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**Fight against
illicit trafficking
of cultural property**



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
General Directorate of Cultural Heritage and Museums



PROGRAMME OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP

Fight against illicit traffic of cultural property in South-East Europe

Gaziantep, Turkey. 19-21 November 2012

A meeting organized within the initiative



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Background

The fight against illicit traffic remains today very high on the political agenda of all South-East European countries, which have all ratified the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.

For UNESCO, a major priority is to help countries in building their human and institutional capacities: national inventories, databases, tools for information and communication, exchange of best practices, awareness-raising, etc. This meeting is therefore a very opportune moment to reflect on global cooperation strategies, focusing on the enhancement of legislations, international cooperation, and specialized national services.

In this context, the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, in cooperation with relevant national authorities, has already organized in 2011 two meetings, in Ohrid (13 October 2011) and Tirana (23 November 2011), that brought together key national players affected by the implementation of the 1970 Convention, international experts from specialized bodies (Interpol, Carabinieri, OCBC, Swiss Federal Office for Culture) and actors involved in communication and outreach policies and strategies. These two meetings took place further to the realization in May 2011 of a 20 minutes awareness-raising video, with the support of National Commissions and Ministries of Culture from the region, on the sensitization to the fight against the illicit traffic of cultural goods, specifically dedicated to South-East Europe.

This new meeting in Gaziantep on “Capacity-building and awareness-raising on the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property”, organized at regional level for the South-East European countries, comes as a follow-up to the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (March 2011) and the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (20-21 June 2012), and upon proposal of the UNESCO Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova.

It is jointly organized by the General Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Museums, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey and UNESCO, with the support of the Gaziantep Governorate, Municipality and Zeugma Mosaics Museum, and will take place in the recently opened Zeugma Mosaic Museum. It is part of a series of regional capacity-building trainings meeting coordinated in 2012-2013 in the world by UNESCO/Secretariat of the 1970 Convention.

Objectives

Within the framework of UNESCO's new global initiative, "Culture: a Bridge to Development", this meeting aims at building regional and local capacities in South-East Europe (invited countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey), with the following objectives: ratification and effective implementation of the 1970 Convention and other relevant instruments on the fight against illicit traffic and the restitution of cultural objects; effective use of legal and operational tools to safeguard and preserve cultural heritage; development of national capacities for the protection and conservation of movable cultural property; awareness raised on the need of fighting against the illicit trafficking of cultural property.

The meeting, conducted by an international pool of experts and professionals, will last three days and be structured around two trainings (a legal and an operational one), with the following modules:

- assessment of international and national legislations
- modalities for return and restitution
- training on the use of operational tools, especially for museums and cultural institutions
- police and customs role in the fight against illicit trafficking
- media and Awareness raising

Beneficiaries from the training will be high level professionals from the region, representing experts from the ministries of culture, ministries of interior, the judiciary system, cultural sites or institutions challenged by situations of illicit trafficking, and media professionals.

The activities to be covered in the present project will take into account the need for an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach, whereby all stakeholders share a common vision on measures to be taken to fight illicit trafficking at all levels.



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Venue

The workshop will take place at the premises of the Zeugma Mosaic Museum, in Gaziantep (Turkey)

Accommodation

Participants from invited countries will lodge at [Tugcan Hotel](#), in Gaziantep.

Working languages

The workshop's working languages will be English and Turkish.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

Sunday 18 November

Arrival of participants.

Transfer to hotel

Monday 19 November

08.30: Transfer from hotel to Zeugma Mosaics Museum (conference venue)

09.00: Registration

09.30: Opening remarks

- Anthony Krause, Head of Culture Unit, UNESCO Venice Office – Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe
- Öcal Oğuz, President, Turkish National Commission for UNESCO
- Murat Süslü, General Director for Cultural Assets and Museums, Ministry of Culture and Tourism
- Asım Güzelbey, Mayor of Gaziantep Municipality
- Erdal Ata, Governor of Gaziantep Province

10.30: Presentation of the training programme (Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties Section, UNESCO)

10.45: Break

11.15: Module I – International legislation: update, assessment and way forward
Chair: Anthony Krause, Head of Culture Unit, UNESCO Venice Office

- UNESCO's Conventions (1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two protocols)
Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties Section – UNESCO
- UNIDROIT 1995 Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects
Marina Schneider, Senior Officer – UNIDROIT

- UNESCO-UNIDROIT Model Provisions on State Ownership of Undiscovered Cultural Objects

E. Planche – M. Schneider

- Questions and answers

13.00: Lunch

14.30: Module II – National legislations: coordination, cooperation and case studies

Chair: Melik Ayaz, General Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Museums, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey

- National systems of protection of cultural heritage: cooperation at national and international levels

Manlio Frigo, University of Milan

- Best practices on legal protection of cultural heritage

Marina Schneider, Senior Officer – UNIDROIT

- UNESCO's Cultural Heritage Laws database

Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties Section – UNESCO

- Questions and Answers

16.30 Module II – National legislations (second part)

- Presentation of first case study: Turkey

Sibel Özel, Law School of Marmara University

- Discussion

- Presentation of second case study: Croatia

Representative of Croatia

- Discussion

18.00 Protection of archives and libraries¹

Anne Pasquignon, Deputy director of Collections Division, Bibliothèque national de France

18.20: End of Day 1. Transfer to hotel.

