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FOR THE SAEGUARDING
OF THE INTANGIBLE
CULTURE HERITAGE IN THE
SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
UNESCO

11th Annual Meeting of the South-East European Experts Network on Intangible Cultural Heritage

***“Funding the Safeguarding of Intangible
Cultural Heritage”***

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 27-28 June 2017

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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; and Supetar, Croatia, June 2016.

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.

During last year's meeting in Croatia, participants agreed on focusing their annual meeting in 2017 on the issue of **resource mobilization, fund-raising and partnerships** for the financial sustainability of ICH safeguarding.

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 (10 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 2016-2017.

Presentations may include information on legal and regulatory frameworks, general policies, cooperation mechanisms, institutions, networks, as well as on specific safeguarding and awareness-raising activities.

Question-and-answer sessions will follow each presentation.

Session 2: Funding ICH safeguarding

Established by the 2003 Convention, the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund provides assistance to States Parties in their safeguarding efforts. States Parties to the 2003 Convention may apply for International Assistance (including joint requests by two or more States Parties) from the Fund. When examining Assistance requests, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and its Bureau shall take in account equitable geographical distribution and the special needs of developing countries. Despite a series of measures taken by the governing bodies of the Convention and its Secretariat, including increasing the budget ceiling of requests that can be submitted at any time, and that therefore do not compete with the Lists, the resources of the Fund remain largely underutilized.

Besides the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund, several States Parties have introduced financing programmes, mechanisms and budget allocations to support the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage within their countries. Other funding opportunities and partnerships have emerged at local, national and international levels, from donors ranging from non-governmental organizations and municipalities to supranational organizations such as the European Union.

This session will be devoted to share and discuss experiences on the availability, accessibility and impact of different funding opportunities for ICH safeguarding. Participants are invited to deliver short

presentations (8 minutes max.) on national financing measures as well as on experiences related to international funding opportunities, highlighting results achieved, critical issues and any other lesson learned. Question-and-answer sessions will follow each presentation.

Participants

Experts are invited to participate in representation of the ministries of Culture and/or other relevant authorities of 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; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Serbia; Slovenia; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and, Turkey.

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

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

Working languages

English and the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Conference venue and accommodation

The meeting will take place at the parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trg Bosne I Hercegovine No 1, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Participants will lodge at hotel “Holiday” Sarajevo, Zmaja od Bosne no 4, Sarajevo,

Transportation to/from 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.

The drivers holding the sign with the official logo of the meeting and participants’ name will be waiting at the Sarajevo airport upon their arrival.

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AGENDA

26 June 2017

Arrival of participants – Transfer to the hotel Holiday Sarajevo

20.00 Dinner at the Four Seasons Restaurant (located at the penthouse of the Alta Shopping Centre - 100m from the Hotel).

(A representative of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH will be waiting at 19.45 at the Hotel lobby to escort meeting participants to the Restaurant.)

27 June 2017

09.00 Registration of participants, Parliamentary Building of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Room 1, first floor

(A representative of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH will be waiting at 8.45 at the Hotel lobby to escort meeting participants to the Parliament Building.)

09.30 **Opening addresses:**

Mr. Adil Osmanović, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Siniša Šešum, Head of UNESCO Antenna Office in Sarajevo

10.00 **Session 1 - Implementing the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: update on progresses, experiences, and lessons learned**

Key-note speaker: Mr. Rasul Samadov, Representative of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Section, UNESCO

10.30 **Presentations** by representatives of: Bosnia and Herzegovina

11.15 Coffee Break

11.45 **Presentations** by representatives of: Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Greece;

13.30 Lunch at the BiH Parliament Building (ground floor)

14.30 **Presentations** by representatives of: Italy; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Serbia

15.45 Coffee Break

- 16.15 **Presentations** by representatives of: Slovenia; The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Turkey
- 17.30 End of first session
- 19.30 National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (located across the street from the Hotel, Zmaja od Bosne 3)
- Visit to the ethnographic section of the Museum
 - Music performances:
 - Pontanima Choir
 - Ms. Amira Medunjanin
 - Dinner at the botanical garden of the Museum (weather permitting)

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Session 2 - Funding ICH safeguarding

- 08.00 **Opening presentations**
- International assistance under the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, (Representative of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Section, UNESCO)
- 09.00 **Presentations by participating countries and discussion**
- 10.00 Coffee Break
- 10.15 **Presentations by participating countries and discussion**
- 11.45 **Conclusions**
- 12.00 Lunch at the BiH Parliament Building (ground floor)
- 13.30 Departure to Mostar
- 15.30 Arrival to Mostar and visit to the Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar, World Heritage Site since 2005
- 17.30 Presentation of Old Bridge Diving

18.00 Romanca Vinery and Restaurant, Mostar, visit to the vinery and dinner
20.00 Return to Sarajevo

29 June 2017

Departure of participants – organized transfer from the Hotel to the airport