



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

SUPPORTERS



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 Solomidou-Ieronymidou, 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

- 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
- 11:00 **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)