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Dear members of the European Network of Focal Points for the 2003 UNESCO Convention (ENFP),

*share ideas and good practices, learn from each other  
in order to find better and innovative ways  
for safeguarding ICH in our countries.*

Enjoy another ENFP Newsletter **Issue #4** in which you can find information about recent and forthcoming events, initiatives, projects, and publications dedicated to the safeguarding of ICH in Europe.

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## News

### Events in Focus

### Upcoming Events



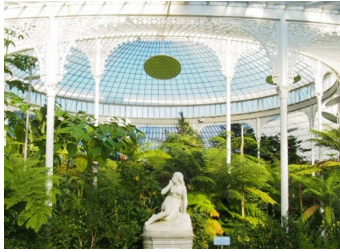
#### **Eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

The eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will take place at the Wild View Resort in Kasane, Republic of Botswana from Monday 4 to Saturday 9 December 2023.

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*Matilde Crochet (UNESCO)*



### **LIVIND webinar: A resource and a source for change?**

Living Heritage and actions for sustainable development on 21 November at 2-4 pm CET. How to match our everyday patterns of actions with the goals for sustainability? Come and hear viewpoints from the everyday of living heritage safeguarding work with analytical takes on monitoring, indicators and critical discussion on the roles of culture and cultural heritage in the Agenda 2030 and beyond. In cooperation with UNESCO Chair on ICH and Sustainable Development.

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*Leena Marsio (Finland)*



### **Activities on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of 2003 UNESCO Convention, Spain**

A side event for the Intergovernmental Committee meeting in Botswana will present activities in Spain for the 20th Anniversary and also present a publication related to the Spanish ICH elements and other materials on a guide for a sustainable management of ICH. At the same time, the annual ICH Stakeholders Meeting is about to take place in Berga (Barcelona) in January. It will be dedicated to “Festivals, festive events and rituals on the Representative List of UNESCO” and is envisioned to be a place of sharing experiences and methods.

*Marta Duarte Chacón (Spain)*

CONGRESSO INTERNACIONAL  
20 ANIVERSÁRIO DA CONVENÇÃO DE SALVAGUARDA  
DO PATRIMÔNIO CULTURAL IMATERIAL (PCI) DA UNESCO

  
PATRIMÔNIO IMATERIAL E EDUCAÇÃO  
ponte entre escola e sociedade

### **International Congress “Intangible Cultural Heritage and Education”, Spain and Portugal**

From 16-18 November, the cultural project “Ponte...Nas Ondas!”, included the past 2022 in the Register of Best Practices of Safeguarding, will be hosting an International Congress “Intangible cultural heritage and education. A link between school and society.” The Congress will take place between Ourense (Spain) and Vilarelho da Raia (Portugal). The participants will reflect about the role of education in identifying, valorizing, interpreting, and fostering ICH through education.

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*Marta Duarte Chacón (Spain)*

## **Past Events**



### **The Seoul Vision: outlining the future of safeguarding living heritage**

During the two-day Global Meeting held in Seoul, on 25 and 26 July 2023, for the 20th anniversary of the 2003 Convention under the theme “Unleashing the power of living heritage for sustainable development and peace”, leading thinkers, policymakers, civil society actors, experts, and community representatives from across the world discussed the challenges facing the world and the extraordinary power of living heritage in responding to them.

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### **Traditional Games Festival, Armenia**

On August 27, 2023, within the European Heritage Days, the festival Let's Play Traditional Games, took place in “Zvartnots” Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve (included in the UNESCO World Heritage List) at the initiative of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia and the Service for the Protection of Historical Environment and Cultural Museum-reserves. During the festival, Armenian as well as national minorities’ traditional games and competitions were presented, engaging different communities, cultural organizations, and individuals.

*Naira Kilichyan (Armenia)*



### **Photo exhibition of ICH elements, Croatia**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2003 Convention in Croatia was marked on September 18 by an exhibition of photographs of ICH elements inscribed in the national Register of Cultural Property and UNESCO lists and a panel with experts on traditional music and challenges of its safeguarding. The organizer was an NGO with the support from the Ministry of Culture and Media.

