

**REGIONAL CENTRE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING
OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE
IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO**

WORK PLAN 2016

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The Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the auspices of UNESCO focus its efforts on the following work principles in its planned activities every year, with an emphasis on the countries of South-Eastern Europe:

- ✓ Maximum involvement of all countries of the region of South-Eastern Europe in its activities;
- ✓ Enhancing the cooperation in the field of intangible cultural heritage through networking and active partnerships;
- ✓ Enhancing the capacities for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage through organizing training courses on subjects related to the Convention 2003;
- ✓ Promoting the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and contributing to its implementation in the South-Eastern European region;
- ✓ Participation of representatives of different stakeholders in the planned activities – national and local authorities, academic institutions, universities, non-governmental organisations, local communities and practitioners of intangible cultural heritage;
- ✓ Encouraging the equal participation of men and women, as well as of young people;
- ✓ Promotion, exchange and dissemination of initiatives and good practices regarding the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe;

ACTIVITIES	DELIVERABLES	CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO'S RPROGRAMME OBJECTIVES
GOAL 1: ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE FOR SAFEGUARDING THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2003 CONVENTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL		
<p>ACTIVITIES 1.1-1.6. CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR NATIONAL EXPERTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE <i>Target value for 2016: 5 workshops; 2 round tables.</i></p> <p>Activity 1.1 – 1.5. In the context of the UNESCO Strategy for Enhancing Capacities for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level, the Regional Centre continues its activities in organising training workshops in the member states of South-Eastern Europe. The 2016 workshops will be hosted in countries that have declared their willingness to act as partners in organising those events.</p> <p>The purpose of those workshops is to improve the understanding of the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and strengthen national capacities for its implementation; to contribute to policy review, examples of successful safeguarding of the living heritage at national and international levels; to promote active involvement of local communities; to discuss issues related to compilation and updating of community-based ICH inventories, etc.</p> <p>Duration and venue: 5 days in a South-Eastern European country;</p> <p>No. of participants: 20-25 representatives of national, local governmental bodies, institutes, non-governmental organisations, working in the field of intangible cultural heritage, as well as practitioners of intangible cultural heritage, etc.</p> <p>Funding: The <i>Regional Centre</i> provides two facilitators from the UNESCO network who specialise in delivering trainings in capacity building on a global scale, and will cover their fees, travel expenses, accommodation and meals in the relevant host country. The <i>host country</i> selects the participants at national level, provides the venue (premises) for conducting the training workshop, the coffee breaks and catering services, translation to/from English, a field study and meetings with ICH practitioners.</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>Activity 1.1. Capacity building workshop for national ICH experts in Romania in partnership with the <i>Romanian Ministry of Culture</i>. Venue and dates: Bucharest, June 12-17, 2016 Subject: 'Implementing the UNESCO Convention for</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Improved knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:</p> <p>Increase in the number of supported member states which use enhanced human and institutional resources for their intangible cultural heritage and integrate it in their national policies;</p>

<p>the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level' Facilitators: TBD</p>		
<p>Activity 1.2. Capacity building workshop for national ICH experts in Serbia in partnership with <i>the Serbian Ministry of Culture</i> and the <i>Centre for the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Serbia at the Ethnographic Museum in Belgrade</i>. Venue and dates: Belgrade, October 2016 Subject: 'Implementing the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level' with an emphasis on the experience from, and challenges to, its implementation at national level, safeguarding measures, etc. Facilitators: TBD</p>	<p>Increased support for the countries of South-Eastern Europe in the process of implementation of the 2003 Convention at the national level;</p> <p>Increased capacity of experts working in the field of the intangible cultural heritage at the national level;</p> <p>Involvement of new partners in the region of South-Eastern Europe, increased cooperation between representatives of different national and institutional contexts;</p>	<p>Increase in the number of member states with enhanced institutional resources (ministries, institutes, NGOs, universities);</p> <p>Increase in the number of formal and non-formal educational initiatives and raised awareness of ICH experts with a view to the dissemination of knowledge and cultural values.</p>
<p>Activity 1.3. Capacity building workshop for national ICH experts in Albania in partnership with <i>the Albanian Ministry of Culture</i>. Venue and date: Tirana, September 2-15, 2016 Subject: 'ICH Community based inventorying' Facilitators: TBD</p>	<p>National training needs identified to plan further capacity building activities;</p>	
<p>Activity 1.4. Capacity building workshop for national ICH experts in Croatia in partnership with <i>the Ministry of Culture of Croatia</i>. Venue and date: Zagreb, September 20-24, 2016 Subject/Facilitators: TBD</p>		

