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COUNCIL OF EUROPE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON THE VALUE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR SOCIETY

The Faro Convention in Research-Action:

***Cross-fertilization roads between
Heritage and Participatory Citizenship***

Workshop

3-4 December 2018, Huelva, Spain

Programme and practical information



Context:

The Faro Convention¹ on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (2005) has been ratified by 17 member states of the Council of Europe and signed by 6. It is a powerful, innovative and democratic tool for facing complex social and cultural challenges. Likewise, the Faro Convention Action Plan² is designed to translate the Faro Convention principles into practice through an active learning platform (the Faro Convention Network) to build on good practices, and to generate dynamic dialogue among practitioners, facilitators and heritage stakeholders.

Both instruments (the Convention and the Action Plan) are rather operatives in the field, working with a plurality of civil society actors (NGOs, associations, communities, public institutions, etc.) through activities and actions supported by the Council of Europe, in particular regarding European regions which face multi-sectorial crises (economic, social, environmental, educational, migrants, etc.).

In addition, the Faro Convention aims to stimulate a multicultural heritage community involvement in the European territory in order to strengthen the common heritage of Europe (art. 3) “which constitute a shared source of remembrance, understanding, identity, cohesion and creativity”. This new model of heritage governance could be defined as an incubator of practices and uses that should boost local initiatives in strong interaction with political institutions dealing with cultural heritage and heritage communities.

It is also relevant to underline that this standard points out fundamental European democratic principles (Human Rights) and innovative concepts such as “heritage community”³ (art. 2) from a specific definition of heritage for society (Zagato, 2017) with main differences from UNESCO definitions (1972, 2003) due to community interpretation.

The Faro Convention also stresses the concept of “cultural heritage” as “a group of resources inherited from the past” (art. 2) without defining the type of resource and thus allowing to encompass such diverse aspects as monuments, museums, dances, artefacts, environment or nature.

Heritage can generate sustainable revitalization (social, economy, education) for actors and territories facing specific challenges (poverty, gentrification, disasters, ...), but it requires adequate procedures to ensure that all stakeholders participate the most efficiently to in govern and manage adequately heritage in order to overcome these challenges. Thus, the second Faro Convention research-action workshop in Huelva (Spain) aims to focus on the actual organization of such “heritage communities” to both manage such enlarged “cultural heritage” and participate effectively in its governance. Involving both civil society (heritage communities) and academia (universities), it will discuss the various governance models and practices most adapted in achieving Faro Convention values and principals, taking into account the various specific contexts.

Structure:

Three main topics (sessions) will be developed during the research workshop:

Session 1 – Panel on Developments in democratic participation and heritage

Panel with three prominent researchers in the area of heritage management and citizens participation addressing the following questions:

- What for is important for people to take part in the definition and management of collective heritage?
- Why is it important for people to participate in these processes?

¹ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/rms/0900001680083746>

² <http://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/faro-action-plan>

³ “[...] a heritage community consists of people who value specific aspects of cultural heritage which they wish, within the framework of public action, to sustain and transmit to future generations.”

- What are main consequences of both aspects in the fulfilment of Faro Convention and the development of heritage communities?

Session 2 – Citizens participation in action

This session will allow participants to better know some local initiatives:

- Huelva te mira
- Plan Integral del Distrito 5 de Huelva
- The Whole Village Project of Viscri (Romania)

Session 3 – World Cafe: Current trends and topics in heritage and participation

A structured conversational process for knowledge sharing in which groups of attendants discuss on participation and heritage regarding specific topics at several tables (one table, one topic), with individuals switching tables periodically and getting introduced to the previous discussion at their new table by a "table host".

Tables: Innovation, Information Communication Technologies, Regenerative Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Tourism, Education.

Session 4 – Open Space: Suggesting new approaches for heritage governance

In this last session the agenda and organization of further discussions are created by the participants.

The "open space" methodology allows attendants of the workshop to suggest the topics to debate about new approaches in heritage governance and possible recommendations for heritage communities on this regard. Any participant can submit a topic to be discuss in a specific group and offer herself/himself to coordinate the debate with the help of one facilitator. All the suggested topics will be presented to the audience in order they to decide the group in which they are more motivated to initially take part in. Participants can move from one group to another considering if they are learning from or contributing to de debate. A final common space will be celebrated for groups to share the findings of each group.

Participants from different academic circles (universities, research institutes and centres) and interested civil society organizations (NGOs, museums, associations, etc.) should present and analyse specific European case studies from various Faro Convention related heritage angles (social development, territorial ecosystem, education) and make recommendations for heritage community involvement in a research-action process.

Invited participants will be involved in the research workshop, as follows:

- Each invited participant should contribute to the different sessions in which they have been invited to take a lead (Opening panel, World cafe host, Open Space group coordination);
- Each invited participant will be asked to work on recommendations for Faro implementation during collective sessions;
- Workshop follow-up: each invited participant will be asked to produce a reflexion paper (12,000 characters) based on discussions and collective work.