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*Mirela Hrovatin (Croatia)*



### **Experts reflect on economic dimensions of intangible cultural heritage safeguarding**

On 27 September, 2023 a group of experts from all regions of the world are meeting at UNESCO Headquarters from 27 to 28 September 2023 (Part I) to explore ways to maximize the positive effects of economic activities on living heritage safeguarding and sustainable development on communities, groups and individuals, while mitigating their negative impacts.

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### **International Conference “Costumes and Collections in the Context of Cultural Heritage. Sharing Art, Crafts, and Preservation”, Romania**

Organized by ASTRA Museum, Sibiu (Romania), on 26-29 September 2023, the event included a special panel dedicated to discussions about the traditional costumes making in the context of living heritage. Speakers from Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Germany, Norway, Romania, Serbia, U.K. presented the current situation of elements inscribed on the UNESCO 2003 Convention lists or on national inventories connected to ethnic clothing handicrafts, and the challenges encountered by craftspeople and representative communities that transmit this type of living heritage. The panel was organized under the patronage of the Romanian UNESCO Commission and the Ministry of Culture of Romania.

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*Ioana Baskerville (Romania)*



### **Workshop “Safeguarding ICH in Contemporary World”, Bulgaria**

On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 2003 Convention, a practical workshop was organized in Gabrovo from 27-28 September 2023, with the participation of *chitalishta* representatives and ICH bearers from different towns and villages in the region. The workshop was organized by the Regional

Culture and Information Center in the city. It involved presentations, discussions, and practical activities targeted at the safeguarding of local traditions and turning this into a sustainable long-term policy.

*Nikolai Vukov (Bulgaria)*



### "So good feels intangible heritage!": Communication Campaign, Flanders

A special communication campaign called "So good feels intangible heritage!" ran from June to September 2023 throughout Flanders. In addition to a series of 4 campaign posters in busy train stations, communities could also order customized posters for their own heritage practice to distribute and make them visible locally in the streets. Thus, hundreds of posters were spread throughout the country. In addition, TikTok videos were also produced. As a result, the attention and number of followers for living heritage in the press and social media grew exponentially!

*Jorijn Neyrinck (UNESCO facilitator)*



### An initiative for integrating ICH in education, France

On October 12, 2023 the French Ministry of Culture held a meeting in Paris to discuss how programs devoted to culture and arts education could integrate more fully ICH. On this occasion, ICH actors met professionals involved in culture and arts education working in the Ministry of Education, Agriculture, and the Institut national supérieur de l'éducation artistique et culturelle (INSEAC).

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*Lily Martinet (France)*

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## Projects in Focus

### 20th anniversary of the 2003 UNESCO Convention

Discover activities organized around the World and join the celebration campaign.

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*Matilde Crochet (UNESCO)*



### Celebrating European Heritage Days in Croatia

European Heritage Days in Croatia have been prepared with a full participation of ICH elements' bearers. Since 2016 Croatia has included ICH safeguarding activities in the marking of EHD together with activities on protection of material cultural heritage.

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*Mirela Hrovatin (Croatia)*



**Tracks4Crafts. Transforming crafts knowledge for a sustainable, inclusive and economically viable heritage in**





## Europe

Tracks4Crafts is a research project that has been initiated this spring and aims to promote the continuity and longevity of crafts. Through experiments in so-called 'pilot cases' we test several tools, formats and instruments that can help the transmission of traditional crafts knowledge to safeguard not only the crafts but also intangible skills and knowledge that characterizes craftsmanship. The University of Antwerp coordinates this research collaboration of 15 partners (of research institutes, heritage- and umbrella organizations) from 10 different countries. The four-year trajectory is funded by Horizon Europe, an initiative of the European Commission.

