

**SPECIAL FOCUS –Statements of Outstanding
Universal Value**

Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value: Process and Timeline

**Meeting of the Focal Points from Mediterranean Europe
in Florence, Italy 16-19 September 2013
18 September 10:45-12:30**

Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (SOUV)

Déclarations rétrospectives de Valeur universelle exceptionnelle (VUE)

World Heritage properties EUR/NA Biens du patrimoine mondial EUR/AN	470 470
Retrospective SOUVs expected Déclarations rétrospectives VUE attendues	372 372
Retrospective SOUVs received Déclarations rétrospectives VUE reçues	354 354
Retrospective SOUVs not received Déclarations rétrospectives VUE non reçues	17 17
Retrospective SOUVs incomplete Déclarations rétrospectives VUE incomplètes	13 13
Retrospective SOUVs presented to 37COM Déclarations rétrospectives VUE présentées au 37COM	65 65

41 draft Statements evaluated by Advisory Bodies by 31 October 2013 For World Heritage properties in Mediterranean Europe

State Party	World Heritage Property
Cyprus	Paphos
Holy See - Italy	Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura* ⁷
Holy See	Vatican City
Italy	18th-Century Royal Palace at Caserta with the Park, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli, and the San Leucio Complex
Italy	Archaeological Area of Agrigento
Italy	Botanical Garden (Orto Botanico), Padua
Italy	Castel del Monte
Italy	Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with the "Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci
Italy	City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto
Italy	Crespi d'Adda
Italy	Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna
Italy	Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its Po Delta ⁸
Italy	Historic Centre of Florence
Italy	Historic Centre of San Gimignano
Italy	Historic Centre of Siena
Italy	Historic Centre of the City of Pienza
Italy	Piazza del Duomo, Pisa
Italy	Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto)
Italy	Rock Drawings in Valcamonica
Italy	The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrine Churches of Matera

State Party	World Heritage Property
Portugal	Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores
Portugal	Convent of Christ in Tomar
Portugal	Cultural Landscape of Sintra
Portugal	Historic Centre of Évora
Portugal	Historic Centre of Guimarães
Portugal	Historic Centre of Oporto
Portugal	Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture
Portugal	Monastery of Alcobaça
Portugal	Monastery of Batalha
Portugal	Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém in Lisbon
Spain	Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada ¹⁴
Spain	Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida
Spain	Burgos Cathedral
Spain	Historic Centre of Cordoba ¹⁵
Spain	Historic City of Toledo
Spain	Monastery and Site of the Escorial, Madrid
Spain	Monuments of Oviedo and the Kingdom of the Asturias ¹⁶
Spain	Mudejar Architecture of Aragon ¹⁷
Spain	Old City of Salamanca
Spain	Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches
Spain	Old Town of Cáceres
Spain	Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct
Spain	Poblet Monastery
Spain	Route of Santiago de Compostela
Spain	Royal Monastery of Santa María de Guadalupe
Spain	Santiago de Compostela (Old Town)
Spain	Works of Antoni Gaudí ²⁰

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Lessons learnt from the presentation of 65 draft rSOUV's for 37 COM:

- ✓ Timely submission of revisions of draft Statements
- ✓ New deadline for agreed and finalised drafts between States Parties and Advisory Bodies for 38 COM:

1 March 2014

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Time-bound references: Avoid all unnecessary time-bound references, keeping in mind that the Statement should still be valid for the long term, should be relevant for at least the next 10 years,

Examples : *“Management Plan will be adopted at the end of 2013”-*

could be replaced by

“an adopted management plan is an essential requirement”;

In the framework of the Gender Equality Priority of UNESCO: **gender-neutral language**

“The Man’s victorious struggle against the elements”

to be replaced by

“the people’s victorious struggle against the elements”.

Decision: 37.COM.8E

**Thank you for your
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Merci de votre coopération.



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