



On bad reasons for rejecting Faro Conventions principles

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Goals of the presentation

- To indicate the bad reasons / the Faro Convention principles
- To highlight the good reasons to reasons

INTERNATIONAL / EUROPEAN LAW PERSPECTIVE

Bad reasons



To give to the FC
only a
communication
value – a
declaration of
principles

To neglect any
juridical significance
- ubi remedium ibi
ius, i.e. ubi non
remedium ibi non
ius

To look at the FC as
*a manifesto of
cultural submission*
and promoting
censorship

Faro spirit and
principles are
embraced only by a
minority of CoE
States

To outline that the
cultural heritage at
stake is only that of
heritage
communities + too
extensive notion

weakening and
devaluing the role of
public (central
authorities) and
experts- devaluing
the bottom up

To assume that the
notion of cultural
heritage conflicts with
similar notions
existing in domestic
legal systems

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FC as an homage
to the politically
correct

Overall – good reasons

- States lose a unique opportunity for encouraging cooperation with different stakeholders so to heighten heritage understanding and governance - Use of cooperation is the key strategic methodology: horizontal, vertical and diagonal

Alliances bring worth and sustainability to meaningful and fulfilling existence and progress, individually and collectively, and economic development

- States lose the possibility to use the FC as road map for:
 1. Ensuring good quality of societies and democracies in European countries and the entire continent - constructive dialogue, positive confrontation, social inclusion, sense of belonging and responsibilities, meaning to life(past, present and coming generations)
 2. Promoting and maintaining peaceful societies
 3. Providing remedies to new challenges (migration)and problems that directly touch communities such as depopulation, gentrification and natural disasters – Faro Venezia and Casa & Bottega Fontecchio
 4. Safeguarding professionals and asking for opportunities for (continuing) education and training (artt. 7-9-13) – interdisciplinary cooperation



Good reasons (2)

All the good reasons are incorporated in the Faro Way project and its goods:

- Studies and publications
- Networking and a network of networks
- Conferences and seminar
- Policy recommendations
- Treasure of good practices
- Cooperation between CoE and EU – joint effort



A choice of political loyalty to the CoE mandate to advance human rights, democracy and rule of law as well as to build a more human and more cohesive Europe, by contemplating the ways in which the heritage is meaningful and beneficial for societal progress, European unification and its fundamental values.

Inspirational role for other continents by the dynamic pan-European network

- *Robust internationalism* – The Faro way as a value in itself for the international arena



A different type of globalization
globalization

- Human / cultural -



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