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

LIST OF DECISIONS

Secretariat Memorandum
prepared by the
Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation
Culture, Nature and Heritage Department

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mr Kimmo Aulake (Finland), who welcomed the participants to the meeting (see Appendix I).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda, as it appears in Appendix II.

3. General questions

3.1 Committee of Ministers' decisions concerning the 2018-19 Programme and Budget and the work of the CDCPP

Mr Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of the Culture, Nature and Heritage Department, provided information about recent Committee of Ministers' decisions that would have an impact on the work of the CDCPP, leading to cuts of 37% in the heritage programme and 80% in the culture programme.

In spite of these forthcoming budget cuts, the members of the Bureau agreed that this unprecedented situation should be seen as an opportunity to re-prioritise activities and to continue developing a solid, cost-effective work programme for the next biennium 2020-21. Optimism and creativity would be key factors in achieving concrete results in order to continue promoting democracy in Europe through culture, heritage and landscape. Contacts with the Permanent Representations in Strasbourg would need to be stepped up. Continued co-operation with the EU, voluntary contributions and private partnerships could be ways to retain the Committee's relevance in the future, and to uphold the unique character of the Council of Europe.

3.2 State of implementation of the 2018-19 work programme and draft calendar of meetings for 2018

The Bureau took note of the information contained in document CDCPP-Bu(2018)1 that illustrates the CDCPP's activities in relation to its terms of reference for 2018-19.

4. Fields of activity of the CDCPP

4.1 Culture

Work programme 2018

Indicator Framework on Culture and Democracy (IFCD)

The Bureau:

- welcomed the progress made on the IFCD, including the draft 2018 thematic report on Digitisation, Culture and Democracy, and agreed to submit written comments to the Secretariat (cdcphp@coe.int) by 27 April 2018;
- agreed to work with the Secretariat in finding partnerships and sponsorship opportunities for the IFCD, and invited member States to make voluntary contributions to this innovative project;
- stressed the relevance of the IFCD for the Council of Europe's work in sustaining democracy by informing evidence-based policies in order to fully use culture's potential.

5th Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation

The Bureau:

- welcomed plans for the 5th Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation to be held on 12-13 October in Rijeka and attuned to the budgetary realities;
- underlined the pertinence of Platform Exchanges for policy makers to explore and better comprehend the impact of digitisation on culture and democracy;
- agreed to invite Gerfried Stocker (Ars Electronica expert) to the plenary meeting in June to give a short presentation on Artificial Intelligence and Culture. This subject represents not only a technical revolution, but very much a cultural and social one and therefore one to be considered by the CDCPP.

Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends Association

The Bureau:

- took note of the positive progress of the Association of the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends;
- thanked the Croatian authorities for the opportunity to organise the next Assembly of the new Association in Rijeka, Croatia, 9-11 October 2018.
- invited member States to consider joining the Association, if this is not already the case.

Cultural Policy Reviews

The Bureau:

- welcomed the development of a national cultural strategy for Albania and the forthcoming cultural policy peer review of Georgia;
- underlined the pertinence of the Council of Europe's technical assistance programme in the cultural and heritage sector, offered in the form of Policy Peer Reviews and legal advice to member States and the need to adequately fund these activities through the Ordinary Budget of the Organisation.

Draft recommendation: Culture's contribution to strengthening the Internet as an emancipatory force

The Bureau:

- examined and exchanged on the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on "Culture's contribution to strengthening the Internet as an emancipatory force";
- agreed to send written comments to the Secretariat (cdcphp@coe.int) by 4 May 2018;
- instructed the Secretariat to also consult with the relevant Council of Europe Steering Committees including, *inter alia*, the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE);
- agreed to submit the draft Recommendation subsequently to the CDCPP for examination at its plenary meeting in June 2018.

4.2 *Heritage*

Strategy 21

The Bureau:

- welcomed the substantial progress made in the follow-up to Strategy 21 and invited member States to promote the Strategy 21 website at national level and to provide good practices to the Council of Europe Secretariat on the implementation of the Strategy;
- encouraged member States to provide translations of Strategy 21.

The Faro Convention Action Plan

The Bureau:

- took note of the progress made in the implementation of the Faro Convention Action Plan and expressed its support to the activities foreseen in 2018/19;
- welcomed the agreement of a new Joint Programme with the European Union on promoting the Faro Convention in the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

HEREIN

The Bureau:

- took note of the progress made with the implementation of HEREIN activities and welcomed efforts at consolidating the project through enhanced National Reports, country profiles and use of the collaborative work space.

Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property

The Bureau:

- encouraged member States to sign and/or ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property and support efforts to promote this new instrument.

European Heritage Days (EHD)

The Bureau:

- took note of the progress made in the implementation of the European Heritage Days and expressed its support to the EHD Strategy 2017-20;
- welcomed the reinforcement of the programme in the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and beyond.

The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 (EYCH)

The Bureau:

- welcomed the celebration of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and the Council of Europe's contribution to it, including by means of Joint Programmes with the European Union in the heritage sector.

4.3. *Landscape*

1. National policies and international cooperation for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2018

The Bureau congratulated Estonia on the deposit of the instrument of approval of the European Landscape Convention on 8 February 2018.

1.1. Establishment and implementation of landscape policies of the Parties to the Convention at national, regional and local levels

The Bureau:

- took note that several national representatives have completed and validated the online questionnaire of the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention, and encouraged national Representative correspondents to update/complete and validate this questionnaire by 15 May 2018.

1.2. International co-operation for the implementation of the Convention

- a. *10th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019*

The Bureau:

- took note of the preparation of the Conference, which will be held under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- invited States that have not yet done so, to sign and/or ratify the European Landscape Convention.

- b. *Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*

The Bureau took note of the preparation of three workshops on the implementation of the Convention in Latvia, Italy and Spain.

- c. *Council of Europe National/Regional Symposiums for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*

The Bureau took note of the National Symposium in Bosnia and Herzegovina: "*Drawing landscape policies for the future*", held in Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 25-26 January 2018, and the National Symposium in Georgia: "*Interministerial Round-Table: Integration of the landscape into policies*", held in Tbilisi, Georgia, 9-10 March 2018.

1.3. Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

- a. *Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe*

5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2016-2017)

The Bureau took note of the preparation of the 20th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections*" to be held in Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018; and of the Celebration of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

b. Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

The Bureau took note of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers, on 27 September 2017, of Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe; and of the publication of the book of the European Landscape Convention on the Landscape Award Alliance.

1.4. International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

The Bureau noted that the International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe will be celebrated on 20 October 2018.

1.5. Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development

The Bureau noted the adoption of the above-mentioned Recommendation CM/Rec (2017) 7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States;

2. Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019/20

The Bureau:

- considered the Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- took note of the calendar of the plenary meetings for 2018-2019/20.

5. Information concerning other Council of Europe activities in the fields of culture, cultural heritage and landscape

The Bureau:

- noted that 2018 had already been a very successful year for the **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes**, with Finland, Turkey and the Holy See having recently joined. Ukraine had indicated that it would join in the near future.
- noted that the European Institute on Cultural Routes will celebrate its 20th anniversary on 1 June 2018;
- encouraged other member States to join the Partial Agreement.

6. Preparation of the CDCPP plenary session agenda

The Bureau examined the preliminary draft agenda and order of business and took note of the information on the forthcoming elections.

7. Any other business

The Bureau noted that in 2018 Iceland was celebrating 100 years as a free and sovereign state.

8. Dates of the next meetings

The plenary session of the CDCPP will take place from 6 to 8 June 2018. The date of the autumn Bureau meeting will be decided later by the new Chair and Bureau members.

9. Close of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting, thanking the Bureau members and Secretariat for their valuable work.

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APPENDIX II

AGENDA

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 - 4.1 *Culture*

Work programme 2018: Indicator Framework on Culture and Democracy; 5th Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation; Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends Association; Cultural Policy Reviews CDCPP-Bu(2018)2

Draft recommendation: Culture's contribution to strengthening the Internet as an emancipatory force CDCPP-Bu(2018)3

2nd thematic report on Culture and Democracy CDCPP-Bu(2018)4
 - 4.2 *Heritage*

Work programme 2018: Strategy 21; Faro Convention Action Plan; HEREIN, CoE Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property; European Heritage Days; 2018 European Cultural Heritage Year 2018 CDCPP-Bu(2018)5
 - 4.3 *Landscape*

Work programme 2018: Part 1 - National policies and international co-operation for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2018; Part 2 - Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019/20 CDCPP-Bu(2018)6
- 5. Information concerning other Council of Europe activities in the fields of culture, heritage and landscape**
- 6. Preparation of the CDCPP plenary session agenda, including elections at the 7th plenary session in June** [CDCPP(2018)OJ]
- 7. Any other business**
- 8. Dates of the next meetings**
- 9. Close of the meeting**