Expected results:

- Increase visibility and highlight the efforts made by local communities in line with the Faro Convention principles and values;
- Gradually bring the local experience into a larger context as a good practice through the Faro Convention process;
- Set an example of an inclusive annual event for the Faro Convention Network;

- Ensure academia and NGO involvement (network) in the Faro Action Plan;
- Provide research-action visions with sound recommendations.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME**MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2018****9.00-9.30: Accreditation****9.30-10.30: OPENING SESSION****9.30-10.00 Official welcome***María Antonia Peña Guerrero (rector of the Universidad de Huelva)**María José Pulido Domínguez (Councilor for Citizen Participation in the City of Huelva)**Francesc Pla Castellort (Council of Europe)***10.00-10.30 Workshop presentation: programme, methodology and expected results***Blanca Miedes Ugarte and Prosper Wanner*10.30-11.00 *Coffee break***11.00-12.30: SESSION 1 – PANEL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND HERITAGE****11.00-12.00 Debate moderated by Blanca Miedes Ugarte***Beatrice Borghi (Università di Bologna, Italy)**José María Cuenca (Universidad de Huelva)**Olaia Fontal Merillas (Universidad de Valladolid, Spain)***12.00-12.30 Open discussion****12.30-13.30: SESSION 2 – CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN ACTION****12.30-12.45 The Plan Integral District 5***Manuela García Fernandez (Technical coordinator and practitioner)***12.45-13.00 Huelva te mira***Alicia de Navascués Fernández-Victorio (Founding member and activist)***13.00-13.15 The Whole Village project of Viscri***Caroline Fernolend (vice president, MET Romania)***13.15-13.30 Open discussion**13.30-15.00 *Lunch break***15.00-19.00: Session 2 (continued)****15.30-17.00 Guided Walk in “Los Cabezos de Huelva” with “Huelva te mira”****17.30-19.30 Participatory workshop in the Plan Integral del Distrito 5 de Huelva**20.00-22.00 *Dinner*

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2018**9.00-10.30: SESSION 3 – WORLD CAFE: CURRENT TRENDS AND TOPICS IN HERITAGE AND PARTICIPATION****9.00-9.15** **World Cafe Methodology****9:15- 9:45** **Host introduction**

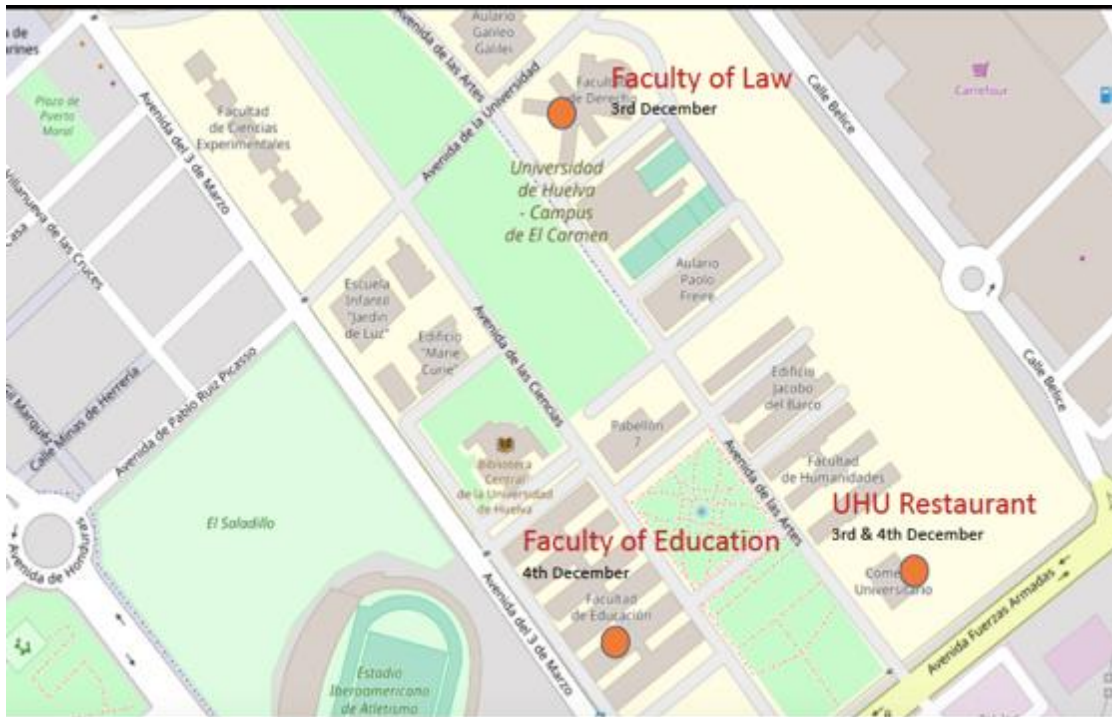
- **Innovation and creativity:** Sandra Boto (CIAC, Portugal)
- **ICT:** Pilar Rivero (Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain)
- **Regenerative economy:** Prosper Wanner ((Sorbonne University, France))
- **Social cohesion and integration:** Gábor Oláh (ELTE, Hungary)
- **Tourism:** Chiara Rabbiosi (University of Bologna, Italy)
- **Education:** Myriam Martín Cáceres (Universidad de Huelva, Spain)

