## Fourth Regional Seminar **"Faro Convention: from words to**

## Application of the Faro Convention principles in Romania

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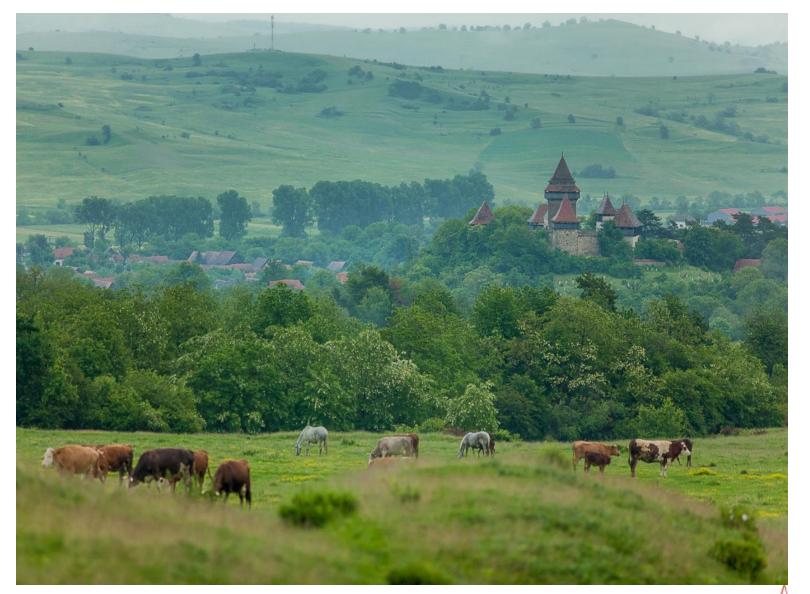


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## The Faro Way project three major goals:

- To ensure the commitment of all stakeholders, and in particular national authorities, to the Faro Convention principles;
- To showcase concrete examples of implementation of the principles at national, regional and local levels;
- To build long-term stakeholder cooperation to translate the Faro Convention principles into action.







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## Faro Convention principles - from words to action in Viscri/Romania

To act on social aspects, mainly integration of different minority groups and improve the inhabitants' **quality of life and living conditions** by:

- The valorization of the village/community authenticity.
- The revitalization of the traditional crafts (plasterer, carpenter, roof maker, tile maker, blacksmith, weaving...)
- The restoration of the village houses and local monuments with local materials.
- Turning traditional houses into bed-and-breakfasts.
- Developing horse and cart itineraries for tourists.
- Encouraging agriculture, the use of home grown organic vegetables and promoting the local gastronomy.

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# Successful integration through democratic participation

- The strategic action plan and the social contract/agreement has been created **together with and for** the Viscri s community members.
- Each group of interest involved in the development of this documents knows that the results need to be a realistic, proactive and interactive agreement which stays open to revision.
- The social contract/agreement, represents a pact for the Viscri community, includes an informal parliament, is discussing and agrees upon stipulations and arrangements before any new measures are implemented and in which all different village groups of interest are represented.

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## Monthly meetings of the village council/ informal parliament in Viscri



### The town hall Biertan commune:

#### **Relevance to the Faro Convention principles:**

- Article 7 Cultural heritage and dialogue
- Article 8 Environment, heritage and quality of life
- Article 9 Sustainable use of the cultural heritage
- Article 10 Cultural heritage and economic activity
- Article 11 The organisation of public responsibilities for cultural heritage
- Article 12 Access to cultural heritage and democratic participation
- Article 13 Cultural heritage and knowledge
- Article 14 Cultural heritage and the information society





CubicMetre (<u>M3Culture.ro – MetruCub –</u>

Resurse pentru cultură)

Bucharest-based NGO set up in 2012 with the aim of providing a platform for meetings, debates and expertise for professionals in the field of culture.

Notable projects:

- Timisoara Municipality Cultural Strategy for 2014-2024
- **CULTEMA Project,** which was an initiative to promote cultural governance at local level in the Rupea-Cohalm microregion as part of the <u>South East Europe Transnational Co-operation Programme</u>.
- CubicMetre was also entrusted with a series of activities by the **Ministry of Culture in Romania**



#### Asociatia Commitati Communities for Youth Association Timenet (ACT) https://europa.eu/youth/volunteering/organisation/50233\_en

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## The Flower Power Cultural Association

Runs projects to promote **non-formal and extracurricular education**, culture and cultural events, **European citizenship and democracy at local, national, European and international level** through various activities.

- Is accredited by the National Authority for Employment (ANOFMB) and authorised to **run training courses in the field of communication by the National Authority for Qualifications (ANC)**.

-ABIL project on "**Individualised assistance** for sustainable integration of **vulnerable people into the labour market**".

- Creative writing skills among high school students – **financed by Bucharest City Hall Sector 3** 



## Pro Patrimonio Foundation



international non-profit, non-governmental ganisation with branches in Romania (Bucharest), Great Britain and France.

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## Funky Citizens (<u>https://funky.ong/en/despre-noi/obiectivele-noastre/</u>)

Builds research-based, data-driven **online advocacy tools**. Their tools are intended to be educational and actionable, **encouraging young citizens to engage in accountability and government responsibility initiatives** in which they can see an impact.

Takes part in international and regional conferences and has developed strong links with networks of organisations such as those of the International Anti-Corruption Conference, the Open Government Summit, TransparenCEE, the International Fact-Checkers Network and the International Open Budget Partnership



Benefits and added value of the Faro Convention for the members states

- The **shared rights and responsibilities** towards cultural heritage within an integrated strategy approach;
- The **role of cultural heritage as a resource** for building more **democratic societies** and improving the living environment and **quality of life;**
- The **links between heritage rights and human rights:** every person has a right to engage with the cultural heritage of their choice, while respecting the rights and freedoms of others.



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