

Fourth Regional Seminar

“Faro Convention: from words to

Application of the Faro Convention principles in Romania

Heritage communities and governance

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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.**





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.







Successful integration through democratic participation

- The strategic action plan and the social contract/agreement has been created **together with and for** the Viscris 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 Viscris 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.



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 (M3Culture.ro – [MetruCub](http://MetruCub.ro) – [Resurse pentru cultură](http://Resurse.pentru.cultura.ro))

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 micro-region as part of the [South East Europe Transnational Co-operation Programme](#).
- CubicMetre was also entrusted with a series of activities by the **Ministry of Culture in Romania**





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Communities for Youth Association

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
organisation with branches in Romania (Bucharest),
Great Britain and France.

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

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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