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# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the South-East European Experts Network on Intangible Cultural Heritage

*“The Role of Museums in Safeguarding Intangible Cultural  
Heritage”*

**Ljubljana, Slovenia, 25-26 October 2018**



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**



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SLOVENE ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

## Background

The South-East European Experts Network on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) was established in 2007 with the support of UNESCO, in order to support the implementation of the UNESCO 2003 Convention in South-East Europe. Annual meetings of the network took place in Arbanasi, Bulgaria, June 2007; Safranbolu, Turkey, May 2008; Zagreb, Croatia, April 2009, Râmnicu-Vâlcea, Romania, May 2010; Belgrade, Serbia, May 2011; Athens, Greece, May 2012; Sofia, Bulgaria, May 2013; Limassol, Cyprus, May 2014; Venice, Italy, June 2015; Supetar, Croatia, June 2016 and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 2017.

These meetings contributed to enhance a common understanding of opportunities and challenges linked to the safeguarding of the ICH as a key asset of South-East European cultural diversity, as well as to develop institutional and professional capacities within the relevant national authorities serving as a regional platform for sharing knowledge and good practices.

The present, 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting is hosted by Slovenia and organized by UNESCO, through the UNESCO regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, in cooperation with the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-East Europe (Sofia, Bulgaria), the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO and the Slovene Ethnographic Museum.

## Objectives

The meeting will further promote knowledge sharing and the exchange of experiences in the implementation of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003) in South East European countries, with special focus on updates since the last annual meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2017.

In addition, the meeting will include a thematic panel on the role of museums in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, stimulating innovative approaches to the matter and reflecting on how museums can contribute to the visibility, viability and transmission of ICH. In this regard, the meeting shall aim at:

- Understanding to what extent ICH museums' practices in South-East Europe are in line with the aims of the UNESCO 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their role in Society (2015);
- Sharing advice on how to improve the role of museums in safeguarding ICH in the region;
- Identifying possible opportunities for reinforced regional cooperation on this subject.

Finally, the meeting is an opportunity to discuss and advance cooperation on intangible cultural heritage with and among Member States and other relevant partners in South-East Europe, confirming the importance of intangible cultural heritage to sustain the regional cooperation process.

## Topics of discussions

### Session 1: Implementing the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: progress, experiences and challenges

As per established practice of the Regional Network, during this first session participants are invited to deliver short presentations (8 minutes max.) on the main developments, achievements and challenges in the implementation of the 2003 Convention in their respective countries, with special focus on the period 2017–2018.

Presentations may include information on legal and regulatory frameworks, general policy concerning inventorying, funding, capacity-building, cooperation mechanisms, as well as on specific safeguarding and awareness-raising activities.

Question-and-answer sessions will follow each presentation.

### Session 2: Museums and their role in safeguarding ICH

The UNESCO 2015 Recommendation on museums and collections define the museum as a “non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purpose of education, study and enjoyment”. As such, museums are institutions that seek to represent the natural and cultural diversity of humanity, playing an essential role in the protection, preservation and transmission of heritage, including ICH.

This session will be devoted to share and discuss the ideas and good practices of museums with regard to research, communication and transmission of ICH, as well as the challenges faced by museums in the region in their efforts to safeguard ICH. It will provide participants with the opportunity to present and discuss respective experiences, good practices, lessons learned, and to possibly develop ideas and modalities on how to enhance cooperation among museums and related authorities in South East Europe in the field of ICH.

Participants are invited to deliver short presentations (10 minutes max.) on experiences from their respective countries, highlighting results achieved, critical issues, and possible proposals or issues for discussion.

A final open-floor discussion will follow the presentations.

## Participants

Experts are invited to participate in representation of ministries of culture, museums dealing with intangible cultural heritage, and/or other relevant authorities from the Member States of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South-Eastern Europe – Enhancing Culture for Sustainable Development (CoMoCoSEE), namely: Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria, Croatia; Greece; Montenegro; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Serbia; Slovenia; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and Turkey.

Experts representing relevant authorities from Austria, Cyprus, Italy, and Malta are invited as observers.

International experts and UNESCO staff will also participate in the meeting.

## Working language

The meeting's working language is English. No interpretation service will be provided.

## Conference venue and accommodation

The meeting will take place on 25-26 October 2018 at the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenia (address: Maistrova 10, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia).

Participants will lodge at Hotel Park, 5 minute walk from the meeting venue (address: Tabor 9, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia).

Transportation from/to airport, hotel lodging (limited to B&B service and excluding extras) as well as meals for the duration of the meeting will be provided by the organizers for registered participants.

## General Information

The climatic characteristics in Slovenia and Ljubljana are mild and rainy winters, dry and warm summers. The average temperature in October is 11°C, with up to 15°C in daytime and approximately 6°C at night. Generally 8-day rainfall in October is to be expected.

Time: CEST = GMT+01.00 h

Currency: Euro

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### 24 October 2018

Arrival of participants – Transfer to Hotel Park

- 17:30                    **Visit to the Slovene Ethnographic Museum.** Guided tour  
and cultural programme
- 20.30                    Dinner at Hotel Park

### 25 October 2018

- 8:30                    Walk from the hotel to the meeting venue - Registration of  
participants
- 9:00                    **Welcome speeches**
- 9:30                    **Introductory presentation:** Latest developments in the life of  
the 2003 Convention (Timothy Curtis, Chief of the Intangible  
Cultural Heritage Section, UNESCO)
- 10:00                    **Session 1 - Implementing the Convention for the  
Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: update on  
progresses and lessons learned**
- Presentations** by representatives of: Slovenia; Albania;  
Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria
- 11:00                    Break
- 11:20                    **Presentations** by representatives of: Croatia; Cyprus; Greece;  
Italy; Montenegro
- 12:30                    Lunch at Hotel Park
- 13:45                    **Presentations** by representatives of: Republic of Moldova;  
Romania; Serbia; The former Yugoslav Republic of  
Macedonia; Turkey
- 15:00                    Conclusions
- 15:30                    **Field trip to Škofja Loka.** Visit to the Monastery, museum,  
Art&Craft Centre, and old town.
- 20:00                    Dinner in Škofja Loka

21:30 Transfer to Hotel Park

## 26 October 2018

08:45 Walk from the hotel to the meeting venue

09:00 **Session 2 – The role of museums in safeguarding ICH**  
**Introductory presentation:** The role of museums in safeguarding ICH (Timothy Curtis, Chief of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Section, UNESCO)  
**Key note speech:** Museums and ICH safeguarding in South-East Europe: experiences, challenges and opportunities (Panayiota Andrianopoulou, member of the UNESCO ICH Global Network of Facilitators)

09:45 **Presentations** by participating countries with Q&As (1<sup>st</sup> part)

11:30 Break

11:45 **Presentations** by participating countries with Q&As (2<sup>nd</sup> part)

13:00 Lunch at Hotel Park

14:30 **Round table discussion**

16:00 Break

16:30 **Wrap-up session and conclusions**

17:00 End of works

20:00 Dinner at the Ljubljana Castle

## 27 October 2018

Departure of participants