UPDATE ON THE PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE IN MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE

Meeting of National Focal Points of Nordic, Baltic, Western and Mediterranean Europe and German Site Managers on the Implementation of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

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SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION

- Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise
- Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
- State of Conservation (SOC) and Reactive monitoring mechanisms
- Road Map …… Exchange Forum
## Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise


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5 Sub-Regional Synthesis Reports
48 States Parties
Distribution 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise

Mediterranean European sub-region in Group B

Sites SP

- 207* 20
- 256* 31

*Napproximated - The transboundary sites are included on each of the sub-regions concerned

*Approximatif—Les sites transfrontaliers sont inclus dans chacune des sous-régions concernées
ONE OF THE MAIN RESULTS:

✓ Many sites from Mediterranean Europe were inscribed at a very early stage and that management plans, clear boundaries, buffer zones and statements of Outstanding Universal Value were lacking as noted by the previous Periodic Reporting exercise completed in 2006.

These issues were supposed to be addressed, ideally, before the launch of the Second Cycle of the PR.
Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

Periodic Reporting Meeting for Mediterranean Europe
20–24 September 2011 Valletta, Malta
SUMMING UP
Meeting’s main topics: the three pillars of Periodic Reporting Exercise:
1) Retrospective Inventory
2) Retrospective statements of Outstanding Universal Value, through practical workshops
3) The Periodic Reporting Questionnaires (briefly)

Other issues discussed:
Clarifying boundaries, proposals of minor boundary modifications and establishment of buffer zones processes
Management plans
SOC & Reactive monitoring mechanisms
General feedback during the discussions showed that this meeting was an important event during which National Focal Points were reminded of the overall framework, purpose and time-frames of Periodic Reporting.

The main conclusion of the meeting was that although the documents and reports that need to be prepared may seem as additional tasks, they are, in reality useful tools that allow to manage our sites better. All in all, the meeting provided a forum for fruitful discussion and sharing of experiences among focal points and representatives from the WH Centre and Advisory Bodies.

National Focal Points were informed about the tentative calendar and process for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting. The features of the revised Periodic Reporting Section I and Section II questionnaires were presented.

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State of Draft Retrospective Sapements of OUV in Mediterranean Europe as of 21 September 2012

World Heritage properties in Mediterranean Europe : 145

Retrospective SOUVs expected by 1st February 2012 : 114
Bravo Mediterranean Europe!!!
you submitted all of them 😊
# State of Draft Retrospective Sapements of OUV in Mediterranean Europe as of 21 September 2012

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FURTHER UPDATE
State of Conservation (SOC) and Reactive monitoring mechanisms

Emphasis in the Implementation of Operation Guidelines!
Mainly paragraphs 172 and 174
Operation Guidelines §172-174

§ 172
• Invitation to States Parties to inform the Committee about any intention to undertake/authorize major restorations or new constructions which may affect OUV
• Prior to any irreversible decision

§ 174
• If SOC info received from other source than the State Party, the comment of the State Party is requested as means of verification
INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN THE LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUALS / CIVIL SOCIETY

WHC REQUEST TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION

- Precise location (address, if possible, please indicate the location on the World Heritage map which can be found at: http://whc.unesco.org/download.cfm?id_document=101070)

- Brief description of the threat to the World Heritage property

- Responsible institution / company involved

- Precise dates/timeline of events

- Picture material
ROAD MAP
based on the outcome of the Periodic Reporting meeting of National Focal Points of Western and Nordic-Baltic European countries, Reykjavík, Iceland, 18-21 October 2011

1 Feb 2012
Deadline Retrospective Outstanding Universal Value
Spring 2012
Information sharing with Site Managers continued
July 2012
Formal launch of the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe by the World Heritage Committee

September 2012
Launch of Questionnaire Group A

24-26 Sep 2012
Periodic Reporting meeting of National Focal Points of Western, Nordic-Baltic and Mediterranean Europe (Berlin, Germany)

14-16 Nov 2012
Periodic Reporting meeting of National Focal Points of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Autumn 2012
Training workshops by Focal Points on national level

Winter 2012/13
Deadline for Site Managers for completion of section II

31 Jul 2013
Group A to submit sections I and II

September 2013
Launch of Questionnaire Group B

September 2013
Periodic Reporting meeting of National Focal Points of Mediterranean Europe (Florence, Italy)

Autumn 2013
Periodic Reporting meeting of National Focal Points of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (Azerbaijan)

GA Nov 2013
Group A: "Debriefing meeting" / pre-analysis

2013

31 July 2014
Group B to submit sections I and II

Jun/Jul 2014
Results of the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise (North America) and Action Plan will be presented to the World Heritage Committee

Nov 2014
Group B: "Debriefing meeting" / pre-analysis (tbc)

2014

Jan 2015
Final Europe Meeting (tbc)

Feb 2015
Compilation of regional report Europe

Jun/Jul 2015
Results of the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise (Europe) and Action Plan will be presented to the World Heritage Committee

GA Nov 2015
Final harmonization meeting on Action Plan(s)
Thank you for your attention.