



# Why?

- Statute
- Armed conflicts violate CoE aims
- Conflict prevention and resolution



## How?

- Legal instruments
- Good practices



# Legal instruments

Statute:

“ ... the pursuit of peace based upon justice and international co-operation is vital for the preservation of human society and civilisation”



# European Cultural Convention

## Article 5

“Each Contracting Party shall regard the objects of European cultural value placed under its control as integral parts of the common cultural heritage of Europe, shall take appropriate measures to safeguard them and shall ensure reasonable access thereto”



## **Subsequent conventions**

- European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1970)
- European Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property (1985)
- Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (1987 revised in 1995)
- Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (2011)



## On-going work

Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property → replaces Convention 119



## Guiding principles

- Heritage as a tool for conflict prevention
- Heritage as a factor towards conflict resolution
- Heritage as an element in reconstruction and post-conflict development (physical, social, moral)



## **Kosovo\***

### Reconstruction Implementation Commission for Serbian Orthodox Religious sites

- Reconstruction of 34 religious sites destroyed during the conflict
- Representatives from Ministries of culture in Belgrade and Pristina, the Serbian Orthodox Church, EU, UNMIK and the CoE

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# Support for cultural diversity in Kosovo\*

Follow-up to previous project with greater focus on local ownership

- Capacity development
- Education and public awareness
- Local economic development
- Community well-being

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## **South Eastern Europe**

Regional programme on Cultural and Natural heritage

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Kosovo\*

Based on a transnational approach to address the post-conflict challenges



# Georgia

"Post-Conflict Actions for the Social and Economic Revitalisation of the Communities and the Cultural Environment in the Municipality of Gori" (PIAG)

→ To facilitate fund raising for renovation of villages after the 2008 conflict



## Outcomes of PIAG

- Guidelines for the Repair and Reconstruction
- Rehabilitation of Nikozi Monastery and Nikozi Village.
- Gori Regional Development Plan
- Help to restore inter-community social links.



# Abkhazia

- Heritage documentation
- Core data index to historic buildings and monument of the architectural heritage
- To gain a comprehensive picture of the heritage situation
- To transfer expertise to Abkhaz professionals.



## What has been done so far?

- Adaptation of the standard “core data sheet” to the specific situation in Abkhazia
- Preparation of the “pilot phase” (Gudauta)
- Implementation of the pilot phase



## How to find out more?

More detailed information can be found on the Council of Europe website.

Below you can find some useful links:

RIC : [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kosovo/RIC\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kosovo/RIC_en.asp)

PCDK: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kosovo/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kosovo/default_en.asp)

Regional Programme: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/SEE/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/SEE/default_en.asp)

IRRP/SAAH: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/SEE/IRPPSAAH/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/SEE/IRPPSAAH/default_en.asp)

PIAG/Georgia: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/PIAG/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/PIAG/default_en.asp)

Faro Convention: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Identities/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Identities/default_en.asp)



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