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REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2017

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>

1. Name of the organization

1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

Coordinadora de Colles Castelleres de Catalunya

1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

"Colles Castelleres" Coordinating Body in Catalonia (Federation)

2. Contact of the organization

2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, e-mail address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: Coordinadora de Colles Castelleres de Catalunya

Address: Carrer Major 2, Valls 43800, Tarragona (Spain)

Telephone number: (34) 977 60 52 06

E-mail address: coordinadora@cccc.cat

Website: www.cccc.cat / www.castellscat.cat

Other relevant
information:

2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): Mr
Family name: Soler García de Oteyza
Given name: Guillermo
Institution/position: Manager
Address: Carrer Major 2, Valls 43800 Tarragona (Spain)
Telephone number: (34) 608 56 12 36
E-mail address: gsoler@cccc.cat
Other relevant information:

3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities.

- local
 national
 international (please specify:)
 worldwide
 Africa
 Arab States
 Asia & the Pacific
 Europe & North America
 Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

Spain

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

1989

5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

The Coordinadora de Colles Castelleres de Catalunya (CCCC) is the federation that gathers all the 'colles' (teams) that build human towers ('castells') in Catalonia (currently around 100). 'Castells', of course, were included by Unesco in the representative list for intangible cultural heritage in 2010.

The CCCC was created in 1989 and its main purposes, as established in its by-laws, are:

- a) Promote human towers and its values, spread its knowledge, and to stimulate research on the topic, while looking after its good image and safeguarding.
- b) Manage and defend the affiliates' common interests and goods. CCCC is currently in charge to hire insurance policies for all the 'colles'.
- c) Represent the human towers collective before the administrations, media, etc.
- d) Promote good practices on human towers, especially on safety.
- e) Promote good understanding among its affiliates.

As you can see, the organization's first aim deals directly with the safeguarding of this cultural intangible heritage element.

6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection

- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

Some of the activities the CCCC has developed in recent years that deal with intangible cultural heritage safeguarding are:

- Promotion: The CCCC has two websites that provide information regarding human towers. The first one (www.cccc.cat) includes a complete agenda of the performances that are going to be held during the season (around 1000 each year). The second one (www.castellscat.cat) is specially thought to give an introduction to the human towers universe to those who don't know it, and its translated into Spanish, English and French languages. Both websites also explain what the Intangible Heritage Convention from Unesco is.
- Documentation: The www.cccc.cat website also includes a database where you can check on line all the performances results since 1926. New data is added each weekend, as new performances take place.
- Promotion & enhancement: The CCCC has created a registered brand, "Castells. Catalan Human Towers", whose aim is to sanction official products and goods which give part of its profits to the "colles castelleres".
- Promotion: The CCCC has developed several actions aimed to promote human towers among concrete collectives, such as immigrant population or children through schools. The last of these actions is an activity that promotes both human towers and reading through libraries.
- Promotion: The CCCC offers information on human towers to the media. It also manages the intellectual property rights of its affiliates to deal with local TV networks to provide live coverage of the most important performances.
- Transmission & education: The CCCC organizes every year two formative meetings, free for all the "colles". The first one is dedicated to safety and technical issues regarding human towers. The second one deals with legal, financial and organizational matters.
- Preservation & protection: The CCCC is the organization that contracts all the insurance policies that give coverage to human towers. The CCCC has also been responsible to develop several studies that have allowed human towers to become a safer activity, including the development of a special helmet used by children climbing on the towers.
- Revitalization: As a federation that gathers all the "colles", the CCCC also works as a forum where all the different groups can debate and decide jointly the future path for the element.
- Revitalization: The CCCC offers help to new "colles" when they are born, while at the same time checking that these new groups respect the human towers tradition and established values.
- Preservation, protection and revitalization: The CCCC boosted in 2012 the document titled "The Social Values of Human Towers", approved by all members, in which the "colles" ratified their compromise with values such as amateurism, a sustainable and responsible management, inner pluralism and democratic functioning.

