

Brugge, 13/03/2020

Betreft: Instemmingsverklaring voor de multinationale aanvraag "Tocati, een gedeeld programma voor de bescherming van traditionele spelen en sporten" voor inschrijving in het UNESCO-register van goede praktijken van de conventie voor de bescherming van het immaterieel cultureel erfgoed en de verspreiding van goede praktijken

Geachte heer, mevrouw,

De Vlaamse Traditionele Sporten vzw (VlaS, ° 1988) is een koepelorganisatie in Vlaanderen - België voor tal van traditionele sporten en spelen. Sinds zijn oprichting heeft VlaS samen met de dragers en beoefenaars – die de raad van bestuur vormen – werkt gemaakt van de borging van dit erfgoed.

VlaS werkt daarbij samen met de Vlaamse overheid en andere sportfederaties en is vanaf het begin internationaal georiënteerd met de bedoeling een breed draagvlak te creëren voor traditionele sporten en spelen over de grenzen heen. Dit gebeurde onder meer door expertise uit te wisselen, deel te nemen aan festivals wereldwijd en internationale projecten op te zetten. Zo leidde VlaS het door de EU ondersteunde project 'Strengthening European Traditional Sports (SETS)' - <http://www.europeantraditionalsportsforum.eu> (2015).

VlaS is ook betrokken geweest bij internationale netwerken zoals ETSGA en Tafisa. VlaS was bovendien een van de leidende partners in het Ludodiversity-programma dat in 2011 werd opgenomen in de UNESCO-lijst van goede praktijken van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed (Convention 2003).

VlaS was in de loop der jaren getuige van de werkwijze en de kracht van het Tocati-programma en de onderliggende filosofie waarin de lokale spel-gemeenschappen de centrale rol spelen en een bottom-up benadering belangrijk is. VlaS gaf advies bij de start van deze multinationale aanvraag in twee meetings te Brugge en Brussel en zal de Tocati-aanpak blijvend aanbevelen.

Hoogachtend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'i.o. Guido Van Alsenoy', with 'coördinator VlaS' written in smaller text below it.

Guido Van Alsenoy, voorzitter.

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Brugge, 13/03/2020

Subject: Letter of consent to the multinational application of "Tocati, a shared program for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports" for inscription in the UNESCO Register of Good Practices of the Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and commitment to the dissemination of good practices

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Vlaamse Traditionele Sporten vzw (VlaS, ° 1988) is an umbrella organization in Flanders for more than twenty traditional sports. Since its creation VlaS worked on safeguarding of this heritage with the bearers and practitioners composing the board of directors.

In doing so, VlaS cooperates with the Flemish government and other sports federations and has been internationally oriented from the outset to create broad support for traditional sports and games across borders. It did so, among other things, by exchanging expertise, participating in festivals worldwide and setting up international projects, the most important being the EU supported project 'Strengthening European Traditionals Sports' (2015).

VlaS has also been engaged in international networks such as ETSGA and Tafisa. VlaS was furthermore one of the leading partners in the Ludodiversity Program that was included in the UNESCO list of good practices of ICH in 2009.

Over the years, VlaS has learned about the operation and power of the Tocati –program and its underlying philosophy where the ludic communities play the central role and a bottom up approach is important. VlaS gave advice to the development of the programme and will continue to encourage and promote the Tocati-way of safeguarding traditional games and sports.

Yours sincerely

i.o. Hein Comynne, coordinator

Guido Van Alsenoy, president.

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Hofstade, 3 March 2020

Subject: Letter of support to the multinational application of "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports" for inscription in the UNESCO Register of Good Practices of the Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and commitment to the dissemination of good practices

Dear Sir, Madam,

Sportimonium wants to express its support to the multinational application "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports".

Sportimonium, a non-governmental organisation, is a museum officially recognised on the highest level in Flanders and is subsidised by the Flemish government. Traditional sports and games play from the start of the museum a crucial role in its activities.

The safeguarding of traditional sports and games was in the beginning mainly focused on Flanders and neighbouring regions, but soon the interest turned international and the museum evolved into an international expert in the field. With its the programme "Programme of cultivating ludodiversity: safeguarding traditional games in Flanders" it was included in 2011 in the UNESCO register of 'Best Safeguarding Practices' (article 18 of the ICH Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, 2003). Sportimonium is also a Unesco accredited NGO (No. 90144).

Over the years there has been a fruitful collaboration and exchange with Tocati. The Tocati program, with the community based approach, the inclusive attitude and the connecting approach in a spirit of cooperation, fits perfectly in the policy and philosophy of Sportimonium. That is why the Sportimonium fully supports the application file and will continue to do so.

Sincerely yours



Didier Rotsaert

General manager

*Want dat wat gered wordt, zal nooit datgene zijn wat we tegen de tijd hebben beschermd,
maar dat wat we hebben laten muteren, zodat het opnieuw zichzelf zou worden in een nieuwe tijd."*

Alessandro Baricco, De Barbaren

Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed

Bruges, 7 February 2020

SUBJECT: Letter of support to the multinational application of "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports" for inscription in the UNESCO Register of Good Practices of the Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and commitment to the dissemination of good practices

To whom it may concern,
Dear Sir, Madam,

On behalf of NGO Workshop intangible heritage Flanders, we intend to express our support to the multinational application of "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports" through this letter.

NGO Workshop intangible heritage Flanders (accredited NGO [accreditation No. 9018](#)) has made efforts -and will continue to do so- in **contributing to the Tocati process of network cooperation and joint commitment around the safeguarding of traditional games and sports** throughout the past years.

In particular the **multilevel and multistakeholder cooperation** in this shared trajectory putting the **ludic communities in the heart** of the process, has proven strongly valuable. It offers a significant method of working, bringing together crucial dimensions in building a longterm pathway with the shared mission of fostering the flourishing of traditional sports and games and safeguarding this living heritage(s).

Tocati has played an **inspiring** role and functions as a precious **catalyst** for continuous and sustained safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage through **collaborative efforts in a shared safeguarding programme and perspective**.

While leaving room for contextual solutions and approaches to specific local and national situations, the programme develops an **integrated** and **connecting** approach **regarding challenges, methodologies and governance questions that arise in the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage** in traditional games and sports **across borders of different countries, institutions, disciplines, or policy domains**.

With Best Regards,

Joke Vandenabeele
President of NGO Workshop intangible heritage Flanders