<p>Activity 1.5. Capacity building workshop for national ICH experts in Montenegro in partnership with the <i>Ministry of Culture of Montenegro</i>. Venue and date: November 2016 Subject: TBD Facilitators: TBD</p>		
<p>Activity 1.6. Itinerant University Workshop on "Knowledge exchange for ICH in South -Eastern Europe" in partnership with the University for Library Studies and Information Technologies (ULSIT) and the universities in Odrin and Nish Venue and date: October 2016, Odrin, Turkey November 2016, Nish, Serbia March, 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria Subject/Facilitators: TBD The Regional Centre will cover the cost of transport, accommodation, simultaneous interpretation, preparation and printing of promotional materials, professional English translation, design, layout, prepress and seal the three collections in circulation a total of 1,500 units. (500 pcs. of a collection), catering. Partners will provide halls for holding.</p>	<p>Dissemination and exchange of information in the field of a ICH with an emphasis on young people. Printing three collections in English with reports from the traveling workshops.</p>	<p>Increase in the number of young people involved in the recognition and honouring of the intangible cultural heritage through a specific educational programme;</p> <p>Increase in the number of formal and non-formal educational initiatives and raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge.</p>
<p>ACTIVITIES 1.7.-1.8. ROUND TABLES ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>Activity 1.7. Round Table on the visibility of the intangible cultural heritage, <i>in partnership with the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Ethnology and</i></p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Elaboration on aspects of the theoretical platform of the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage and its visibility;</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:</p> <p>Increase in the number of member states with enhanced institutional resources (ministries, institutes, NGOs, universities);</p>

<p><i>Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum (IEFSEM/BAS).</i></p> <p>The museum is one of the most significant present-day institutions that could ensure the visibility of ICH in the sense of its safeguarding, as per Art. 13-15 of the 2003 Convention. The Round Table will enable discussions related to the capabilities of a museum to showcase in the best possible way the ICH; the danger of 'museumification' (de-vitalisation) of the ICH, etc. The <i>Regional Centre</i> will host the meeting in Sofia on 3th of December 2016. Invitations for participation will be sent out to experts from South-Eastern Europe with proven experience in that subject matter. The <i>Regional Centre</i> will cover the costs of accommodation of the participants from South-Eastern Europe, their international transportation, conference equipment (if necessary), catering.</p> <p>Our partners will provide the conference venue (room). <i>The Slovenian partners may stage an exhibition.</i></p>	<p>Clarification of the methodological set of tools through which museums in the region partake in the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, as well as the ways of ensuring its visibility;</p> <p>Presentation in small exhibitions of specific examples of ensuring visibility through a museum institution, etc.</p>	<p>Increase in the number of young people involved in the recognition and honouring of the intangible cultural heritage through a specific educational programme;</p> <p>Increase in the number of formal and non-formal educational initiatives and raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge.</p>
<p>Activity 1.8. Round Table related to the cultures of South-East European countries, <i>in partnership with NGO Brain Workshop Institute.</i></p> <p>Venue and date: Skopje, TBD;</p> <p>Subject: '<i>Cultures and communities in South-Eastern Europe</i>'.</p> <p>As part of a series of events related to the subject that the Regional Centre is striving to realise, the Round Table aims to bring to light the various aspects of the identities of South-East Europe: cultural, historical, political, while placing an emphasis on those of them that make the South-East European countries an</p>	<p>Enhanced interest in, and understanding the similarities and differences in the South-East European cultural space;</p> <p>Establishment of active partnerships with NGOs and academic institutions.</p>	

<p>integral whole, rather than the traditional dividing lines in the popular discourse. The <i>Regional Centre</i> will cover the cost of organising and holding the Round Table.</p>		
<p>GOAL 2: NETWORKING AND PROMOTING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE</p>		
<p>ACTIVITY 2.1. THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN EXPERTS NETWORK ON INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>The meetings of ICH experts in South-Eastern Europe contribute to enhancing and broadening regional cooperation in safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage. They provide enabling conditions for strategic partnerships and active communication with institutions at different levels between the countries of the region. The ICH Centre Sofia supports annually the expert meetings. Participating in those annual meetings are representatives of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Turkey, as well as experts from international organisations and neighbouring countries. Venue and date: 13-14 June, Brač, Croatia Subject: 'Coordination between the 1972 UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage'. Organisers: UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Venice, Italy); the Croatian Ministry</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Strengthening cooperation in the region of South-Eastern Europe for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage;</p> <p>Maintaining an effective and operational network in the sphere of the intangible cultural heritage;</p> <p>Maintaining active communication with representatives of institutions from the countries in the region of South-Eastern Europe;</p> <p>Annual exchange of good practices and sharing progress and experience in the safeguarding of the living heritage in the region of South-Eastern Europe.</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:</p> <p>Increase in the number of member states with enhanced institutional resources (ministries, institutes, NGOs, universities);</p> <p>Increase in the number of supported member states which use enhanced human and institutional resources for their intangible cultural heritage and integrate it in their national policies;</p> <p>Promotion of good practices for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage;</p> <p>Strengthening the informal sharing and dissemination of interesting and innovative examples of the work of the Convention (incl. safeguarding, policies and legislation, sustainable development).</p>

