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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017 WORK

For information

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Introduction

This document presents some of the key events and achievements of 2017 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 2017 highlights.

Culture

- *Culture and digitisation*

In September 2017, the Ministers' Deputies adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)8 to member States on "Big Data for culture, literacy and Democracy".

- *4th Council of Europe Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation*

The 4th Platform Exchange on Culture and Digitisation was organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Center for Art and Media (ZKM) at the latter's headquarters in Karlsruhe on 19-20 October. The event revealed the potential of digital tools in Culture, Arts and Science as a strong resource for empowering democracy for culturally competent citizens. The debates generated the substance of the draft Recommendation on Culture's contribution to strengthening the internet as an emancipatory force [see document CDCPP(2018)8].

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/karlsruhe>

- *Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends*

The Association of the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends was inaugurated in October 2017 to support the former Council of Europe Information System of the same name. It currently has 15 members.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/compendium>

- *Indicator Framework on Culture and Democracy (IFCD)*

Drawing on data collected within the IFCD, the results of a novel survey of internet users conducted by Dalia Research and other reliable sources, the second thematic report on culture and democracy concludes that targeted support for online participation in culture and politics could make a positive contribution to building and maintaining inclusive, democratic societies. It also states that Europeans don't *go* online so much anymore; they *are* online.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/indicators-culture-and-democracy>

Cultural heritage

- ***The Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property*** was opened for signature in May 2017.

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

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

In February 2017, the Ministers' Deputies adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)1 to member States on the "European Cultural Heritage Strategy for the 21st century" which was officially launched in Limassol, Cyprus in April 2017.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/strategy-21>

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

- * Finland signed the Convention on 1 June 2017 (ratification on 31 May 2018).
- * A handbook, fact sheet and film (see website link below) were made available to assist member States with their initiatives.

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

- ***Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme***

A comprehensive work entitled "An integrated approach to cultural heritage: the Council of Europe's Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme" was published in 2017. The work presents an overview of the progression of the Council of Europe's work in the field of cultural heritage over the last 40 years.

<https://rm.coe.int/an-integrated-approach-to-cultural-heritage-the-council-of-europe-s-te/1680792e6f>

- ***HEREIN system***

Following the evaluation of its IT structure, the HEREIN network organised two workshops to define its future developments.

A new collaborative space, as well as a new thematic report on Heritage Organisations, was completed, with a view to enriching the renewed HEREIN website.

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

Landscape

- ***Landscape, human rights, democracy and sustainable development***

Adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development.

See: Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development (Council of Europe Publishing, 2018).

- **Council of Europe Conference**

The 9th Council of Europe Conference on the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention was organised by the Council of Europe under the auspices of the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017.

Report | Contributions: [States-Add. 1](#) - [NGOs-Add. 2](#) | [Working documents](#)
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/conferences

- **Information System on the European Landscape Convention**

National Reports on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention were prepared for the following states: Andorra, Belgium (Wallonia), Spain, France, Hungary, Norway, Poland and Turkey. https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx?=en

- **Meetings of the Workshops**

The [19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy"](#) (Brno, Czech Republic, 5-6 September 2017), organised by the Council of Europe under the auspices of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers.

- **Landscape Award of the Council of Europe**

Thirteen [Applications](#) were presented by the States' Parties to the European Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2016-2017). On 27 September 2017, the Committee of Ministers adopted the [Decisions of the CM on the Award, Special Mentions and Recognitions](#), in accordance with [Resolution CM/Res\(2008\)3](#) on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, and on the recommendation of the International Jury ([Report of the Jury](#)) and of the CDCPP ([Proposals of the CDCPP to the CM](#)).

- **Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**

Adoption of [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#)

See: www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

- **International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe**

The First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe was celebrated on 20 October 2017.

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/-/20-october-2017-first-international-landscape-day-of-the-council-of-europe