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ON THE VALUE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR SOCIETY

FARO MEETINGS 2016

Venice Meeting on the value of heritage for society -
The time for Faro

22-23 September 2016

Venice, Italy

THE FARO ACTION PLAN 2016-17



The Faro Action Plan 2016-17 is designed to translate the Faro Convention principles into practice. It provides field based knowledge and expertise for member States to better understand the potential of the Convention. It helps the Secretariat to highlight and study specific cases in line with the political priorities of the Organisation, offers a platform for analysis and recommendations for further steps, and encourages member States to sign and ratify the Convention. It focuses on the following priorities:

Faro promotion

Promotion of the Faro Convention can take place at community, national and international levels through **Faro talks**, **Faro meetings** and **Faro labs**.

Faro talks are presentations of good practices, inspirational talks at high political level as well as local level (in person and multimedia) to introduce the spirit of Faro.

Faro meetings – at the invitation of a country, these are stakeholders meeting to introduce the Convention, its principles and possible actions for implementation.

Faro labs are a series of events organised in relation to specific aspects of the Convention in order to exhibit, analyse and reflect on Faro principles and criteria.

Member states can contact the Secretariat for assistance in promoting the Convention.

Faro Community

The Faro Community consists of groups of practitioners and facilitators of community-based actions in towns and territories in the Council of Europe member States who go through a process of valuing their local heritage assets in line with the principles of the Faro Convention. The Faro Community is made up of a growing number of “local communities” participating in a dynamic pan-European network, offering extensive knowledge, expertise and tools, within a framework for constructive dialogue and cooperation.

Faro in action

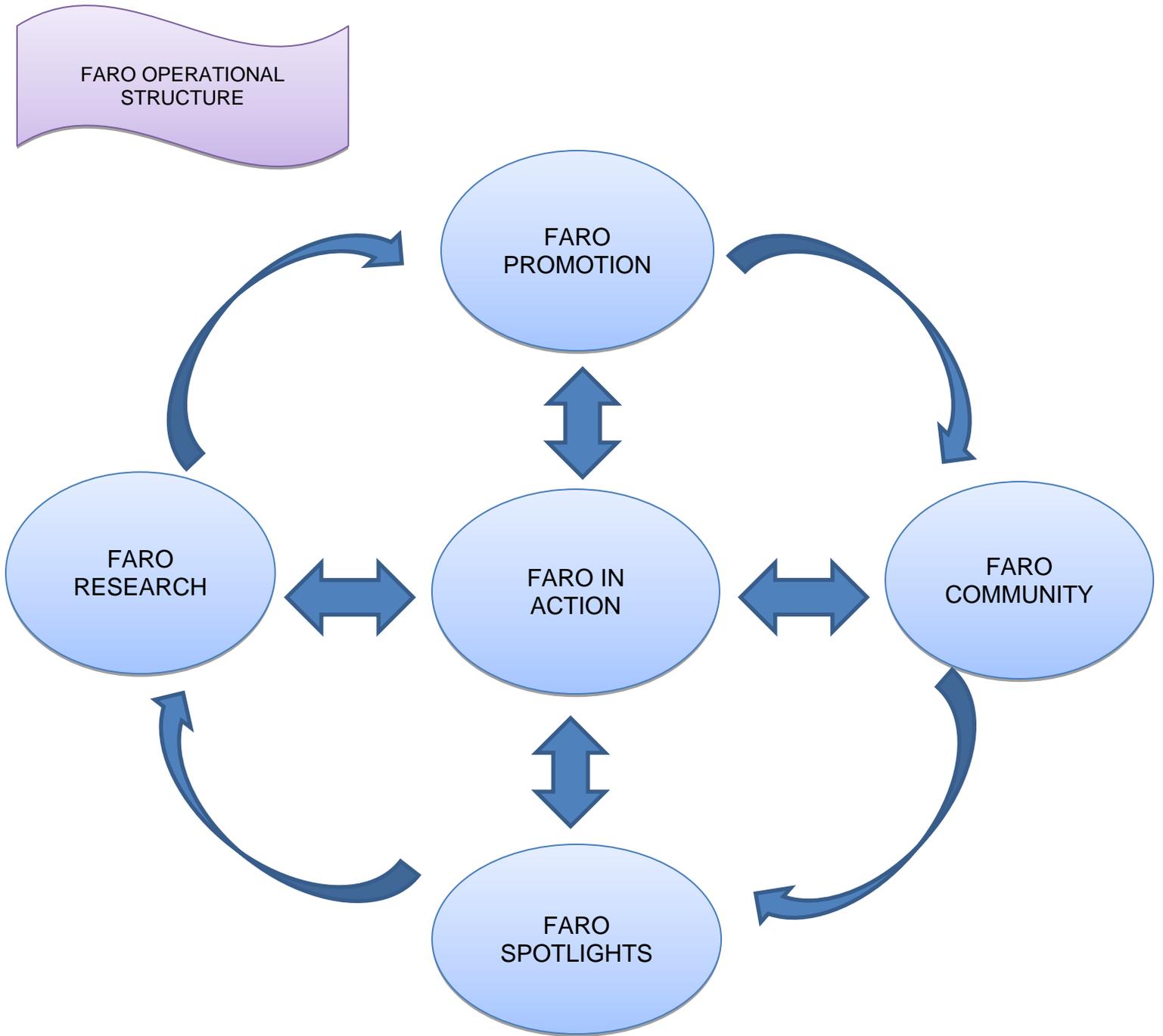
Faro in action is an active learning platform where the Faro Community builds on its good practices, and generates dynamic dialogue among practitioners, facilitators and heritage actors. Through ongoing action-process-reflection, the Convention keeps its dynamic elements of redefining its principles and contributing to a better understanding of the Faro spirit and its implications at local, national and international levels.

Faro research

The Faro Convention is open to interpretation, as its principles and criteria call for periodic review as the Faro Community expands. Consequently, its implementation should be flexible and creative, inspiring new initiatives to demonstrate the role of heritage in addressing societal challenges. This requires an extended network of civil society involvement and academic study to be able to assess the progress and impact of the Faro Action Plan, as well as making sound recommendations. In this capacity, the Secretariat welcomes partnerships with civil society organisations and academia in order to study various aspects of the Faro Action Plan, produce research papers, articles and documentaries, and provoke further discussion in the field of heritage.

Faro spotlights

Faro spotlights focus on specific actions in line with the political priorities of the Organisation, putting these priorities in the spotlight through projects. These actions actively investigate the possible role of heritage in addressing societal challenges. Every year, the Secretariat identifies specific areas and practices in order to analyse and make subsequent recommendations to promote these actions in the member States. In 2016, the spotlight is on Roma communities, migrant communities and Jewish heritage.



The operational structure is conceived with a logical order of promotion of the Faro Convention and Action at local, national and international level, encouraging civil society based initiatives (heritage communities) to work with the Faro Community members. Through this process, local community initiatives align themselves with the Faro principles, gradually becoming part of the Faro Community. The Secretariat, through lessons learnt, focuses on some of the actions in line with the political priorities of the Organisation, putting them in the spotlight through projects. All the efforts are documented and studied to understand the impact of the work done, offering recommendations for further actions, and feeding into the promotion of the Convention. Faro in Action, symbolically located in the centre plays the crucial role of learning platform, offering knowledge, examples and expertise that are utilized by all aspects of the Faro Action Plan.