<p>of Culture and the ICH Sofia Centre. The <i>Regional Centre</i> will cover the international transportation costs of the participants.</p>		
<p>ACTIVITY 2.2. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ‘110 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM’ IN BULGARIA Between the 14th and the 27th of October, IEFSEM/BAS will host Cultural Heritage Days, and throughout the year, a series of ethnographic exhibitions and concerts with an emphasis on the preparation of the blueprints for a permanent ethnographic exhibition. Within the framework of the Cultural Heritage Days, there will be two international conferences, as well as a number of Open House days at the Ethnographic Museum featuring workshops, concerts and interactive games for children, demonstrations of traditional crafts and a rich and varied programme of documentaries and ethnographic films.</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>The International Conference on ‘110 Years of the National Ethnographic Museum’ will convene under the same roof ethnographers from around the country, who will share their accomplishments in safeguarding the cultural heritage. The conference will present and debate the idea of setting up a permanent ethnographic exposition at the NEM. The inauguration of the National Ethnographic Museum in 1906 was an event of international significance and was directly related to similar processes and cultural policies in South-Eastern Europe. The conference will also be attended by eminent champions of the safeguarding of the cultural heritage in the SEE region, among whom the curators of the ethnographic museums of Ljubljana, Zagreb and Belgrade. After the closure of the conference, a dedicated scientific publication will present in collected form the papers and interventions delivered at it.</p> <p>Venue and date: Sofia, October 25th-26th 2016;</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Promoting the participation of, and cooperation among, representatives of various national and institutional contexts;</p> <p>Enhancing popular interest in the intangible cultural heritage through initiatives highlighting its importance;</p> <p>Strengthening partnerships in different spheres in the region of South-Eastern Europe.</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO’s programme objectives:</p> <p>Increase in the number of formal and non-formal educational initiatives and raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge;</p> <p>Increase in the number of member states with enhanced institutional resources (ministries, institutes, NGOs, universities);</p> <p>Promotion of good practices in the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.</p>

<p>Partner: IEFSEM/BAS; The <i>Regional Centre</i> will cover the costs of the organisation of the Conference and the publication of the collected documents after the event.</p>		
<p>ACTIVITY 2.3. – 2.4. PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO SESSIONS ON INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>2016 will see the convening of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 6GA (to be held in Paris, France, May 30 through June 1st). During the 6GA, a whole day of 3 June will be dedicated to the annual meeting of Category 2 centres active in the field of intangible cultural heritage. These meetings have been held on an annual basis since 2013; the first such meeting was hosted by the Regional Centre for the Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the Auspices of UNESCO. Later in 2016, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 11COM will be held in Ethiopia, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 2. The <i>Regional Centre</i> is invited to participate in both events in relevant capacities and will cover the travel costs of its representatives to both and for one youth delegate.</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Maintaining relations of partnership and active communication with representatives of different states and institutions on a global scale.</p> <p>Strengthening and enhancing cooperation between UNESCO and the Category 2 centres;</p> <p>Improving cooperation and communication among Category 2 centres with a view to the establishment of an operational global network active in the field of intangible cultural heritage;</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO’s programme objectives:</p> <p>Number of supported meetings of the Global Network of Category 2 Centres active in the field of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 2.5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE BALKAN UNESCO CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS ON ‘THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE BALKANS: THE GOVERNMENTAL AND THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR, UNITED IN PRESERVING THE LIVING ROOTS OF EUROPE’</p>		

This event, dedicated to the 60th Anniversary of Bulgaria's UNESCO Membership, is the first in a series of events at both national and international level to be organised by the Bulgarian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Associations and Centres, which is being established at present.