Most of these actions can be checked through our websites.

6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise

Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

The CCCC is ruled by a board of directors, twelve people who represent their own "colles". The board is elected democratically every three years. The members usually have a long experience in their own "colles", often in key positions. The current president of the CCCC, Jordi Grau, has been a human towers practitioner for more than 30 years and was a president of his team for three years. This background gives the board a deep understanding of the problems and challenges of intangible cultural heritage.

The CCCC's professional structure is right now formed by two people who work full time for the NGO. One of them is an administrative accountant. The other one, Guillermo Soler, is the manager for the organization. He has university degrees in both Journalism and Cultural Anthropology, and is right now ending a Master in Business Administration (MBA). He has been working in the human towers field since 1999, first as a journalist and since 2009 as the CCCC's manager.

The CCCC also has a Medical and Scientific Director, Daniel Castillo, who is the responsible for the Health and Safety programs. He is a doctor specialized in sports health and works part time for the NGO.

7. The organization's experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

As explained before, the organization itself is the federation that unites all the different "colles" (teams) dedicated to human towers nowadays in Catalonia. This means that it is made up of groups that work the intangible cultural heritage. Again, as stated before, the board of directors itself is made up of intangible cultural heritage practitioners.

At the same time, it is also important to acknowledge that CCCC works democratically. Key decisions have to be taken by the General Assembly, where every group is represented. The board of directors is also voted by the General Assembly.

All this means that the organization's tradition is to build consensus and negotiate between its members to find a position where everyone (or at least a huge majority) feels comfortable.

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated whenever possible into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Membership and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already indicated clearly from the documentation provided for section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

9. Signature

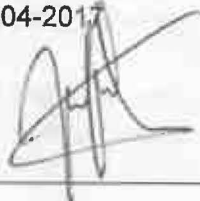
The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Jordi Grau Valls

Title: President

Date: 29-04-2017

Signature:





DOCUMENTATION 8.A

COORDINADORA DE COLLES CASTELLERES DE CATALUNYA (CCCC)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Jordi Grau, president
- Andreu Botella, vice-president
- Pere Tiana, vice-president
- Jordi Carbonell, vice-president
- Rosa Rovira, vice-president
- Rodrigo Sánchez, treasurer
- Sergi Sánchez, secretary
- Cristina Cumpido
- Francesc Garcia
- Rafael Caballero
- Albert Roca
- Ramon Sàlvia

PERSONNEL:

- Guillermo Soler, manager (fulltime dedication)
- Maite Sánchez, administrative (fulltime dedication)
- Daniel Castillo, medical and scientific director (parttime dedication)



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Maria Valls Figols , Cap del Negociat d'Entitats Jurídiques,

CERTIFICO: Que la entidad denominada COORDINADORA DE COLLES CASTELLERES DE CATALUNYA (Federación), de Valls, consta inscrita con el número 34 de la sección 1a de la demarcación de Tarragona del Registro de Asociaciones de la Generalitat de Catalunya, por la resolución del director general de Derecho y Entidades Jurídicas del 08/03/1990.

Que la composición de la Junta Directiva, que consta inscrita en el Registro, está encabezada por el presidente, senyor Jordi Grau Valls.

Y, para que conste, firmo este certificado a petición de la persona interesada.

Tarragona, 10 de maig de 2017

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DOCUMENTATION 8.B

CERTIFICATE OF LEGAL EXISTENCE

Translation (from Spanish to English):

Generalitat de Catalunya
Justice Department
Tarragona Local Services

Maria Valls Figols, head of the legal entities department

I certify: That the entity called COORDINADORA DE COLLES CASTELLERES DE CATALUNYA (Federation), from Valls, is inscribed with number 34 on the 1st section of the Tarragona demarcation of the Registration of Associations from Generalitat de Catalunya, by resolution of the General Director of Law and Legal Entities, since 08/03/1990.

That its board of directors inscribed in the Register is led by the president, mr Jordi Grau Valls.