20.00: Dinner (venue TBD)

¹ Presentation originally scheduled within session IV, and anticipated to Day 1 because of travel constraints

Tuesday 20 November

08.30: Transfer from hotel to Zeugma Mosaics Museum

09.00: Module III – Modalities of return and restitution

Chair: Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey

- International cooperation, bilateral agreements and modalities for return and restitution
Benno Widmer, Head of International Transfer of Cultural Property, Swiss Federal Office for Culture
- The UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation
Ms. Artemis Papanastasiou, Legal Advisor Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, former Chair of ICPRCP.
- UNESCO new Rules of Procedure on Mediation and Conciliation, and database on successful cases of return and restitution of cultural property
Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties Section – UNESCO
- Questions and Answers

10.45: Break

11.15: Module III – Modalities of return and restitution (second part)

Chair: Benno Widmer, Head of International Transfer of Cultural Property, Swiss Federal Office for Culture

- Judicial and extrajudicial proceedings aimed at recovering and repatriating stolen and illicitly exported cultural objects: the Turkish experience
Zeynep Boz, Expert, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey
- Presentation of international good practices: the antiquities restitution case between Bulgaria / Canada
Representative of Bulgaria
- Discussion on alternative means of dispute resolution: exchange of experience and good practices

12.45: Lunch

14.15: Module IV – Training on the use of operational tools

Chair: UNESCO representative

- UNESCO-WCO Model Export Certificate
Laurent Pinot, Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Western Europe
- Code of Ethics, due diligence, and Object ID Standard Form for the basic inventory of cultural objects
Raphael Roig, Programme Officer, International Council of Museums (ICOM)

- Group work: use of operational tools

15.45: Module IV – Training on the use of operational tools (second part)

Chair: Karl-Heinz Kind, Coordinator Works of Art Unit, Interpol General Secretariat

- INTERPOL Database on stolen cultural property
Karl-Heinz Kind, Coordinator Works of Art Unit, Interpol General Secretariat
- UNESCO International Code of Ethics for Dealers in Cultural Property
Alberto Deregibus, Carabinieri/UNESCO
- ICOM Red Lists
Raphael Roig, Programme Officer, International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- Contrasting forgeries: preparing databases on fake objects
Funda Kumru, Expert, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey
- Questions and Answers

17.30: Visit to the Zeugma Mosaic Museum

18.45: Transfer to hotel

20.30: Dinner (venue TBD)

Wednesday 21 November

08.30: Transfer from hotel to Zeugma Mosaics Museum

09:00: Module V – Police, customs, and cultural heritage protection services

Chair: UNESCO representative

- International routes of illegal trafficking of art objects
Karl-Heinz Kind, Coordinator Works of Art Unit, Interpol General Secretariat
- Measures to fight the illicit traffic on Internet
Alberto Deregibus, Carabinieri/UNESCO
- Transportation and concealment of illegally exported cultural goods
Tuncay Günaydin, Interpol National Bureau Turkey
- Prevention and intervention in archaeological areas: custody, identification of risks, and recommendations to improve protection measures
Adalberto Biasiotti, international consultant, SecurComp
- Questions and Answers

10.45: Break

11.15: Module V – Police, customs, and cultural heritage protection services (second part)

- Protection systems and prevention in museums and religious buildings
Adalberto Biasiotti, international consultant, SecurComp
- Operations in customs areas
Laurent Pinot, Regional Intelligence Liaison Office Western Europe

12:00 Module VI – Education, communication, awareness-raising

Chair: Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey

- Presentation of UNESCO video on illicit traffic in SEE; communication tools and international good practices
E. Planche, A. Krause – UNESCO
- The role of the media in the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property
Özgen Acar, journalist, “Cumhuriyet”
- Discussion: exchange of experience and good practices

13.15: Conclusions

13.30: Lunch

15:00: Departure from Zeugma Mosaic Museum: Gaziantep city tour

20.00: Dinner (venue t.b.d.)



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Thursday 22 November

Transfer from Hotel to airport

Departure of participants