FARO CONVENTION PRINCIPLES AND THE TOP-DOWN APPROACH

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47 MEMBER STATES





Morocco





An evolution from previous conventions:

From "how we protect?"

- Architectural Heritage (Granada, 1985)
- Archaeological Heritage (Valletta, 1992)

to "why we protect?" Human dimension of heritage

Back to the spirit of one of the first CoE Conventions:

- European Cultural Convention (Paris, 1954)
 - Europe's common cultural heritage and values
 - Mutual understanding and reciprocal appreciation of our cultural diversity





Countries already committed



Adopted in 2005 Entered into force in 2011

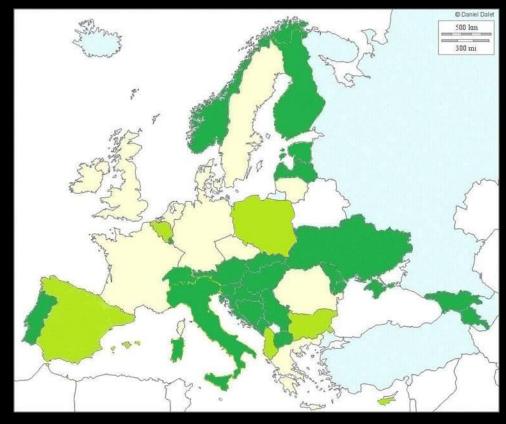
A treaty comes or enter into force at a time when it becomes legally binding on the parties to the treaty.

• Ratified by 21 states to date

(Armenia, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxemburg, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Moldova, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine)

Signed by 7 additional states

(Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Poland, San Marino, Spain)



Dark green
Light green
Light yellow
Light blue

signed and ratified signed EU member states only CoE member states Enlarged heritage and link to society and heritage communities





Awareness raising and access

Meaning, uses and associated values





Human rights and democracy related aspects

Resource for sustainable development and to improve quality of life





Stakeholders' role in heritage governance and management



A human-centered approach

Promotes a wider understanding of heritage and its relationship to communities and society

Put people and human values at the center (alongside usual aesthetic and scholarly criteria)

Incorporates intangible aspects to heritage definition

- Valuation/perception by people
- Diverse interpretations/approaches
- Associated dialogue/conflict resolution

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

 Develop democratic participation by involving citizens in decision-making



Diverse valuations



Importance of the meanings and uses that people attach to CH and the values it represents

Highlight interaction between people, places and stories when defining

Requests respect for diversity of interpretations by different stakeholders

Consider specific identification of heritage communities in its larger sense

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

Fair treatment of the different viewpoints when designing policies and laws

Improvement factor

Considers cultural heritage as resource for sustainable development and improving quality of life

Economic potential of heritage in the respect of its integrity

Some societal challenges can be addressed through cultural heritage

Promote trust/mutual understanding through dialogue

Reinforce social cohesion through shared responsibility

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

Include impact on and from CH in policies' design (even beyond the strictly CH domain)



Knowledge and access

Improve awareness raising and access to cultural heritage

Through Education

Curricula (general, professional) and research agenda

Through new technologies

Digital "backup" accessible but keep "true" conservation

Through larger involvement

Encourage everyone to participate to CH debates

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

Develop innovative approaches in heritage education and online access to CH





Rights and responsibilities



Emphasizes important aspects related to human rights and democracy

Identifies individual rights to benefit and contribute to CH identification and use

Collective rights are also recognized (through Heritage Communities notably)

Also emphasizes associated responsibilities both individually and collectively

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

Adopt legislative provisions to allow to exercise both rights and responsibilities



Public interest and collaboration



Comfort public authorities' role in heritage governance and management through their policies and laws

But suggests also a wider approach where experts and civil society are active actors through:

integrated approach (link to other domains)

linkage with other stakeholders through:

joint action with diverse stakeholder s

compleme ntarity with existing initiatives some delegation of tasks to NGOs MOVE FROM
PLAIN
CONSULTATION
TO TRUE
COOPERATION



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