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*Anita Vaivade (Latvia)*



## Dance as ICH: New models of facilitating participatory dance events

The project is co-funded by the European Union, that involves nine partners from six countries (Norway, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Belgium) and is coordinated by the Norwegian Centre for Traditional Music and Dance (Sff). The project aims to establish new or renewed models for facilitating participatory dance events as a co-creative process in call from heritage communities and to develop innovative methods, processes and arenas for participatory folk dancing as ICH in the 21st century.

*Ioana Baskerville (Romania)*



## Video Series UNESCO ICH in Flanders

The Flemish UNESCO Commission is presenting a series of videos about intangible heritage in Flanders that is recognized by UNESCO.

The videos present the heritage online to the general public and will remain available for various awareness raising and educational purposes in the coming years.

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*Jorijn Neyrinck (UNESCO facilitator)*



## Flanders activities for Wiki Loves Living Heritage

Flanders actively committed to the Wiki Loves Living Heritage Campaign throughout 2023.

The following activities were realized:

- ENFP's Wiki Loves Safeguarding Living heritage in Europe Campaign was promoted and 191 photos were included during the competition!
- The annual Belgian Wiki Loves Heritage photo campaign also put ICH in Focus in 2023
- Workshops were held on Wikipedia pages related to UNESCO listed ICH in Flanders
- Efforts were made to add data of the ICH Inventory elements to Wikidata, in an active collaboration of the Department for Culture, Youth and Media, NGO Workshop intangible heritage, and heritage communities. No less than 75% of the Inventory was ingested to Wikidata!

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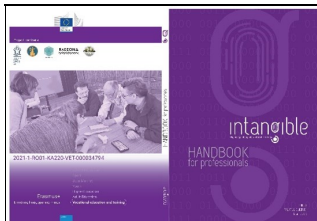




The 20th Anniversary of the 2003 Convention was marked in Croatia, besides other activities, with a first publication on all inscribed ICH elements in the national Register of Cultural Property. The publication was presented in a public ceremony with the participation of ICH bearers.

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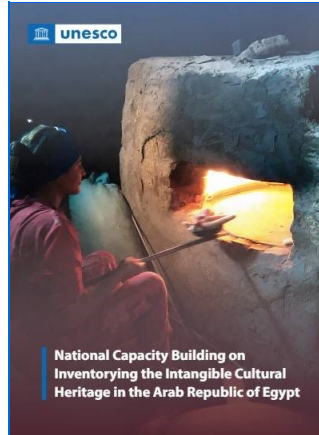
*Mirela Hrovatin (Croatia)*



The publication "Handbook for professionals" in the field of digitizing ICH, offering accessible tips and tricks for understanding the existing practices and strategies of using the digital technologies for storing, preserving, and disseminating of ICH data, is one of the results of the Project "INTANGIBLE: Digitizing Intangible Cultural Heritage amidst the digital shift" (2021-1-RO01-KA220-VET-000034794) - a strategic partnership in the field of vocational education and training, funded through the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union (2022-2023), implemented by 5 institutions from Romania, Greece, Cyprus, and Croatia.

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*Ioana Baskerville (Romania)*



On the occasion of the 20th anniversary celebration in Egypt organized in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, the UNESCO Cairo Office released the publication on community inventorying "National capacity building on inventorying the intangible cultural heritage in the Arab Republic of Egypt".

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*Matilde Crochet (UNESCO)*



The Ministry of Culture and Sports in Spain has published the "Green Book for the Sustainable Management of Cultural Heritage", which contains examples of good practices in which environmental, economic and social sustainability criteria are applied. In addition to this publication, an index card about the Spanish ICH elements included in UNESCO lists, is also being prepared.

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*Marta Duarte Chacón (Spain)*

# New entries on national inventories



## Spain

In July 2023, the traditional genre of dancing and singing of “La Jota” was declared as “Manifestación Representativa del Patrimonio Inmaterial de España” (Representative element of the Spanish ICH), as a way of recognising its extension around the whole Spanish territory during the centuries and supporting the current project of presenting it to UNESCO.

*Marta Duarte Chacón (Spain)*

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