Multidisciplinary Workshop
on the Strategic Framework for the Conservation and Management of the Mt Athos Cultural and Natural Heritage

29 - 30 August 2013
Thessaloniki, Museum of Byzantine Culture
Welcome and reception: A. Tsilipakou, Director of the Museum of Byzantine Culture

Programme

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10:00 – 11:00 Greetings

- Ministry of Culture and Sports (10 m)
- Holy Community (10 m)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (10 min)
- UNESCO WHC (10 m)
- Hellenic National Committee for UNESCO (10 m)

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 12:50 First Session: Framework and Background

- WHC UNESCO (15 m)
  World Heritage Sites managed by religious communities (Conclusions of the Kiev International Seminar on the role of the religious communities in the management of World Heritage properties, the ICCROM 2003 Forum on Living Religious Heritage, the ICOMOS Resolution on Religious Heritage, as well as other initiatives)
- UNESCO/ICOMOS expert (15 m)
  Basic principles for the management of religious architectural World Heritage properties
- UNESCO / IUCN expert (15 m)
  Basic principles for the management of sacred natural World Heritage properties
- Ministry of Culture and Sports (30 m)
Legal and administrative framework for the management of monuments in Greece
- Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (15 m)
Requirements for the sustainable use of the natural environment in Greek World Heritage properties (incorporation of environmental and biodiversity issues)

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch at the Museum

14:30 – 16:15  Second Session: Presentation of Mount Athos World Heritage Property

- Mount Athos Holy Community (15 min)
The importance of Mount Athos and types of activities taking place
- Centre for the Preservation of the Athonite Heritage (15 min)
Projects undertaken and future plans for the conservation of Mount Athos heritage
  - Ministry of Culture and Sports (15 min)
Presentation of the restoration work at Mount Athos - Future projects at Mount Athos
  - Holy Community Study Coordinator – Holy Community (30 min)
Basic management principles adopted by the Holy Community (from its Preliminary Report)
  - Discussion (30 min)

16:15 – 19:00  Free time

19:00  Guided tour of the exhibition at the White Tower and Cocktail
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9:00 - 10:40  Third Session: Key issues and contents of study

- Holy Community Study Coordinator - Holy Community (40 min)
Structure and contents of the integrated management study, time plan, estimated cost and steps towards its elaboration
- Discussion (60 min)

10:40 - 11:40  Guided visit of the Museum of Byzantine Culture

11:40 - 12:00  Coffee break

12:00 - 13:00  Conclusions - Closure

- WHC UNESCO (20 min)
Contribution of the World Heritage Centre to the development of Mount Athos management study
- Mount Athos Holy Community (20 min)
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- Ministry of Culture and Sports (20 min)
Conclusions and Closure of the meeting