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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AS RELATED
TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY,
and specifically, culture, heritage and landscape
resources**

Norwegian contribution

Climate Change and
Sustainable development
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Climate Change and Sustainable development issues

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development underlines a global commitment to “achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions—economic, social and environmental—in a balanced and integrated manner”.

In Norway the sustainable development goals are the main political roadmap for national and international efforts aimed at eradicating extreme poverty while protecting planetary boundaries and promoting prosperity, peace and justice.

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is a shared and trans-sectoral responsibility. Which means that we – as culture, heritage and landscape sectors - also have to take our share of the responsibility.

How is this dealt with in Norway on policy level?

Norway considers culture and heritage as important building stones of our societies. Cultural and heritage policies are prerequisites for the freedom of speech and for a well-functioning democracy.

This perspective is stressed in the Government's new White Paper on cultural policy, which was presented to the Parliament in November.

The Government is currently working on a new white paper about the cultural heritage policy. An important part of this paper will be devoted to the sectors role in sustainable development, including focus on circular economy and reuse as well as the importance of traditional and indigenous knowledge (e.g. related to human adaptation to a very diverse landscape where culture and nature meets)

Recently an updated version of the Government's expectations to regional and local planning was published. In this document the Government emphasises the role of local and regional planning in reaching the sustainable development goals, including the role cultural heritage and landscapes can play in this perspective. The municipalities have an important responsibility in taking these resources into consideration in spatial and local planning processes.

What role can the Council of Europe play?

All the three dimensions of the sustainability goals are relevant for culture, heritage and landscape. In light of the responsibility we all have in reaching the development goals – the Council of Europe/CDCPP should take the opportunity to further enhance our role in this perspective.

Sustainability is mentioned explicitly in both the Landscape convention and the Faro convention.

This means that we already have a basis to build upon, and the potential to exchange knowledge, experience and best practice within the frameworks of our conventions.