

European Network of Focal Points for the 2003 Convention (ENFP)

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1. Purpose of the network

If common challenges/goals appears in the process of the periodic reporting, this should be prioritized focus of the network (or as subjects within the existing networks) Interesting aspects so far from working with the Norwegian report: *ICH of indigenous people *ICH of national minorities *Culture and health *Synergies with other conventions and programs *ICH contribution to sustainability development goals (which includes all the above points) Another important aspect across all themes for network collaboration is the community involvement according to the convention. This aspect should be highlighted in all the work we do.

capacity building on how to work with communities and engage more effectively with them

could be a mechanism for also involving communities as presenters?

More networking

among countries and colleagues! Most of Europe does not have a category 2 centre. This could be a way for efficient network. Not much overlapping in most part of the Europe.

sharing information

Be aware of what is happening in other countries, strengthen cooperation among countries in the field of international lists and projects.

The Network serves as a strong instrument to strength the abilities at the national level through sharing the experience and good practices; to stress the issues

Learning, sharing, cooperating.

Develop better ways of measuring impact of ICH safeguarding

and about measuring problems and unintended effects of ICH nominations and how to mitigate

Develop connections

between neighboring countries and beyond.

Getting to know other countries and sharing experiences

Find synergies with other initiatives

Creative Europe, European Heritage Label, European Heritage Days...

Strengthen the field of European ICH and education

Share experience in how we could better involve our national ICH and European ICH in formal and non-formal education.

EU funding for ICH projects

A lot potential for this, we share the same framework.

identify the role of NFPs

understand what we do, identify issues, priorities, objectives, levels of dialogue

sharing (and learning from)

challenges, lessons learned, national strategies, inventories, risks and emergencies

One purpose can be to foster collaboration with academic units and networks

- a lot of gain can be made on the side of (both applied and fundamental) research regarding implementation of the convention and safeguarding ICH more largely;
- network of unesco chairs can be mediator in this process
- ORF / Periodic reporting topics can be addressed at a cross-border level
- addressing blind spots at country-level

Sharing information

The purpose is sharing information about policies in our different countries in a general and practical sense.

how to approach multinational nominations

Effective follow-up Overall Results Framework

How can the feedback loops be realised? Lessons processed?

Community involvement

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Informal networking to catch-up faster and ease various type of work of experts in the countries

Facilitate organizing and collecting information for periodic reporting

Learning from each other's experience and experience of different countries

Organizing different types of meetings, seminars, conferences and on different levels

Capacity building inside the countries, developing national networks of experts and other stakeholders

Broader dissemination of different information on ICH safeguarding activities

Cooperation in the safeguarding practices and be up-to date with activities going on nationally and internationally on European level

To get to know about different approaches to national listing systems (lists, registers, procedures, results, monitoring etc.)

Preparing insights or views about upcoming Committee Sessions

What about that Category II Center for Group 1?

Start the discussion, find the funds, a building, a platform

Recommending to UNESCO chairs possible areas of research, e.g. conflicts over sustainability

Safeguarding

Network as a forum for sharing of experience and good practice on safeguarding projects. Consideration of possible joint projects among and across regions of Europe at some future point.

Sharing examples

- Safeguarding practices
- Policies and how to implement them on a national / regional level
- How to be innovative

Transnational files

Managing to invite all the countries that do have a common ICH

Network of the contents

Not a political tool

Among other things, this Network may lead to the process of discovering new ICH elements.

2. Ways of working for the network

Blended

Focal points / and/or Competent 'bodies'

13 (b) designate or establish one or more competent bodies for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage present in its territory;

Groupworking

Working in small groups during the webinars is very important and most effective.

establishing a platform / mailinglist to keep in touch and distribute ideas and information

Part of platform of ICHNGO FORUM? – NIMETÖN

Both informal and formal - both have important features. Loose network just sharing calls to events and news on projects etc... But would be good to formalize in some form: it will not last for a long if its not clear how it goes forward. We need member states to be active on this. Rotating chair annually? Each year there should be 2 states feeling responsible for this.

Forming subgroups of the networks such as for researchers, NGOs etc.

- it should not only concern focal points, but also other ICH experts

regular circulation of information: meet-ups or newsletter, or webpage (a parallel thing: Facebook group / page); educational webinars; forming sub-groups within the Network (f. ex., NGOs, research institutions, etc.); conferences or research seminars; we recommend that every session should thematically focus on one issue

Use the mailing list

Would be nice to get invitations to webinars/workshops that would be about ICH. Guidelines are needed however (what can be shared, in which languages, etc.). This works also with other networks (such as ICTM). Easy and no-one needs to be in charge.

organising exchange programs for ICH focal points

Networking

Different kinds of meetings such as:
Annual for the whole group,
Working groups on different topics
webinars on different topics
Other ways of sharing information

Facebook-group – ANNIKANORDSTROM1

Regular meetings

We could organize regular meetings on specific topics connected with the Convention's domains.

