

**REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED  
TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

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### **A. Identification of the organization**

#### **A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report**

A.1.a. *Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.*

Association Européenne des Jeux et Sports Traditionnels

A.1.b. *Name of the organization in English and/or French.*

European Traditional Sports and Games Association

A.1.c. *Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)*

NGO-90106

#### **A.2. Address of the organization**

*Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.*

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## B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)<sup>1</sup>

*Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework<sup>2</sup>, as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.*

**B.1.** Describe your organization's contribution to strengthening **institutional and human capacities** for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The Association Européenne des Jeux et Sports Traditionnels (AEJeST) (aejest.com) is a platform, an international umbrella organization which was founded in 2001, bringing together around 100 organisations members representing federations, associations, museums and institutions active in the field of sport, research, education, and culture. All are dealing with the safeguarding and promotion of traditional sports and games. AEJeST is mainly acting on a European level and in Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Hungary, Slovenia, Sweden, Croatia, Romania, Iceland, Austria, Greece, Serbia, Czech Republic, Bosnia, Cyprus, North Macedonia, Poland, Suisse, North Macedonia.

AEJeST maintains at the same time close relationships through the International Traditional Sports and Games Association (ITSGA), with partners in Africa (African Association of Traditional Games and Sports:), Central and Latin America (Pan-American Association of Autochthonous and Traditional Games and Sports,) and Asia (Asian Association of Traditional Games and Sports).

AEJeST is currently directly involved in the "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports", a multinational programme (involving the States-parties of Italy, Croatia, Cyprus, Belgium and France) coordinated by Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA), based in Verona (Italy) improving a community-based use of the Convention. Tocati was inscribed in the Convention's Register of Good Safeguarding Practices during the 17COM in Rabat - 2022. AEJeST pays attention to the intangible aspects and values of TSG in the daily work of all its members. It encourages its members to work on inventorying TSG as ICH at the national level and to cooperate with the national coordinating bodies to safeguard intangible cultural heritage.

**B.2.** Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission of and education** for intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

To AEJeST and its network, Education and awareness raising of the youth is a priority. Several universities and scholars are involved in educational activities, from the local to the international level, while the members of AEJeST carry out activities in and around schools of all levels.

From the perspective of ICH, many activities concerning the revitalisation and practice of TSG, as open-air activities linked with the calendar of local festivals, are related to the transmission of ICH through formal and non-formal Education, improving the rehabilitation and use of public

1. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.
2. For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503>

and urban spaces, the social inclusion of different groups and cultures, the awareness-raising of the social function of ICH for the communities in their living contexts. AEJeST sensitises policymakers at all levels and warns against the risk of losing this intangible heritage of humanity that is the Ludo-Diversity.

In 2015, In Verona, AEJeST and ITSGA launched the “Verona Declaration”, a manifest to introduce traditional games and indigenous sports, as ICH, into school programmes. This important document was translated into several dozen languages and used by the network members. AEJeST is intensely involved in several Erasmus + projects (e.g., Bridge with the participation of schools from Spain, Italy, Portugal and France; Together, with the involvement of disabled people centres from Spain, Italy, and France) as the ongoing project *Opportunity - Strengthening social inclusion and gender equality in formal and non-formal Education, through Traditional Games and Sports (partners from 5 countries)*. AEJeST has signed an agreement with the South Korean cultural centre KTCC. AEJeST has launched an experience with Asia and Europe around the game of hopscotch. AEJeST has also activated the world network of teachers and researchers in TSG (two forums and two webinars were already held). Some months ago, we realised an experience with Asia and Europe around the game of hopscotch. We have also activated the world network of teachers and researchers in TSG (we have organised two world forums and two webinars).

