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The European Association of Traditional Games and Sports, a broad network of 70 groups, associations, federations, museums, universities, centers of training ... is accredited as ICH NGO since 2010, showing its commitment to the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The board of directors of AEJeST is in touch with the network of NGOs, the ICH NGO Forum, since the accreditation.

Since 2014, AEJeST delegated Mr Giorgio Paolo Avigo, President of Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA) and vice-president of AEJeST, to participate in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, representing the network. Since then, AEJeST started to be more and more involved in the life of the Convention, inviting members of the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum to the Tocatì seminars and symposia, collaborating with accredited facilitators of the network of the ICH global capacity building strategy, participating in the General Assembly (6 GA and 7 GA) in Paris and in the related meetings of the ICH NGO Forum.

AEJeST is a cooperation network. Organised by the members of the network, some event are big opportunities of cooperation at the international level. The "Tocatì International Festival of games in the street", every year invites delegations from different countries to express their ludic culture connected with other expressions of intangible cultural heritage of the participating communities, coming from all over the world. Since 2003, Tocatì, a "community of communities" is improving a permanent sharing of information and experience connecting communities, between local belonging and intercultural dialogue.

By its vocation AEJeST works on an international level. One of the main objectives of AEJeST is to foster exchange of experiences and good practices among its members. Activities of regional cooperation are engaged in the frame of EU programmes, with the support of AGA and of the Tocatì network. Some main projects were TRADWOK, 1 January 2017 - 30 June 2018, Traditional Wrestling our culture; establishing transnational networks in South East Europe; and the Erasmus+ Sport - Small Collaborative Partnerships, 1 January 2017 - 30 December 2018, BRIDGE Promotion of European Traditional Sports and Games, a BRIDGE for Intercultural Dialogue [.https://erasmusbridge2016.wixsite.com/erasmusbridge](https://erasmusbridge2016.wixsite.com/erasmusbridge). This project has been recognized as a good example of networking of NGOs, communities, experts, centre of expertise and research institutes.



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Since 2015, AEJeST participates to the international ICH symposium, “Tocatì, a shared heritage” sharing the opportunity to use the ICH Register to foster the Tocatì experience for the dissemination of good practices. The 5 September 2017, AEJeST and AGA signed an “agreement of partnership” for the “nomination process of Tocatì, a shared programme for the safeguarding of TGS”.

Recognizing Tocatì as community-based “intellectual network”, contributing to the ludodiversity safeguarding, and to spread the programme launched by UNESCO for the promotion of TGS in the spirit of the UNESCO ICH Convention, AEJeST and AGA agreed to follow ways for cooperation, acknowledging on the mutual interest to nominate Tocatì to the ICH register, as “a tool to support and strengthen the safeguarding activities and the community participation at the international level”, in the term mentioned by the Protocol of Verona (2018).

For all these reasons, we fully agree to Tocatì's nomination, as an active part of this project. We hope that this application will be successful and that Tocatì will be inscribed in the UNESCO Good Practice Register, for the transmission of TGS living heritage to future generations



Pere Lavega
President ETSGA/AEJeST



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ITSGA, the International Traditional Sport and Games Association, is an international network operating as a platform. It was created in 2009 after numerous international gatherings and symposia (since 1988), at the initiative of several international networks for the promotion and management of traditional sports and games. These networks of federations, scientists, researchers, animators, are generally gathered in continental or national organizations.

ITSGA, on the one hand, is a network with several continental or sub-continental organizations, and national associated members, whose goal is to promote thousands of traditional sports and games by supporting the work of grassroots organizations. On the second hand, ITSGA is a Think Tank with experts to help national systems to develop traditional sports and games as education, tourism or the local economy.

ITSGA and its members have for general goal to safeguard study and develop the traditional games and sports practices, part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of humanity, for a better intercultural dialogue, better social health and better living of the mankind in the world. In concrete terms we want to be an actor in the very pragmatic domain of the intangible culture, in support of UNESCO's policy to encourage the use of the traditional games and sports.

ITSGA, since its creation in 2009, works with the TOCATI festival and every year participates to the conferences organized during the event with people invited from different parts of the world. We are also involved in the works of some members of the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum to the TOCATI seminars and symposia.

ITSGA organizes with its members events related to the transmission of the ICH to next generations. In December 2019, it was a meeting of 3 days in Tunisia about how Traditional Games and Sports can be used for elderly social inclusion and intergenerational communication. Since January 2020 a large inventory work of TSG have started in several countries of Africa. ITSGA works also with the TOCATI every year in order to invite delegates from different countries to meet other leaders and share with them experiences, ideas and projects.

ITSGA since the 2015 TOCATI edition participates to the international ICH symposium, "Tocati, a shared heritage" sharing the opportunity to use the ICH Register to foster the TOCATI experience for the dissemination of good practices.

Recognizing TOCATI as community-based "intellectual network", contributing to the Ludodiversity safeguarding, and to spread the programme launched by UNESCO for the promotion of Traditional Sport and Games in the spirit of the UNESCO ICH Convention, ITSGA and AGA Verona agreed to cooperate, acknowledging on the mutual interest to nominate the TOCATI programme to the ICH register, as "a tool to support and strengthen the safeguarding activities and the community participation at the international level", in the term mentioned by the Protocol of Verona (2018).

For all these reasons, we fully support TOCATI's nomination to be inscribed in the UNESCO Good Practice Register, for the transmission of TGS living heritage to future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Jaouen', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

February 25th, 2020 - Guy JAOUEN - President of ITSGA



CIOFF(R) – International Council of organizations of folklore festivals and traditional arts

Paris, 10 February 2020

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CIOFF(R) is an international NGO established 70 years ago and having today more than 110 countries members in all 5 continents. Since the beginning the aim was to safeguard, promote and present Intangible cultural elements and traditional arts, organizing folklore festivals, expositions, cultural conferences, seminars etc.

CIOFF (R) is sharing and promoting UNESCO values and it's working closely with this organization – having an associate status and being accredited to the ICH Committee of UNESCO.

Since the beginning CIOFF(R) recognized and supported the Verona Protocol and the follow up of Tocatì as an important international nomination for inscription in the UNESCO Register of Good Practices. Representative of CIOFF participated to many meetings and to the regular symposium "Tocatì, a shared heritage" - also as a very active ICH NGOs Forum member – taking the opportunity to disseminate good practices and giving support to the project which really reflect the community-based approach of the Convention, supporting communities in their safeguarding efforts.

The Tocatì programme is an excellent example of safeguarding ICH elements in an integrated approach, improving cooperation, dissemination, exchanging models and practices among NGOs acting in ICH field. This nomination will strengthen the role of civil society according to the 2003 UNESCO Convention, increasing the NGOs cooperation and reinforcing the role of ICH NGOs UNESCO Forum in the future.

Magdalena Tovornik
Representative of CIOFF (R) to UNESCO