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STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE (CDCPP)

THEMATIC SESSION

A decade of recommendations of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers in the field of culture, heritage and landscape – legacy and prospects

For action

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Background

Since 2019, the CDCPP has systematically held **thematic debates**, following on from earlier *ad-hoc* events with expert presentations. The debates have invigorated the exchange of delegates/policy makers on subjects of common concern, and inspired follow-up works such as the preparation of Council of Europe guidance documents or recommendations of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. Thematic debates are seen as an efficient means of creating and sharing collective wisdom – demonstrating the value of the work of Steering Committees.

Previous thematic sessions are well documented on the CDCPP's website (see under "Special Files") and since 2019 have included the following topics:

- Archaeology and digital technologies – exchange of best practices with particular reference to the European Convention on the protection of the Archaeological Heritage (revised, Valletta, 1992);
- The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- AI, culture, creativity and cultural heritage;
- Climate change and sustainable development;
- Climate change and sustainable development as it relates to culture, heritage and landscape.

Choice of theme

The CDCPP oversees the Council of Europe's intergovernmental work in the field of culture, heritage and landscape, and advises the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its area of competence. It shares information on policies, exchanges best practices and develops standards relating to the three sectors. The union in 2012 of the culture, heritage and landscape sectors (the merging of CD-CULT and CD-PATEP) has turned into a resourceful transversality opportunity. The work of the CDCPP is linked to the core mandate of the Council of Europe, especially as regards the fostering of democracy, human rights and good governance.

Over the years, the Steering Committee, in its various formats, has overseen the drawing up of important culture, heritage and landscape instruments, including the following conventions:

Convention for the protection of the architectural heritage of Europe – Granada, 1985
European Convention on the protection of the archaeological heritage (revised) – Valletta, 1992
Council of Europe Landscape Convention – Florence, 2000
European Convention for the Protection of the Audiovisual Heritage – Strasbourg, 2001
Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of the Audiovisual Heritage, on the Protection of Television Productions
Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society – Faro, 2005
Council of Europe Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production (revised) – Rotterdam, 2017
Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property – Nicosia, 2017

Ten years on, the CDCPP continues to develop standards and best practices, and has also overseen the drafting of numerous **recommendations** (see Appendix) for adoption by the Committee of Ministers. In past plenary meetings, the Committee has welcomed the launch of such recommendations and expressed its will to engage with their practical implementation and wide dissemination of the texts at national level.

Further to discussions in June on possible topics for the Committee's thematic debate at the 2022 plenary session on 23-25 November, the CDCPP Bureau members opted at their September meeting for a discussion on the Council of Europe recommendations overseen by the CDCPP during the past decade. The idea would be to discuss the legacy of these recommendations in member States' policies and the pertinence of such recommendations in responding to future challenges in the cultural and heritage sectors.

Preparatory work

Responses from members, participants and observers to the following questions would be extremely helpful in collecting information in advance of the Thematic Session in order to stimulate the debates.

1. How do your national authorities / does your organisation use and apply Council of Europe recommendations in their policy-making / in its activities? Can you mention an example, perhaps on a specific recommendation?
2. The 2022 *Recommendation on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges* is the latest adopted recommendation. Do your national authorities / does your organisation have any plans on how to use and apply it in their policy making / in its activities?
3. What difficulties, if any, have your authorities / has your organisation encountered in applying Council of Europe recommendations?
4. As unique networks, how could the Council of Europe and the CDCPP, including its participants and observers, assist in making Council of Europe recommendations ever more useful in the culture, heritage and landscape field and beyond?

Structure and expectations

The CDCPP plenary meeting in November 2022 will offer a thematic session on the legacy and prospects relating to Council of Europe recommendations in the field of culture, heritage and landscape, the aim being not only to examine the successes, but also the obstacles and challenges along the way, as well as future prospects and opportunities regarding the development of such recommendations.

The session will be divided into two parts, with the first part in the form of a Round Table, led by the following experts:

- Mr Kimmo Aulake, Special Government Advisor, Department for Art and Cultural Policy, Ministry of Culture and Education in Finland and former CDCPP Chair (2016-2017);
- Mr Gilles Rudaz, Policy Advisor, Biodiversity and Landscape Division, Federal Office for the Environment in Switzerland;
- Ms Giuliana De Francesco, Head of Desk, European and international multilateral relations, Ministry of Culture in Italy and former CDCPP Chair (2018-2019);
- Mr Bruno Favel, Head of the World Heritage Office, Directorate General for Heritage and Architecture, Ministry of Culture in France and former CDCPP Chair (2014-2015).

The second part of the Thematic Session will be less formally structured to facilitate more exploratory exchanges and provide an opportunity for participants to engage in a Q&A exchange, report on their experiences, test ideas and suggest further Committee action etc.

Action required:

Prior to the Thematic Session, CDCPP members are invited to:

- respond to the above questionnaire before 16 November, which will facilitate the preparation of the Thematic Session;
- make short oral interventions during the discussion part of the Thematic Session.

The Committee is then invited to:

- welcome the organisation of the Thematic Session on the legacy and prospects provided by the recommendations in the field of culture, heritage and landscape, exploring how Council of Europe instruments can be of help in addressing potential challenges;
- suggest possible follow-up actions of interest to the Committee and beneficial to policy makers and organisations, thus adding value to the CDCPP's work for member States, participants and observers.

A P P E N D I X

Year	Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member States
2022	Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)15 on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 May 2022
2021	Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)12 for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention – Integration of the landscape dimension into sectoral policies adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2021 Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)11 for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention – Landscape and agriculture adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2021 Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)10 for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention – Town planning and landscape adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2021 Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)9 for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention – Landscape and responsibility of stakeholders for sustainable and harmonious development adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2021
2020	Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)7 on promoting the continuous prevention of risks in the day-to-day management of cultural heritage: co-operation with States, specialists and citizens adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 21 October 2020
2019	Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)7 for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape integration in policies relating to rural territories in agricultural and forestry, energy and demographic transition adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 October 2019 Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)8 for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape and democracy: public participation adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 October 2019

2018	Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)10 on culture's contribution to strengthening the internet as an emancipatory force adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 November 2018 Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)9 contributing to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe: creation of public funds for landscape adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 November 2018
2017	Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)1 on the European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21st century adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 22 February 2017 Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)8 on Big Data for culture, literacy and democracy adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017 Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017
2016	Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)2 on the Internet of citizens adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 10 February 2016 Recommendation CM (2015)/1 on Intercultural integration adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 21 January 2016
2015	Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015 Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015
2014	Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 17 September 2014
2013	Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013