**B.3.** Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

AEJeST, through its members, has done a lot of research to map the different kinds of traditional games and sports in Europe. Numerous publications have been achieved related to this research in other languages. One of the starting projects was an inventory of conventional adult games of 11 European regions has been made (project "Play with your heart, share your culture"; with the support of the European Union, 2005), comprising 21 co-organizers federations, institutions, museums, and universities. This and other more recent research work, conducted in close cooperation with practitioners and communities and involving ICH Facilitators, has contributed to the identification and contextualisation of TSG in the cultural context of communities, empowering the capacities and awareness raising of groups, communities and individuals, engaging them in the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. AEJeST members have been active in the inventorying of TSG in their territory (museums, cultural associations, sports federations). In 2018, an international symposium on inventorying TSG as ICH was organized in Verona. Experts, Institutional and ludic communities from Italy, Croatia, France, Cyprus and Bulgaria contributed with their experiences on inventorying TGS as ICH from the field. The participatory methodologies of inventorying and documenting ICH are shared in the Symposium and the Working Groups meetings of the ICH NGO Forum meetings since 2018. In addition, the collective of training centres and universities have been active in research and doctoral theses. Two research topics on traditional games and sports have been published in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Psychology* (Q2, IF 4,232). *Traditional Sporting Games and Play: Enhancing Cultural Diversity, Emotional Well-being, Interpersonal Relationships and Intelligent Decisions* <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/12540/traditional-sporting-games-and-play-enhancing-cultural-diversity-emotional-well-being-interpersonal>. The first has received more than 100,000 views from all over the world. The second is in the process of development

In parallel, AEJeST is active in publishing books, newsletters and symposiums where the inventory and research results of TSG are collected.

**B.4.** Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies, as well as legal and administrative measures**, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Several individual members of AEJeST are cooperating with governmental bodies to safeguard intangible cultural heritage in their own states and are encouraged to do so by AEJeST. AEJeST is currently directly involved in the "Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports", inscribed in 2022 in the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices., improving a community-based use of the UNESCO Convention for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), strengthening the use of article 18 of the Convention at the national and international level. As an accredited UNESCO ICH NGO since 2013, the Association encourages its members to cooperate with the national coordinating bodies to safeguard TSG as expressions of ICH. Developing the capacity-building perspective of the Convention, AEJeST is systematically involved in the annual workshops organised in the framework of the Tocati festival. This framework, involving policy-makers, ICH facilitators responsible for public administrations at all levels (from the local to the regional, national and international levels), work as a permanent platform for developing policies while changing and adapting administrative and legal measures to the needs expressed by practitioners and communities in the field. The permanent participation in these international workshops of several accredited NGOs and trained ICH Facilitators and mediators between communities, institutions, and policy-makers improve the impact of the Convention on cultural policies at the national levels.

From 2017 to 2019, the current President, Prof. Dr Pere Lavega, was chairperson of the UNESCO working group (ad hoc Committee) in the social and human sciences section to elaborate the policy guidelines for safeguarding TSG. As a result of this work, a document was produced which is about to be published.

**B.5.** Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

AEJeST acts as a network of local, regional or national bodies representing several hundred thousand European players. Its purpose is to promote and safeguard traditional games and sports, as expressions of the intangible heritage of humanity.

The International Festival of games in the street, Tocati, is for AEJeST, a permanent tool devoted to promoting the function of intangible cultural heritage for the wellbeing of communities. Every year AEJeST organises a European meeting of members, groups and communities, which coincides with a TSG festival and colloquium. The presence of organisations, communities, groups and individuals from different countries in Europe empowers local communities. The meetings showcase examples of good practice through TSG as a unique means of safeguarding ICH in society. In addition, since 2017, every year, AEJeST has awarded recognition to a person and an organisation (often not very visible) for their contribution to safeguarding ICH and its values. AEJeST members vote for this recognition. Museums, traditional sports federations, cultural associations; presidents of small organisations; volunteers, ... are some of these recognitions to people who have been working for many years with local communities, groups and individuals.

In recent years, some AEJeST members in Croatia and Italy (Verona) have organised various meetings (festivals, colloquiums) around promoting sustainable development and tourism values. In addition, AEJeST has participated in the European Trawecu project to promote cultural

tourism through TSGs.

The spirit of AEJeST is the cooperation with communities and groups and the connection of these fundamental actors of cultural life with the responsibility of education, research, science and policies.

**B.6.** Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

As a network of local, regional or national bodies representing several hundred thousand players in Europe, AEJeST is a powerful tool for raising awareness about TGS as an expression of ICH, but also on ICH in general. Its purpose is to promote and safeguard traditional games and sports as expressions of the intangible heritage of humanity, considering the sportive performance and its social and cultural contexts. The network-building involves players, cultural and sportive associations, confederations, federations, universities, museums and training organizations. The network supports the publication of journals, books, seminars, and symposia, setting up exhibitions and pooling resources, materials and experiences related to training and pedagogy. It also functions as a think tank. Some members of the network are firmly committed to the promotion of TGS as ICH.

