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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 WORK

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Introduction

This document presents some of the key events and achievements of 2018 in the fields of culture, cultural heritage and landscape. Related web links have been included for more detailed information.

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note of these 2018 highlights.

Culture

- *Culture and digitisation*

In November 2018, the Ministers' Deputies adopted [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2018\)10 to member States on "Cultures contribution to strengthening the Internet as an emancipatory force"](#).

- *Council of Europe Expert Seminar on E-relevance of culture in the age of AI*

An expert seminar on the E-relevance of culture in the age of AI took place on 12-13 October in Rijeka in the framework of the Croatian chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It exposed the essential contribution by arts and culture to understanding our technology-influenced future and generating the necessary social intelligence and emancipation to accompany new life practices marked by increasing human-machine interaction. The seminar highlighted art's and culture's power to stimulate active engagement and creativity in citizens, and hence diversity in production, against the odds of global cultural standardisation. The debates generated a set of conclusions and action proposals and inspired a forthcoming publication. The exhibition *Anatomy of an AI System* - previously shown at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London- was featured at the Rijeka event.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/-/e-relevance-of-culture-in-the-age-of-ai>

- *Cultural Policy Peer Reviews*

A Cultural Policy Peer Review took place in summer 2018 in Georgia aimed at reforming the arts and creativity education system and policies. This is considered key for coping with the needs of increasing globalisation, inclusive societies, culture-based creativity and creative economy as a main driver of economic development in the 21st century.

<https://rm.coe.int/cultural-policy-peer-review-of-georgia-on-arts-education-september-201/1680945304>

Cultural heritage

- *The Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property*

Was signed by Latvia and the Russian Federation in 2018 and ratified by Mexico.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/convention-on-offences-relating-to-cultural-property>

- **European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21st century**

The European Heritage Strategy for the 21st Century offering recommendations and concrete courses of action in the heritage field organised under three components (social, territorial and economic, knowledge and education) was further publicized. Thanks to the production of a practical tool kit - containing fact sheets, a web manual, criteria for and a collection of good practices - the Strategy is now ready for policy-makers, stakeholders and citizens to get fully involved and make a difference in the way heritage is managed in member States.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/-/new-strategy-21-website-how-to-make-heritage-management-inclusive>

- **The Faro Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society**

Spain signed the Convention in 2018 and Finland ratified it, bringing the number of signatures to 25 and of ratifications to 18. A new Joint Programme with the European Union on promoting the Faro Convention among Member States started in summer 2018, focusing on 4 regional seminars (the first held in Madrid, Spain) and producing new promotional material. The Faro Convention Network was strengthened following its third annual gathering in Bordeaux (France) and inspired by findings of the Research Workshop on "Cross-fertilization between Heritage and Participatory Citizenship" held in Huelva (Spain).

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/faro-action-plan>

- **HEREIN system**

A renewed HEREIN website was launched with a revised structure and content, and particularly updated country profiles. The HEREIN network set up a workgroup to redraft the National Reports structure and two meetings were organized to elaborate that new structure. The HEREIN in Garden network promoted successfully at European level the 2018 "Rendez-Vous au Jardin" event that finally involved 16 countries.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/herein-heritage-network>

- **European Heritage Days (EHDs)**

<http://www.europeanheritagedays.com>

In the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, the European HD Programme played a key role in the implementation of the Year in all 50 European States. More than 50 000 events have already been organised and celebrated under the common slogan "European Year of Cultural Heritage: The Art of Sharing". Leaflet [101 Event Ideas](#).

- *European Heritage Days Assembly*, Strasbourg, 17-19 October

Participation of National Coordinators from 44 countries and representatives of the Council of Europe, European Commission and European Parliament.

<http://bit.ly/EHDAssembly18Agenda>

- *European Heritage Stories*: [European Heritage Stories](#)

- *European Heritage Makers Week*: [European Heritage Makers Week](#)

- *Cross-frontier Initiative*

European Landscape Convention

<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>

- New Party to the European Landscape Convention

Estonia deposited the instrument of approval of the European Landscape Convention at the Treaty Office of the Council of Europe on 8 February 2018.

www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/176/signatures;

- Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2018\)9 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on contributing to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe: creation of public funds for landscape](#)

https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectId=09000016808eedfd

- Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

21th Meeting, on "Landscape and education", Tropea, Italy, 3-5 October 2018

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/21st

- Council of Europe National Symposiums on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

- "Drawing landscape policies for the future", Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 25-26 January 2018 www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/trebinje-january-2018

- "Interministerial Round-Table: Integration of the landscape into policies", Tbilisi, Georgia, 9-10 March 2018 www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/tbilisi-march-2018

- "Integrated approach to landscape protection, planning and management", Zagreb, Croatia, 20 October 2018 www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/zagreb-october-2018

- Council of Europe International Landscape Observatory

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory:

- Information System: https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx?=en

- Information Platform: www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/information-platform

- International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

Second International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, 20 October

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/news/-/asset_publisher/gAsOfeC0bXyW/content/20-october-2018-second-international-landscape-day-of-the-council-of-europe?

- Council of Europe's Landscape Award

- [20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention](#) "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session 2016-2017", Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/20th

- Celebration of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe considering the [Decisions CM of the Committee of Ministers](#) <https://rm.coe.int/council-of-europe-european-landscape-convention-ceremony-of-the-landsc/16808b0447>.

- Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

Online presentation and [Exhibition](#)
www.coe.int/fr/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance.

- Contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: implementation of the Goals 3

- [Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development](#), Council of Europe Publishing, 2018 <https://rm.coe.int/16807bffd>
- [Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention](#) (CETS 219 www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/219)

- Publications

- [Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development](#), Council of Europe Publishing, 2018 (ISBN 978-92-871-8486) <https://rm.coe.int/16807bffd>
- [Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#), Council of Europe Publishing, Territory and Landscape Series, 2018, No. 105. <https://rm.coe.int/168075f020>
- [Glossary of the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention](#), Council of Europe Publishing, Territory and Landscape Series, 2018, 2018, No. 106. <https://rm.coe.int/16802fc144>