

**Declaration of CDCPP members
Strasbourg, 27 May 2013
on the European Heritage Network¹ (HEREIN Network)**

The European Heritage Network (HEREIN) was born out of a recommendation of the European Ministers of Culture (Helsinki - 1996). The evolution and development of the network was then recognised and welcomed by the Ministers of Culture six years later (Faro - 2005).

After the end of the HEREIN 2 program, it is now clear that its replacement (the new HEREIN 3 system) is not functioning satisfactorily, is not valued (not online on the website of the Council of Europe) and does not reflect the European political realities in the field of heritage. Many states have contributed financially to this project and experts have also contributed important work.

No document adequately presents the activities of the HEREIN network to the plenary meeting of CDCPP 2013 (although many documents presented to the same committee included Culture and Landscape activities), nor is any reference made to the mandate of the Steering Committee to oversee the HEREIN network, and set its policies and operating procedures.

Participants at CDCPP 2013 ask the Steering Committee to consider and determine the content, objectives, prospects and human resources required for the future development of the HEREIN network for 2014-2015.

They propose the creation of a restricted steering committee composed of representatives of the ministries in charge of heritage at a high level of responsibility (CDCPP representatives), some network national coordinators, and any other person deemed competent, ensuring a geographical balanced in order to define the needs, objectives and expected results.

To meet the demand for rationalization of the work expressed by the Council of Ministers, we also hope that the Secretariat shall conduct an analysis of the various monitoring systems for Heritage and Landscape Conventions and the relationships established between them.

We ask that the Secretariat inform the Steering Committee at its next meeting on the progress of the project in regard to the functioning of the system's conceptual developments.

26 Delegations, of which 22 representing member States and 4 Observer organisations, have signed the Declaration:

Member states: Andorra, Armenia, Belgium (Wallonia, Flanders and Brussels), Croatia, Cyprus, France, Georgia, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Observers: EAC, IFLA Europe, Conference NGO's ECTP and Europa Nostra.



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