The global COVID-19 pandemic caused severe psychological, relational and economic problems among AEJeST members, their communities, groups and players. AEJeST has been sensitive to these problems. The current Board of Directors has set up a specific project, favouring the network of networks, to address the needs and priorities of the different families of members. In addition, several European and international (online) forums have been organised to empower the AEJeST communities. At these events, many members have been able to explain their activities and ideas for collaboration with other AEJeST organisations and other parts of the world that are sensitive to safeguarding TSGs and their values as ICH.

**B.7.** Describe your organization's participation in facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

AEJeST is a cooperation network. Organised by the network members, some events are substantial opportunities for engagement for communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders and cooperation at all levels. In recent years, festivals were organised in 2018 in Mechelen, Belgium, the festival of TSG of local communities), 2019: Valle d'Aosta, Italy, a festival with more than 1000 school children from the area); 2019: Cangas Narcea, Spain, seminar and of the game of bolo Vaqueiro, a festival with local communities); 2021: Meeting in Svetvinčenat, Croatia, V festival of TSG. Festival of opportunities: topics: social inclusion, gender equality; International conference: Role of TSG in the development of local communities in the context of sustainable tourism); 2022 (Verona, Italy", Colloquium Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of Traditional Games and Sports", enrolled in 2022 the Tocati Festival, International Festival of street games. Every year it invites delegations from different countries to express their playful culture in connection with other expressions of the intangible cultural heritage of the participating communities, coming from all over the world.

Activities of regional cooperation are engaged in the frame of several EU programmes. Some main projects were TRADWOC (2017 - 2018), *Traditional Wrestling our culture; establishing transnational networks in South East Europe*; the Erasmus + Sport - Small Collaborative Partnerships (2017 -2018) *BRIDGE Promotion of European TSG, a BRIDGE for Intercultural Dialogue*; Promotion of European Traditional Games and Sports, TRAWECU - Promoting Traditional Sport & Games For Cultural Tourism and Local Development, TOGETHER for an Inclusive Intercultural Dialogue with People with Intellectual Disabilities (2019-2020) *OPPORTUNITY: fostering social inclusion and gender equality in formal and nonformal*

*educational contexts through applying TSG (2021-2023).*

These projects are a strong example of networking and engaging communities and groups with NGOs, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes (OD86).

**B.8.** Describe your organization's **engagement in cooperation at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels** for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives.

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AEJeST is a network of networks consisting of a wide variety of members. Juridical and natural persons who want to become members of the AEJeST must follow a procedure laid down in the statutes and rules of procedure. The candidature implies a letter of support from two organisations. This is the first symbolic message of bilateral agreements. Subsequently, all members vote at the Annual General Meeting to formalise the membership.

In each country, members can establish partnerships with local officials and private bodies to promote safeguarding TSGs. We have also to underline that in several regions, regional administrations recognise TSG's officially and also use them as an asset of cultural interest.

Networking in our association also favours bilateral agreements between organisations exchanging experiences (e.g. between the Cantabrian bowling federation and the federation of Quilles de huit in France; between INEFC and the University of Coimbra). Agreements between TSG families are also standard (six-pin skittles net, Celtic wrestling net, throwing objects net...).

At the international level, AEJeST, as a founding member of the International Traditional Sports and Games Association (ITSGA), has formalised agreements with organisations from different continents: Asia: World Ethnosport Confederation (Turkey), the Korea Traditional Culture Center (south of Korea); America (University of Santa Maria de Rio Grande do Sul); Europe (Agrupamento Escolares Lousa, Portugal).

All these collaborations have favoured the exchange of information about the main activities we organise in promoting, researching and knowledge transfer of the values accompanying TSG as a living heritage.

AEJeST has been a founding member of the worldwide TSG teachers and researchers network. Teachers and researchers are in contact through this network and share networking actions.

AEJeST is improving its website to facilitate these exchanges of materials, news and networking. We are also very active on social networks: Facebook and LinkedIn. Instagram. Two people lead these actions the board of directors.

**B.9.** Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

AEJeST is an international organization currently not directly involved in the State's Periodic Reports. However, the participation in the information and exchange session on the overall results framework for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage since April 2018, as well as the collaboration with ICH Facilitators involved in the *European Capacity Building on the Overall Result Framework* in 2020/2021, is improving

the capacities of its members to contribute in the drafting of the State's parties' reports.