Rationale:

The Conference is organised by the UNESCO Club Leonardo da Vinci, Sofia, the Bulgarian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Associations and Centres, the Bulgarian National Commission for UNESCO under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the MFA Diplomatic Club, the MFA State Cultural Institute, and the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA). The organisers plan to invite Mrs. Irina Bokova, the UNESCO Director General, and Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova, the Mayor of Sofia, to grant their high patronage to the event. The main objectives of the International Conference are to enable the presentation of the different perspectives of entities and bodies engaged in dealing with this issue, the institutions and non-governmental organisations of SEE and throughout Europe, as well as to familiarise the participants with the international experience in this sphere; to emphasize the need to join efforts and coordinate activities between institutions and organisations involved with the intangible cultural heritage; to promote a discussion on the possibilities for optimising the mechanisms of identifying, recording, studying, conserving, developing, publicising and transmitting, mostly through formal and non-formal education, as well as revising its different aspects; to receive recommendations for promoting coordination between the work of governmental and non-governmental organisations for raising the

Deliverables:

Strengthening cooperation in the field of intangible cultural heritage;

Maintaining an effective and operational network of governmental and non-governmental organisations;

Maintaining active communication with representatives of centres and associations UNESCO;

Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:

Increase in the number of formal and non-formal educational initiatives and raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge;

Promotion of good practices in the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

<p>effectiveness of the activities pertinent to the gathering, conservation and promotion of the intangible cultural heritage. Venue and date: Conference Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, November 24th-25th, 2016. <i>The Regional Centre</i> will offer its partnership in the organisation of the event by providing funding for its realisation.</p>		
<p>GOAL 3: PROMOTION OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE</p>		
<p>ACTIVITY 3.1. PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT ELEMENTS OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN COUNTRIES OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>The Regional Centre will support the production of a series of documentaries aimed at showcasing and promoting the elements of the intangible cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe.</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Raising awareness and familiarity among the public at large with the elements of the intangible cultural heritage.</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:</p> <p>Supported countries in South-Eastern Europe in the dissemination of information about their ICH elements inscribed on the UNESCO lists.</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 3.2. INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EASTER FESTIVAL IN BOSILEGRAD (SERBIA)</p>		
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>The International Children's Easter Festival will bring together children from Serbia, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Venue and date: Bosilegrad (Serbia), May 2016 Partners: The <i>Glas</i> Association <i>The Regional Centre</i> will cover the cost of production</p>	<p>Deliverables:</p> <p>Stronger support for festivals and cultural initiatives in the area of the intangible cultural heritage;</p> <p>Promotion of mutual understanding and respect for ICH among young people.</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives:</p> <p>Number of formal and informal initiatives for raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge.</p>

of promotional materials to be handed out at the Festival.		
ACTIVITY 3.3. 19TH INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL AT THE CITY OF VELIKO TARNOVO		
<p>Rationale: Within the framework of the 19th International Folklore Festival at Veliko Tarnovo, the programme will feature a scientific conference on the promotion of the intangible cultural heritage; traditional cuisine demonstrations; an art workshop about the intangible cultural heritage. Representatives of the member states and the Regional Centre are expected to participate. The <i>Regional Centre</i> will support financially the organization of the event. Venue and date: Veliko Tarnovo, July 23-25, 2016 Partners: CIOFF Bulgaria.</p>	<p>Deliverables: Promotion of ICH through forums, art spaces and representative events; Support for festival and cultural initiatives in the area of ICH.</p>	<p>Contribution to UNESCO's programme objectives: Number of formal and informal initiatives for raising the awareness of young people with a view to the dissemination of cultural values and knowledge; Young people involved in the recognition and honouring of the intangible cultural heritage through specific initiatives.</p>
4. OTHER ACTIVITIES* OF THE REGIONAL CENTRE SOFIA:		
<p>4.1. Session of the General Assembly of the Regional Centre, Sofia, April 19, 2016;</p> <p>4.2. Participation in meetings with partners from the member states in South-Eastern Europe, at the invitation of the relevant member states;</p> <p>4.3. Participation in meetings organised by Category 2 centres active in the field of the intangible cultural heritage, at the invitation of the relevant Category 2 centres; and in meetings dedicated to intangible cultural heritage, at the invitation of the relevant partners;</p> <p>4.4. Support for initiatives of member states from South-Eastern Europe related to the intangible cultural heritage, as initiated by the relevant member state;</p> <p>4.5. Participation in initiatives and events marking the 60th anniversary of Bulgaria's membership in UNESCO;</p> <p>4.6. Performance evaluation by UNESCO for purposes of renewal of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and UNESCO for the establishment of the Regional Centre, October 31, 2016.</p>		

** All activities included in the Work Plan for 2016 of the Regional Centre for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO are dedicated to the marking of the 60th anniversary of Bulgaria's membership in that Organisation.*