9.45-10.15 *Coffee break:***10.15-13.00: Session 3 (continued)****10.15-12.00** **Three rounds World Cafe****12.00-12.30** **Tables Conclusion****12.30-13.00** **Discussion**13.00-14.30 *Lunch break***14.30-17.00: SESSION 4 – OPEN SPACE: SUGGESTING NEW APPROACHES FOR HERITAGE GOVERNANCE****14.30-14:45** **Open Space Methodology****14:45-15:15** **Topics selection and groups shaping****15:15-15:45** **Groups discussions****15.45-16.15** **Tables Conclusion****16.15-17.00** **Discussion and general conclusions:***Jesús Estepa (Universidad de Huelva)**Emilio José Delgado (Universidad de Huelva)***17.00-17.30: CLOSING SESSION****Concluding speeches***María del Mar Gallego Durán (directora of Research Centre COIDESO)**Francesc Pla Castellfort (Council of Europe)*

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

✓ Venue

The meeting will be held at the University of Huelva, Campus Universitario de “El Carmen”. Monday 3rd, the morning session will be held in the “Salón de Grados” of the Faculty of Law. Tuesday 4th, both sessions will be held in the “Sala de Juntas” of the Faculty of Education.



To get the Campus:

By Bus:

Buses that serve the campus from the city centre are bus numbers 3 and 5. Please ask at your hotel where to find the nearest bus stop.

By Taxi:

A taxi to the Campus costs around 6 euros. Please ask at your hotel to book a taxi for you.

Tel taxi: +34 959 24 22 22; +34 959 26 13 13

✓ Accommodation

Participants are kindly requested to organise their own accommodation.

The following two hotels are recommended:

- **[HOTEL EXE TARTESSOS HUELVA](#) 4******
 Located in the middle of Martín Alonso Pinzón Avenue, "Gran vía", next to the Casa Colón, the Huelva Congress Centre, and less than 200 meters from the town hall and the Gran Teatro. It is in one of the most central points of the city.
 Indicative price: € 66 (VAT included) per person (Double room for single use with breakfast included)
 Check their website (<https://www.exehotels.co.uk/exe-tartessos.html>) for the exact cost.
- **[HOTEL SENATOR HUELVA](#) 3*****
 Located next to the old town, 700 meters from the Cathedral and 5 minutes by foot to the commercial district. It is in a principal artery of Huelva, just 1 minute from one of the zones with more bars and restaurants.
 Indicative price: € 65 (VAT included) per person (Single room with breakfast included)
 Check their website (<https://www.senatorhuelvahotel.com/en/>) for the exact cost.

The meeting place is approximately at 3 km from the above suggested hotels: the taxi fare is approximately €5.

✓ **Transfer from Seville to Huelva**

The transport from and to Seville will be organised and paid for by the Council of Europe: more details will be provided to each participant according to their specific travel schedule.

If we are unable to organise your travel, please find below information on two alternative ways to reach Huelva from Seville centre:

- **By train:** some trains connect Seville to Huelva (<https://venta.renfe.com/vol/search.do?c= To9u>) from Santa Justa Station.
 If you arrive by plane to Seville, a shuttle (<http://www.aena.es/en/sevilla-airport/public-transport.html>) is available to take you to the train station: you must get off the bus at the Auxiliar Kansas City (Est. Santa Justa) stop.
- **By bus:** buses to Huelva depart regularly (<http://www.damas-sa.es/index.php/rutas-y-horarios/>) from Plaza de Armas.
 If you arrive by plane to Seville, the airport shuttle terminus is at Plaza de Armas (<http://www.aena.es/en/sevilla-airport/public-transport.html>).
 If you arrive by train to Seville, you can catch the airport shuttle at Auxiliar Kansas City (Est. Santa Justa) stop to reach Plaza de Armas.

The bus/train tickets will be reimbursed by the Council of Europe, after the workshop by bank transfer, on the basis of the ticket and invoice/receipt if the price is not mentioned on the ticket.

✓ **Restaurant / meals**

Lunches on 3 and 4 December and the dinner on 3 December are organised and paid directly by the Council of Europe.

- **Please inform us prior to your arrival if you have any allergies or other food related issues/preferences.**

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✓ **Local weather**

Although Huelva is one of the hottest areas in Spain, the temperature during the week of the workshop might be around 17°C but very low risk of rain. For more information, please check the weather website: <http://www.aemet.es/es/eltiempo/prediccion/municipios/huelva-id21041>