As a leading thematic network of actors devoted to safeguarding TGS, AEJeST could improve the monitoring at the national level, collecting data and contributing to the PR drafting in the different national contexts.

**B.10.** Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

## C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and provide information in the box below.

- Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)**
- Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention**
- Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators**
- Cooperation with Category 2 Centres**
- Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO**
- Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs**
- Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
- Financial support from the Participation Programme
- Other types of cooperation

Not to exceed 250 words

Since 2017 AEJeST has been a direct collaborator of the UNESCO Secretariat, Social and Human Sciences Section. Several board members of the board of directors have been part of the ad hoc committee created to safeguard the TSG. The President of AEJeST has represented UNESCO at various meetings in South Korea (Asia), in Madagascar (Africa) and at an international conference in Paris (Headquarters). International Conference "Importance of the Great Silk Roads: Present and Future Development" Ashgabat, Turkmenistan; 2019 First Regional Conference of the African Ministers on the implementation of the Kazan Action Plan in Africa; Paris 2019 Patrimoine et diplomatie à travers la sauvegarde et la promotion des jeux et sports traditionnels (JST) Africains»; 2019 2nd meeting of UNESCO-listed Martial Arts Promotion Committee (South Korea).

AEJeST has contributed since 2006 to the Festival "Tocati, the international festival of games in the streets" in Verona. Since 2016, in the framework of the international nomination project of the Tocati Programme to the Register of Good Practices (art.18), started a permanent collaboration with the European network of ICH facilitators ( in particular facilitators from Italy, Croatia and Belgium, three of the five submitting States. In the framework of the Tocati nomination, strong cooperation was developed with the National Commissions of the five submitting States – Italy, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus and France. The Tocati network involves the UNESCO chair of Matera "paesaggi del Mediterraneo e comunità di saperi", in Italy, and is developing dialogues with other UNESCO chairs in Europe as the UNESCO chair on critical heritage studies and safeguarding ICH (Belgium) and the UNESCO chair on ICH and Sustainable Development in Paris (France).



## **D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**D.1** *Has your organization participated in the sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The members of the board of directors of AEJeST have been 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. In November 2014, he attended the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the IGC and the ICH NGO Forum. Since then, AGA has become more involved in the life of the Convention, commissioning an ICH facilitator to participate in the Committee meeting for the network and inviting the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum members to the Tocati seminars and symposiums. The participation of AGA with the ICH Facilitator Valentina Lapicciarella Zingari was assured since 2017 for the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the IGC in Korea, the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the IGC in Mauritius, the 14<sup>th</sup> session in Bogotá, the 15<sup>th</sup> session in Paris and the two online sessions 2020 and 21. The main contribution of AEJeST is related to the Tocati programme's multinational nomination process and the ICH NGO Forum meetings. In Korea, the first NGO capacity building. In Mauritius, for the Working Group on Research, a presentation was devoted to the Tocati participatory documentation process. On the occasion of 17<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Committee in Rabat for the Tocati inscription in the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, AEJeST was represented by a complete team of AGA, composed of 4 persons.

**D.2** *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Operational Directives), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*

*Not to exceed 100 words*

No Never

**D.3** *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

*Not to exceed 500 words*

Although AEJeST has not yet provided advisory services for the Committee, it will certainly be able to do so in the future on the basis of the skills of its members and the in-depth knowledge they have of traditional ludic practices, the so-called Traditional Games and Sports.

AEJeST has an important diversity of members, some of them are little cultural and local associations, transmitting living elements of TGS and ICH which are often unknown by the scientific and institutional community. Often, these associations transmit precious elements of ICH, living practices, local knowledges and skills sometimes transmitted only orally or by the practice itself, sometimes conserving important historical documentary archives. In general, this living heritage is unknown and underestimated. The practice of traditional games often contributes to the transmission of other heritage elements, such as local languages and oral traditions, traditional crafts, knowledge of nature, festive events and rituals. In this sense, some members of AEJeST could provide reports of evaluation in the —4 four domains identified by Operational Directive 96.