Lack of subnetwork in Western Europe?

How to place this network in the map of other networks? It is already a network for Nordic-Baltic area and one for South-Eastern area. Maybe it lacks a network in Western Europe?

A meeting of the responsible ministers, to discuss the results of the Overall Results Framework Exercise in 2023? And how they want to respond to the challenges...

offer capacity building programmes

Facebook page

Easy way to share information, but someone(s) needs to be in charge. Open or closed group?

plenary meeting once or twice a year, and working groups around thematic areas shared by members

- exercise should be done on topics of interest (for example migration, superdiversity and ICH; etc see column 3)
- ORF themes can be a relevant shared starting point

Digital meetings

To keep the cost down and the time for sharing/discussion rather than travel, the meetings should be digital (with the possibilities to have physical meetings before/during/after the COM meetings).

webinars seminars

Develop partnerships – we as members should share information to other members of the Network – about ICH bearers and practitioners (crafts...), specialized experts in some fields (music...), institutions (research...) etc.

Mailing list for members of this Network so that we can disseminate information to relevant stakeholders in our country depending on the topic, area of expertise etc.

Organize short discussions on topics from time to time

Share information on specific fields (music, dance etc.)

should we (how to) formalise the network?

while keeping it simple and practical

joyful events, joining festivals etc.

Necessary coordination with the other European networks (Northern Europe, South-Eastern Europe)

Website is very important

The focal points will be changing over time, in many countries so having a repository of information and resources is important

3. Future themes of events/webinars of the network

How to implement article 18

One of the challenges for the near future is how to develop and implement article 18 of the 2003 Convention.

How can focal points be hubs? Together focal zones, where networks are intertwined...

Sharing experiences of inclusiveness of ICH of minorities in the national inventory / process & approaches

Explore different understandings of ICH in different countries

How to reach minorities and marginalised groups in different countries

Updating the inventories

Communication: How to deal with the "UNESCO-language" to reach the communities? NGOs role as translators is crucial. Capacity in the NGOs

Animal ethics and rights

possible collaboration with Latin America
conflicts over issues of sustainability

It would be very useful to discuss:

- the problem solving practices during the periodic reporting process, and
- how to use this process of the ICH development strategy;
- The scientific platform of the ICH in different countries.

Organization of multinational applications / experiences and working methods

Language as a part of the ICH-convention. Language are important for the safeguarding of ICH

Discussing the periodic reports of other regions/Overall results framework exercise

Sharing

Inventing
Evaluation of the elements on the inventories
Education and ICH

How to work on international files

research on ways of safeguarding, including the communities, observing changes

and maybe also sharing safeguarding plans where possible
– HARRIET57

enhance the coordination on international files

Sustainability

- in particular SDGs/Agenda 2030, but also further questions such as the sustainability of listing mechanisms (monitoring etc.)

research on ICH in cities, urban heritage, (post-) migrant heritages

How to find sufficient resources for ICH work

Rural ICH in Europe

Meetings with national experts on rural development.

additional information on practicalities around writing the Report; sharing best practices in safeguarding, communication with communities, and other aspects around the ICH; we recommend that there would also be sessions open to tradition bearers (thematic sessions with focus on certain element to be observed, for instance)

Considering the relationship between ICH and sustainable development

including attitudes towards commercialisation, economic dimensions of ICH

Discussion about the Council of Europe Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 1 March 2019 (see Doc. 14832, report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy). See also Recommendation 2148 (2019).<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=26468&lang=en>

thinking about the implicit identity politics of the convention – how can we include communities which are little structured and/or fluid without ethnizing them?

Coordination with other Ministries and Agencies

How to enhance understanding of the Convention and cooperation with other Ministries and Agencies

Smaller Communities

- How to safeguard ICH if communities are very small (maybe a subject for a subgroup)

migration and superdiversity and ICH

Periodic reporting – getting to the bearers and to the institutions to reach for information

How to get in touch with different stakeholders, how to attract them to participate (in reporting and other issues), how to approach them (various interests etc.)

Folklore and ICH – especially intellectual rights issues

UNESCO "label" issues

ICH matters - how to convince the general society that ICH is important and can bring benefit to communities

National inventories - how to help bearers to better document, research and promote their ICH

cross-border issues

heritage futures

Sharing experiences! Reporting - how to take it further for the next period

ORF / shared periodic reporting topics and methodologies

Common challenges/goals

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Purpose of inventories

- Current misconceptions or possible advantages in the future

Multinational Nominations

*comparing the different inventoring systems / national
implementation processes – NIMETÖN*
