



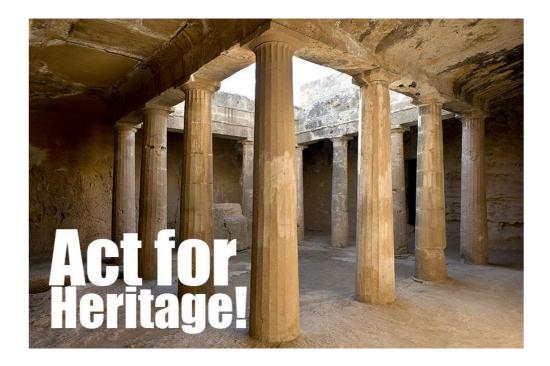






Programme and Overview of the Conference

Nicosia, Republic of Cyprus 24-26 October 2019



Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property, within governments and civil society







DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 October 2019

19:45 Arrivals at the **Presidential Palace**

20:00 **Opening Ceremony** in the Presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus

Formal reception

Friday 25 October 2019

8:30 Registration of participants 9:00 Beginning of Conference at the **Conference Center**

9:00 **–**9:50 **Opening Session**

- Mr Nikos Christodoulides, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus
- Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the CoE
- Ms Giuliana De Francesco, Chair, Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)
- Ms Themis Christophidou, Director General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (video message)
- Mr Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General, WCO

9:50 –10:00 Short break

10:00 –13:00 Presentations and Exchange

10:00 –11:00 General Presentations of the Nicosia Convention

- Presentation by Ms Raffaella Pezzuto, European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC)
- Fighting and preventing offences relating to cultural property: existing rules and proposals for functioning regulatory systems – by Dr Alessandro Chechi, University of Geneva
- Mr Jorge Lomónaco, Ambassador, Permanent Observer of Mexico to the CoE

11:00 –11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:00 Presentations and Exchange (continuing)

- EU Study on trafficking and its links to organised crime by Dr Neil Brodie, University of Oxford; EU Regulation on import of cultural goods by Ms Elena Maidou, EU
- UNESCO's position: Experience with raising the awareness on the illicit trafficking of cultural property – by Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, UNESCO (Venice)
- UNIDROIT's position: by Ms Marina Schneider, Senior Legal Officer and Treaty Depositary
- CINOA's position Fact, fiction and the role of the trade in protecting cultural heritage – by Ms Erika Bochereau
- The NETCHER project by Prof. Véronique Chankowski, Head of the French School in Athens with a short introduction by Ms Domna Paschalidou, EU
- Cyprus Police presentation: International police co-operation in combating offences relating to cultural property by Mr Michalis Gavrielides

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 18:00 **Parallel Working Groups** (with moderators and short presentations)

- 1. Criminalizing offences relating to cultural property and interaction with relevant European and International law (Moderator: Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Head of Criminal Law and Terrorism Divisions, Directorate General of Human Rights, CoE; Rapporteur: Vincent Negri, CNRS, France)
- **2.** Role of civil society, business and governments in preventing offences related to cultural property (Moderator: Ms Athina Chanaki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Legal Department; Rapporteur: Sunneva Saetevik, Ministry of Culture of Norway)
- **3. Practical co-operation of law enforcement agencies: customs and cultural heritage police, cultural heritage agencies** (Moderator: Dr Marina Solomidouleronymidou, Director of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus; Rapporteur: Mr Michalis Gavrielides, Cyprus Police)
- **4.** Raising awareness on protecting cultural property through media and education (Moderator: Dr Niki Papadopoulou Papa, Former Head of the EU and International Affairs Office of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth of Cyprus; Rapporteur: Mr Yiorgos Savvinides, Journalist, Cyprus; Ms Irina Olevska, Artlaw.club, Latvia)

20:30 Event and reception at the Cyprus Museum

Saturday 26 October 2019

11:00

8:30–10:00 At the Conference Center:

Working Group presentations and agreed findings by the moderators

Presentation of proposals for further action and closing of the conference

- Mr Yiannis Yiannaki, Commissioner for Volunteerism and Non-Governmental Organisations of Cyprus
- Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Directorate General of Democracy, CoE

Departures or **optional excursion** to the Archaeological Site of Ancient Kourion in Limassol and traditional lunch

Conference Overview

A. The Aims of the Conference:

- 1. To promote the "Nicosia Convention"
- 2. To enhance the cooperation and efforts between governments, civil society and business
- 3. To raise awareness about offences relating to cultural property
- 4. To issue proposals for further action

B. Working Groups Topics:

- 1. Criminalizing offences relating to cultural property and interaction with relevant European and International law
- 2. Role of civil society, business (art and antiques dealers; tourism) and governments in preventing offences related to Cultural Property
- 3. Practical cooperation initiatives: customs and law enforcement bodies
- 4. Enhancing/raising awareness on protecting cultural property through media and education

C. Background documents:

- 1. Mapping of (a) existing regulation on offences relating to cultural property and (b) elements/provisions required for a functioning regulatory system (by Dr Alessandro Chechi)
- 2. Position paper by the business sector on preventing offences relating to cultural property (by Erika Bochereau, Cinoa)
- 3. Paper on awareness-raising campaigns addressed to the general public on protecting cultural property and the dangers posed by the crimes against it (by Maria Minana, UNESCO)