## **E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives):**

**E.1.** *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

As AEJeST is an international organization, it is used to working in a multilingual environment. The official AEJeST working languages are English, French and Spanish. The 17 board members are native speakers of: French (2), Spanish (8) and Catalan (2), Portuguese (1), Italians (2), Croatian (1), Romanian (1), Polish (1), and Greek (1). Half of them have a good command of the English language, 4 hold a doctorate 6 have a master II level. Twelve members of the Council understand, and 6 speak the French language. (see E.4 section)

**E.2.** *Does your organization have experience in working across several intangible cultural heritage domains? Please describe your experiences.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Traditional sports and games are related to multiple domains of intangible cultural heritage. They belong to the domain of social practices, rituals and festive events, connected to the part of oral traditions and expressions, including language, traditional knowledge of nature and craftsmanship. Traditional sports and games are closely related to festivals, rituals and social practices; in many cases, they are the direct instigator of such festivities. Working across several domains of intangible cultural heritage is inherent to the AEJeST activities. Most of the literature published about this topic has been done on behalf of the AEJeST members for 30 years. Some associations of the network, such as AGA, are devoted to highlighting, through its activities, the connexion between the different domains of ICH and are at work to cultivate a cross-sectorial and community-based approach to the heritage-making process.

Concerning the specific experiences of working on ICH, as explained in this Report, AEJeST is supported in its activities by a network of accredited ICH Facilitators, with consolidated skills in the ICH inventory process, drafting of nomination files, designing and managing safeguarding plans, conceiving and organising capacity building workshops. These competencies are made available for advisory services.

**E.3.** *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Board members of AEJeST are experienced in making proposals and applications on a national and on international level, in their own organisation or job. Several European Projects and multinational nomination process are improving this experience.

The President of AEJeST is an evaluator of different Spanish, European and international official bodies in the field of physical activity and sport in general and in a lot of traditional games and sports in particular: Evaluator of the Ministry of Science and Innovation of research, development and transfer projects (R+D+i); evaluator of the European Commission of Erasmus+ Projects; evaluator in the programme The Romanian-EEA Research Programme (under Norwegian Grants: uefiscdi.gov.ro); evaluator of Brazil research programmes; evaluator of a large number of scientific journals of impact in this field.

Some other members are also active evaluating research projects in Spain (University of Zaragoza), Portugal (University of Coimbra), and Poland (Pawel Wlodkowic University College in Plock)

In the specific domain of TGS, some members of the Board of directors of AEJeST, Dr Pere Lavega, President; Guy Jaouen, Vice-president of international relationships; Paolo Avigo, Vicepresident linguistic resources; and Dr Pierre Parlebas, honorary member of AEJeST; were members of the UNESCO Ad hoc Committee for safeguarding traditional games and Sports. Pere Lavega was the chairperson of the working group related to policy guidelines for protecting TSG. During this experience, they had to evaluate and analyse various documents and proposals.

In November 2022, Pere Lavega was invited to participate in the Fit for Life working group at UNESCO Headquarters. He has also been invited to participate in the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) working groups (fit for life engagement landscape: Working group 1: training and tools for policymakers; Working group 2: training and tools for trainers/teachers) as a consultative member-observer. The next meeting will take place in April 2023, and it is also planned to participate in MINEPS VII in Baku, Azerbaijan (26-29 June 2023).

In the broader domain of ICH, some relevant experiences, such as the previous experiences of the Tocati network, are improving the capacities in evaluating and analysing documents, such as proposals or applications, involving trained UNESCO ICH facilitators.

**E.4.** *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

AEJeST is used to draft and edit texts, for example on the occasion of the congresses which accompany the yearly General Assembly. Furthermore, many of the (board) members are authors of numerous articles, a lot of them in international journals, books and scientific contributions.

Every year we organise a general assembly of AEJeST members. The sessions are held in English, French and Spanish. Since 2017 the Council worked on a project basis; each Council member as Project Management activates different actions about the AEJeST roadmap. Each project generates a variety of documents that are delivered in English, French and Spanish. Our Staff network includes a variety of people with a high capacity for speaking and writing in French and English, as well as in other languages.

Project 1. Pere LAVEGA (INEFC): English, French, Spanish, Catalan.

Project 2. NICOLAE DOBRE (Federatia Romana de Oina, Romania): Romanian and English; and GUY JAOUEN (Ti Ar Gouren, Brittany, France): French, English and Breton.

Project 3. JOSÉ ÁNGEL HOYOS PEROTE (Federación Cantabra de Bolos, Spain) and RAFAEL ÁNGEL LUCHORO PARRILLA (Individual Member): Spanish. Spanish and French.

