

CULTURAL HERITAGE ACROSS BORDERS
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*ROLE OF EXPERTS AND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
NGO'S FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION
IN THE REGIONAL CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION*

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CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION

ACTORS

- NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS-GO'S AND NGO'S,
- INTERNATIONAL GO'S AND NGO'S
- INDIVIDUALS/EXPERTS

STATE OF THE ART OF LEGAL AND ORGANISATIONAL SYSTEMS ON
LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL
(MACEDONIA CASE)

PRESENT STATE

• NATIONAL - CENTRAL SYSTEM

1. LAW FOR CULTURE (1999)
2. CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION LAW (2005)
3. INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL
4. BUDGETARY SUPPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES BY THE
GOVERNMENT

• LOCAL - DECENTRALIZATION SYSTEM

1. INITIATIVE STAGE

- ICOMOS MACEDONIA INITIATIVE

• INDEPENDENT LEVEL

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NGO'S

OBSTACLES

- TRANSITION PERIOD
- FINANCIAL CAPACITY ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL (NATIONAL AND LOCAL BUDGET)
- PROBLEM OF THE INSTITUTIONAL AND PRIVATE DONATIONS
- RESTRICTION OF NEW INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYEMENTS (MORE THAN 16 YEARS) (ADMINISTRATION GETTO)

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NGO'S
2. PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GO AND NGO WITHIN THE COUNTRY (FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
3. TRANSPARENCY OF ACTIVITIES
4. CONTACTS ON BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL
5. CONTACTS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMETS (WORLD BANK, EAR, CE)

FIELDS OF COOPERATION

- INVENTARISATION/DOCUMENTATION
- EDUCATION AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE
- RISK PREPAREDNESS (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS)
- CULTURAL ITINERARIES
- RURAL CULTURAL TOURISM

ICOMOS MACEDONIA CROSS BORDER COOPERATION AS INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS ON:

BILATERAL LEVEL AND MULTILATERAL LEVEL

- SLOVENIA
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- SERBIA
- MONTENEGRO
- BULGARIA
- ALBANIA
- GREECE (ICOMOS AND TECHNICAL CHAMBER OF GREECE)
- UK (PRDU-YORK UNIVERSITY)
- USA (US/ICOMOS AND GETTY CONSERVATION INSTITUTE)
- SWEDEN (CHwB)
- FRANCE (PATRIMOINE SANS FRONTIERE)

REGIONAL LEVEL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- **1997**-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING CULTURAL HERITAGE INTO NATIONAL DISASTER PLANNING, MITIGATION AND RELIEF (SKOPJE-OHRID, MACEDONIA)
- **2002**-URGENT REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CULTURAL HERITAGE AT RISK IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT-MACEDONIA CASE (SKOPJE-OHRID, MACEDONIA)
- **2006**-REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION, TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY (SKOPJE-OHRID, MACEDONIA)

SUGGESTIONS FOR TOP PRIORITIES

- INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING
- EDUCATION-TRAINING AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE
- RISK PREPAREDNESS
- PUBLIC AWARENESS CAPACITY BUILDING

CASE

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OF

REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY

26-30 SEPTEMBER 2006

SKOPJE-OHRID

MACEDONIA

CHwB and ICOMOS MACEDONIA

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On the Regional Expert meeting on Cultural Heritage Protection through Regional Cooperation on Education, Transfer of Knowledge and Technology held on 26-30. September, Skopje – Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia, the representatives from: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Sweden had concluded the following:

- The Regional Cooperation is of great importance and is an expressed need for proper and sustainable conservation/restoration of cultural heritage on regional level;
- The expected result from the Regional Cooperation is a well established and multicultural functioning network of professionals and Institutions from the region and worldwide;
- The Regional cooperation should be facilitated by setting up a Regional Education Initiative Center (REIC) that would be managed in a flexible manner. For the beginning the Center is seen settled in ICOMOS premises in Skopje;

- The goals of Regional Education Initiative Center are:
 - Short and long term protection of cultural heritage (CH);
 - Appropriate utilization of the heritage;
 - Strengthening the professional capacities and public awareness on CH issues;
 - The expertise should be of highest excellence
- The methods of obtaining the goals are:
 - REIC is managed by committed professionals
 - Heritage is seen as a part of strategic plans of development in the region
 - Dialogue between general public and heritage should be established
 - Building up the educational programmes through practical protection of heritage;
 - Process of education on regional level should be based on short term and long term basis of education, where short term is seen as a practical workshops and training activities, and long term as building up of the recognized postgraduate studies, masters and PhD programmers
 - Education and training should cover wide aspects of documentation, analysis, protection and conservation as well as rehabilitation and maintenance of cultural heritage
 - Initiatives on professional exchange in the region and worldwide,
 - Governmental and Non Governmental Institutions seen as a part of the process
- The REIC is seen as a well functioning center with the structure that will be defined in the later stages through collaboration with potential partners and supporters from Governmental and Non Governmental Institutions.