Director for introducing possible flagship projects in the area of democracy (Charter on Democracy, Diversity, Non participation index) and for announcing forthcoming restructuring in two departments within the Secretariat; one Division would interact with the CDCPP, all its activities, conventions, carry out awareness raising, etc. The Secretariat will communicate the new initiatives and structures as soon as they will be validated.

Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture

4. On 26 November 2012 the Conference Task Force met for the second time to prepare the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture on “Governance of culture – promoting access to culture”, Moscow, 15-16 April 2013. The Task Force has suggested carrying out a short on-line survey addressed to the ministries of Culture in order to enhance evidence for the Conference. Background documents related to the Conference theme will be commissioned, to be ready by end of December 2012. The Bureau members suggested that in addition a short concept note should be prepared and sent to the Ministers together with the invitation letters, which should be sent out in a few days’ time.
5. The Bureau took note of the progress made in the planning of this Conference, exchanged on its draft concept note, the first draft agenda and programme and on formal next steps. The CDCPP will continue to be included in the consultation process. The next meeting of the Conference Task Force will take place on 25 January 2013 in Paris.

Gender equality rapporteur: terms of reference and roadmap to implementation

6. According to its Terms of Reference the CDCPP is required, like all intergovernmental committees, to appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members. At its 1st meeting (Strasbourg, 14-16 May 2012), the CDCPP appointed Brigitte MYLE as Gender Equality Rapporteur. The Gender Equality Rapporteur has reported on a training session organised by the Gender Equality Commission for the appointed Gender Equality

Rapporteurs and the Secretaries to the Steering Committees (Strasbourg, 16 November 2012).

7. Ms Anne-Marie FARADJI, member of the Secretariat of the Gender Equality Division, has introduced the transversal programme on Gender Equality.
8. The members of the Bureau of the CDCPP exchanged on what the implementation of the Committee of Ministers declaration "Making gender equality a reality" might entail for the CDCPP's work programme and what role the Rapporteur could perform in that context. Gender equality is not about quota, but requires a change of mentalities. The Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe was quoted as a unique resource on Gender equality and cultural policies. A gender balance will also be required for the speakers at the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture.
9. The Bureau instructed the Gender Rapporteur to examine the CDCPP's work programme and present at the next CDCPP Plenary Session her views on how to best include a gender dimension in the implementation of the CDCPP's activities.

Future work in the area covered by the Steering Committee on Culture, Heritage and Landscape

10. The chair welcomed the well structured and short draft Strategy Paper, prepared by the Secretariat.
11. The members of the Bureau exchanged on the draft Strategy Paper on the CDCPP work and working methods - 2013 onwards. The Director welcomed that the Bureau accepted the challenge of new projects to be carried out within the Directorate.
12. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to endorse the approach taken and to further elaborate on this draft document within two weeks' time, thus developing its strategic side and illustrating the added value for work of the Council of Europe and of the CDCPP, through a vision/mission, departing from democracy as the common denominator of all activities and putting forward the main priorities. The Strategy Paper ought to reflect these common views: culture, heritage and landscape are part of our environment, contributing to the quality of everyone's life. Access and participation, sustainable development, involvement of civil society are key to that. Once the new fledged projects in the area of democracy will be known (by the end of January 2013), the next bi-annual budget and programme of activities (2014-2015) will be drafted.
13. The Bureau will hold another exchange and finalise the Strategy Paper before its next Bureau meeting (early February). The Strategy Paper will then be submitted for discussion to CDCPP delegates and for final discussion at the CDCPP's Plenary Session in spring 2013. This will enable the Secretariat to prepare Draft Terms of Reference for the CDCPP covering the period 2014-2015 in light of Council of Europe developments and strategic requirements.

Activities supervised by the CDCPP in 2012-2013

14. The Secretariat introduced the activities carried out in Heritage, Landscape and Culture and updated the Bureau on progress made since the last Bureau meeting (September 2012). Mr Bruno FAVEL, member of the CDCPP, presented the HEREIN project. The members of the Bureau took note of the update on the activities and asked the Secretariat to complete the information document on the activities supervised by the CDCPP in 2012-2013.
15. Many projects are carried out in partnership with the European Union as Joint Projects. An exchange of views took place on how to exploit further the potential and to set up synergies between the Council of Europe and the European Union, also in view of their 2020 strategy. In terms of visibility, it will be crucial to underline the specificity of the work carried out by the Council of Europe, complementing work undertaken by the European Union and UNESCO.
16. The members of the Bureau suggested to establish stronger links with the INGO Conference and to bring together in this context experts on topical issues.

Preparation of the Plenary Session of the CDCPP

17. A three day session is scheduled for the 2nd CDCPP meeting to take place in spring 2013. The Bureau was invited to come up with a date for the next Plenary Session and hold an exchange of views on the organisation of the first or third day of the meeting, taking up the results of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture. CultureWatchEurope has offered preparatory work for this Conference and could be involved in its follow up. On the agenda of the next Bureau meeting will figure an exchange on the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture, strategic discussions, as well as the concrete planning of the one day thematic Conference preceding or following the next CDCPP Plenary Session.

Evaluation

18. According to its terms of reference, the CDCPP will be evaluated, like all intergovernmental committees, at the end of 2013. The Secretariat will soon receive a Memorandum and instructions for all Steering Committees on the evaluation exercise and will then pass on this information to the CDCPP delegates.

Date and place of the next Bureau and CDCPP Plenary Session meetings

19. The Bureau decided to hold its third meeting during the week 4-8 February 2013. The next Plenary Session of the CDCPP will take place from 27-29 May 2013.