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Convention	Date de signature (dd/mm/yyyy)	Date de ratification (dd/mm/yyyy)
Granada		
Valetta	01/16/1992	02/09/1993
Florence	09/28/2005	10/26/2007
Faro	06/08/2012	11/27/2012

7.1.A Brief Overview

Valetta:

The main directives of the Convention was implemented by Act 64 of 2001 on the protection of cultural heritage. However, in the last 10 years many problems arose in the field of archaeological heritage management and protection, therefore, the regulations had been recently revised.

Florence:

Heritage protection on a landscape scale had not been established into the Hungarian practice yet. However, there are progressive steps forward, like the introduction of the protected historic landscape category.

Faro:

The Convention had been ratified in 2012, however its implementation had not been started.

7.1.B If your state has not yet ratified all of these conventions, please briefly describe the efforts being made to reach this

Brief overview

Faro:

The ratification is in progress, it is in a preparatory stage at the moment.

7.1.C Council of Europe Recommendations about cultural heritage reflected / incorporated in legislation or policy of your state.

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Recommendation	Theme	Reflected/incorporated in Legislation	Reflected/incorporated in Policy	Not applic
Rec (1980) 16	Specialised training	No	No	No

Rec (1981) 13	Declining craft trades	No	No	No
Rec (1985) 8	Film heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1986) 11	Urban open space	No	No	No
Rec (1986) 15	Architectural heritage - Craft trades	No	No	No
Rec (1987) 24	Industrial towns	No	No	No
Rec (1989) 5	Archaeology - town / country planning	No	No	No
Rec (1989) 6	Rural architectural heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1990) 20	Industrial, technical and civil engineering heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1991) 6	Funding architectural heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1991) 13	20th Century architectural heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1993) 9	Architectural heritage / natural disasters	No	No	No
Rec (1995) 3	Documentation architectural heritage	No	No	No
Rec (1995) 9	Cultural Landscapes	No	No	No
Rec (1996) 6	Protection against unlawful acts	No	No	No
Rec (1997) 2	Physical deterioration - pollution	No	No	No
Rec (1998) 4	Historic complexes, immoveable and moveable property	No	No	No
Rec (1998) 5	Heritage education	No	No	No
Rec (2001) 15	History teaching	No	No	No

Rec (2003) 1	Tourism as a factor for sustainable development	No	No	No
Rec (2004) 3	Geological heritage	No	No	No
Rec (2005) 13	University heritage	No	No	No
Rec (2008) 3	Guidelines - implementing the Landscape Convention	Yes	No	No

7.2.A Are visions or strategies for heritage going to change in the short and medium term?

7.2.A Vertical Tabs

Archaeological Heritage

There were major changes in the recent one and half year in Hungary due to the dissatisfaction of the decision makers with social benefit of archaeology and with the time and money spent on investment-led archaeology. Amplified with the effects of the recession it resulted first in the modification of the cultural heritage act (Act 64 of 2001) introducing serious budgetary and time constraints in case of large scale investments. The heritage institution was restructured, the heritage administration has been decentralized. By the beginning of 2013 the whole legislation on archaeological heritage has been modified. The superintendence of the cultural heritage has been transferred from the Ministry of Human Resources to the Ministry of Interior. The regional museum system was also reorganized which strongly affected the provincial museums responsible primarily for performing tasks related to the investment-led archaeology. In the present environment the greatest challenges is how to plan and manage archaeological activity in order to ensure the professional quality and obtain appropriate scientific results. While the proportion of the excavations will be smaller, the importance of preventive exploration and evaluation will dominantly increase. In order to gain stronger social and political support, a much more efficient societal feedback is necessary. Further efforts are needed to make the common values of the archaeological heritage widely understandable.

Architectural Heritage

The reorganizational process in 2012 in the field of the cultural heritage protection resulted in a presently vulnerable situation. The short and medium term goal is to improve this situation. On the governmental institutional level it primarily means the creation of an effective legal framework, and ensuring the authorisation of interventions (e.g. establishing a system of balanced and predictable budgetary contribution). It is also necessary to disseminate knowledge on the heritage issues to the general public, to raise the awareness of responsibility and to establish or strengthen the non-government involvement in cultural heritage protection and management.

Landscape Heritage

According to Act no. 53 of 1996 on nature conservation, the visible mounds (burial mounds, Cuman-barrows, kurgans) and the hillforts/earthen fortifications are nature monuments, and are protected by the force of law. Basic information about the site of these protected nature monuments are available, and the short and medium term policy aims to provide a more solid administrative background for their maintenance. (The extent of coverage of these sites should be issued by authority decisions.) Concerning the visible mounds, their protection is included in the Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition Standards, and rules on the protection of the landscape elements should be integrated into the

regulation of other sectors as well. It is scheduled to continue the field surveying and the expansion of the database of the unique landscape features. Additionally, it is planned to issue the legislation on their protection and publication in the short term. Ensuring the implementation of the European Landscape Convention a National Coordination Committee had been established in 2009.

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