Project 4. FERNANDO DIESTRO (Fundación Bolos de Cantabria, Spain): Spanish and French and DAVID ABASCAL (Madera de Ser Proyecto Educativo, Cantabria, Spain): Spanish and English.

Project 5. GIORGIO PAOLO AVIGO (Associazione Giochi Antichi, Verona, Italy): French and Italian; and MILIVOJ PACENTI (Hrvatski Savez Tradicijskih Igara i Spoertova, Croatia): English, Italian and Croatian

Project 6. PAULO COÊLHO (University of Coimbra, Portugal): Portuguese and English; and CHRISTIANA LEONIDU (Folklore Association of KTIMA, Cyprus): English and Greek.

Project 7. ALAIN BOVO (Fédération Française de Bowling et Sport de Quilles) : French ; and

FABRIZIO VIERIN (FIGeST, Italy) : Italian and French.

Project 8. BIEL PUBILL (Associació Cultural Lo Llaüt, Catalunya, Spain) : Catalan, Spanish and French ; and KAZIMIERZ WALUCH (Instytut Rozwoju Sportu i Edukacji, Warsaw, Poland) : Polish, English, French, Italian, Russian.

Project 9. CARMEN FERNÁNDEZ (University of Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain): Spanish, English and French; and FERNANDO MAESTRO (Museo de Juegos Tradicionales, Aragon, Spain): Spanish.

Currently, seven staff members are involved in the European Erasmus+ Opportunity project (Pere Lavega, Paulo Coelho, Paolo Avigo, Kazimierz Waluch; Carmina Fernández; Milivoj Pacenti). This project has produced two manuals (one on social inclusion and the other on gender equity through GRB); and a MOOC course (on social inclusion, gender equity and the consideration of GRB as a living heritage). These materials and methods are available in EN, FR and ES. In addition, an APP has been created to generate evidence of the positive impact of TSG on social inclusion and gender equity. This APP is translated into English, French, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, Croatian, Polish, Russian and Arabic. The translation has been made possible thanks to the contribution of the members of the Board of Directors and our close relationship with other organisations on other continents.

**E.5.** *Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

By its vocation, AEJeST – an international organisation - works internationally. One of the main objectives of AEJeST is to foster the exchange of experiences and good practices among its members. AEJeST organizes or helps its members manage international meetings during which they can present their functioning and safeguarding initiatives to share them with others. Such meetings take place several times a year.

AEJeST promotes international cooperation and issues publications to disseminate information on enabling and safeguarding traditional sports and games in different contexts.

AEJeST regularly participates in seminars and conferences around the world, on the one hand, to share its expertise in promoting and safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, on the other hand, to learn from the experience of others.

AEJeST cooperates with CIGEPS-UNESCO (Inter-governmental committee for physical education and sport)

AEJeST is a founding member (2009) of the International Traditional Sports & Games Association (ITSGA). Guy Jaouen is the current President. The ITSGA members are continental organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and Central + South America.

AEJeST is the founder (2022), with ITSGA and INEFC (National Institute of Physical Education of Catalonia, Spain) of the Worldwide Network of Teachers and Researchers in Traditional Games and Sports. These international initiatives have led to formal agreements with organisations from different countries and continents (e.g., Memorandum of Understanding with the Korean Cultural Centre, KTTC; MoU with the World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC); MoU with the African Association of Traditional Games and Sports (AAJST)).

As a result of this working at the international level, the first Euro-African meeting was organised in Barcelona in June 2023, with representatives of the Staff of the African Association AAJST and politicians from different African countries. At this moment, AEJeST and AAJST are collaborating in organising the first African Forum of TSG in 2023.

In February, several members of the Boarding Board of AEJeST will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> World Ethnosport Forum in Antalya, Turkey, organised by WEC.

On 20-21 January and 3-4 February 2023, AEJeST promoted two international webinars to promote gender equality and social inclusion. More than 200 people from Europe, Africa, Asia and America participated.

As a result of these international relations, AEJeST is a reference organisation in promoting Networking.

In the last years, some main community-based experiences of inventorying TSG as ICH are improving the capacities of the network to animate debates and dialogues between different levels: at the local level of communities of practices, at the regional and national level of policy-makers and ICH experts, at the European and international group of the cooperation process.

## F. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

No

## G. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of your organization.

Name: Pere Lavega

Title: President

Date: 26 January 2023

Signature:

