

**ENFP**

European Network of Focal  
Points For the 2003 Convention

14 May 2025 – 10.00am-12.00pm

# MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FOCAL POINTS FOR THE 2003 CONVENTION

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## **Welcome and introduction of the new Steering Committee**

(Ioana Baskerville – Focal Point Romania, ENFP Steering Committee)

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# Steering Committee

- Ioana Baskerville (Facilitator – Romania)
- Hildegunn Bjørgen (Focal point – Norway)
- Phil Foxwood (Focal point – United Kingdom)
- Leena Marsio (Focal point – Finland)
- Jorijn Neyrinck (Facilitator – Belgium)
- Nikolai Vukov (Facilitator - Bulgaria)



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# *MONDIACULT 2025*

## *Topics and Events Connected to ICH*



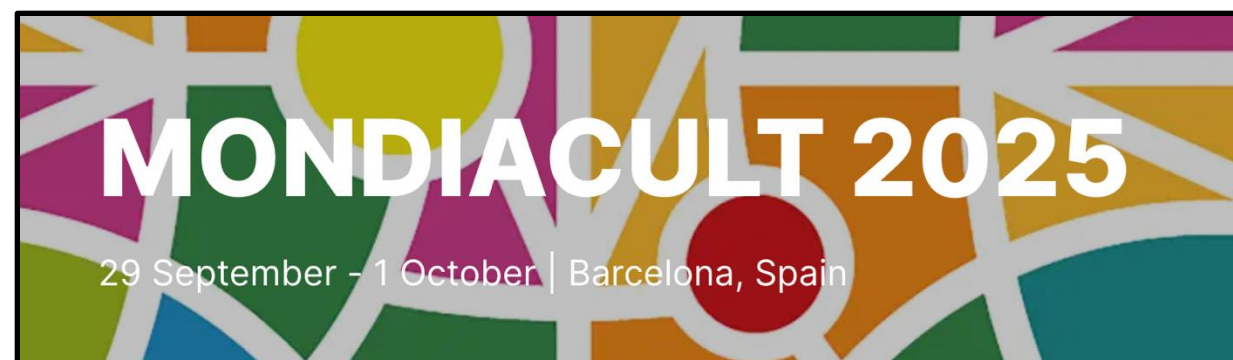
Finnish Folk Music Institute

Director Matti Hakamäki

14.4.2025 / **ENFP General Meeting**

# Towards Mondiacult 2025

MONDIACULT is also a major advocacy platform. With the conclusion of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in sight, the 2025 UNESCO Conference is a decisive moment to build a consensus and momentum to establish culture as a ‘stand-alone’ goal within the next United Nations development strategy.



# Towards Mondiacult 2025

# Agenda Structure

	Pre-Conference 28 September	Day 1 29 September				Day 2 30 September				Day 3 1 October			
Morning side events													
Morning session 1		Inaugural Assembly				Climate + Heritage and Crisis		Cultural Rights + Economy		Education + Peace		Climate + Heritage and Crisis	
Morning session 2		Education + Peace		Climate + Heritage and Crisis		Education + Peace		Digital + AI		Digital + AI		Cultural Rights + Economy	
Lunch side events													
Afternoon session 1		Digital + AI		Cultural Rights + Economy		Climate + Heritage and Crisis		Digital + AI		Education + Peace		Digital + AI	
Afternoon session 2		Education + Peace		Digital + AI		Education + Peace		Cultural Rights + Economy		Concluding assembly			
Evening side events	Ministers' welcome dinner												
Exhibition													

**Main sessions**

- Ministerial and Inter-ministerial dialogues with industry & civil society high-level keynote speakers
- 20 parallel sessions (4 slots/day x 3 days – inaugural & concluding assemblies x 2 sessions in parallel)

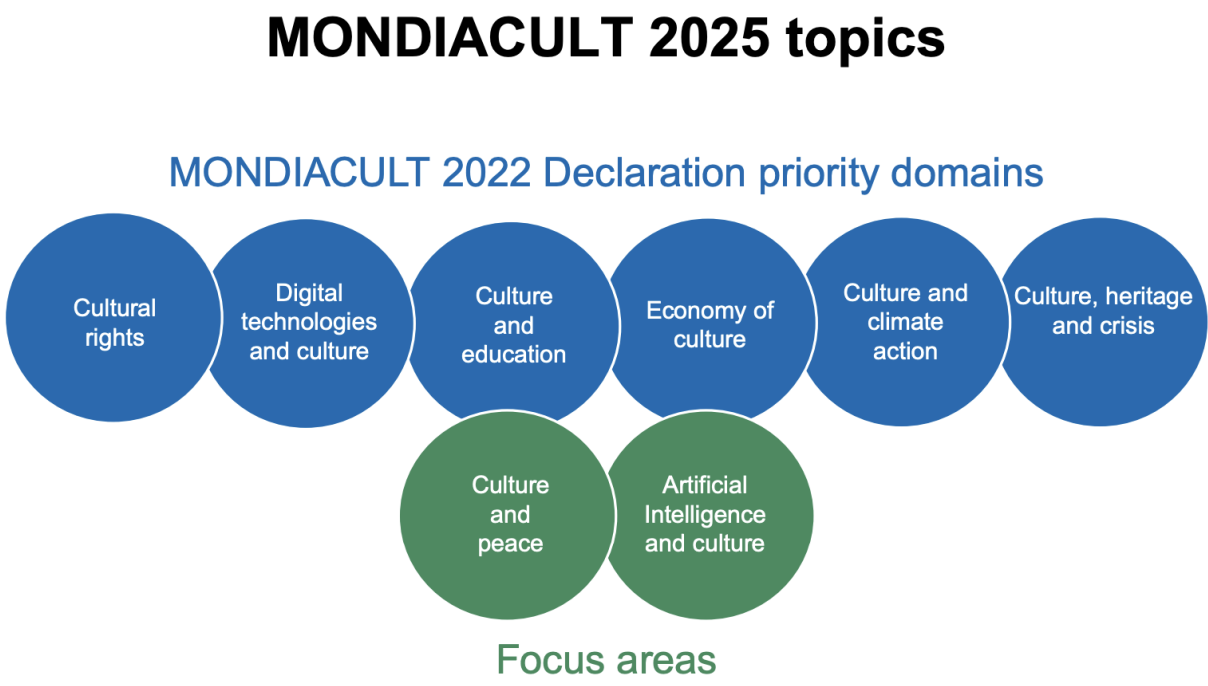
**Side events**

**Exhibitions**

- Spaces for NGOs, Youth, Private Sector, others

**Civil Society Forum**

- Organized by Spain on 25-26 Sept.





## 5 REASONS WHY WE NEED A DEDICATED CULTURE GOAL

- 1** TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FOCUS ON CULTURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT.
- 2** TO ENSURE THAT THE RANGE OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CULTURE AND OTHER POLICY AREAS ARE FULLY ACCOUNTED FOR.
- 3** TO ENSURE THAT THE CULTURE SECTOR ITSELF FEELS A SENSE OF ENGAGEMENT IN AND OWNERSHIP OF THE GOALS.
- 4** TO ENSURE THAT ALL OTHER GOALS ARE ACTIVATED, AND THAT THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IS STRENGTHENED, THROUGH THE MOBILIZING POWER OF CULTURE.
- 5** TO ENSURE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL GOALS CAN BE PROTECTED FROM SYSTEMIC AND BEHAVIOURAL BARRIERS THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A CULTURAL LENS.



- Make culture a stand-alone SDG after 2030 (often called "SDG 18").
- Culture was left out in 2015, weakening the development framework. The campaign aims to avoid repeating that mistake in 2027–2028.
- **Strategy:** Combine political advocacy with strong technical foundations.
- **Timeline:** Prepare before negotiations begin – likely around 2027.
- **Deliverables (June 2025):** 1. Draft culture goal / 2. Technical report / 3. Advocacy document
- **Action Now:** The campaign depends on contributions from all members to ensure culture becomes a visible and credible part of future development discussions.
- **Success:** By 2027, it must be *obvious* that culture belongs in the SDGs.



<https://culture2030goal.net>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrwDJQleYq0&t=4963s>

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8150238/Culture2030Goal-Towards-a-Revised-Draft>

# PAVING THE WAY FOR THE CULTURE 2030 GOAL

## The Contributions of the 2003 Convention

Wednesday, 16th April 2025, 14.00 CET

### PROGRAM

#### **2:00pm Opening remarks**

Tamara Nikolić Đerić / ICH NGO Forum  
Ernesto Ottone/ UNESCO, ADG for Culture  
Silja Fischer / Culture 2030 Goal Campaign

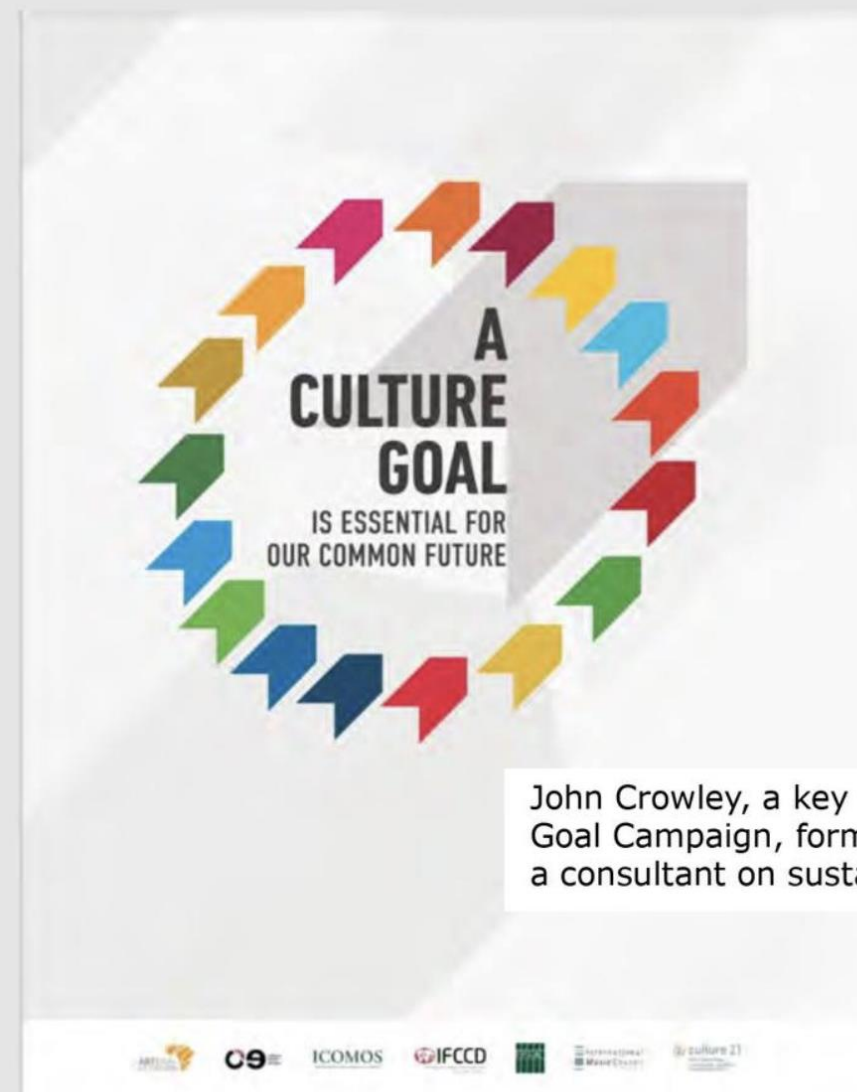
#### **2:30pm Work in process and Mondiacult 2025**

John Crowley/ Culture 2030 Goal Campaign

#### **3:00pm Discussion: what can the concept of ICH and the stakeholders of the 2003 Convention offer in the campaign**

Matti Hakamäki and Alain Muneen

#### **3:30pm Closure**



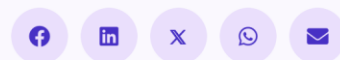
John Crowley, a key figure behind the Culture Goal Campaign, formerly with UNESCO and now a consultant on sustainable development

# Culture 2030 Goal Campaign Finland

- Launched in December 2023
- Inspired by the international campaign
- Initiated by the Finnish Folk Music Institute
- Coordinated by KULTA ry (umbrella organization for cultural NGOs in Finland)
- Aiming to bring together all NGOs and civil society in Finland to advocate for the State of Finland to prioritize culture in the next round of Sustainable Development Goals discussions
- Focus on awareness-raising, information sharing, and translations
- Nordic Culture Fund funding with national, Nordic and Global activities 2025 - 2026

## Kampanja käyntiin!

18.1.2024



Vuonna 2015 hyväksytty ja 2016 voimaan astunut kestävän kehityksen [Agenda 2030](#) -toimintaohjelma on ohjannut kansainvälistä kehityspolitiikkaa jo kohta vuosikymmenen ajan. Ohjelman tarkoitus oli ja on kääntää ihmiskunnan kehitys uralle, jossa hyvinvointi jakautuu tasaisesti ihmisten välillä; eri ihmisryhmien, maiden ja maanosien välillä tässä päivässä, mutta myös niin, että

**Avainsanat:** [Agenda 2030](#), [kestävä kehitys](#), [kestävän kehityksen tavoite](#), [kulttuuritavoite](#), [Mondiacult](#), [muutosvoima](#), [YK](#)



### Matti Hakamäki

Matti Hakamäki on Kansanmusiikki-instituutin johtaja. Kansanmusiikki-instituutti on Unescon aineettoman kulttuuriperinnön suojelusopimuksen akkreditoitu asiantuntijajärjestö.

## Kulttuuritavoite 2030

Nyt on ajankohtaista pohtia vuoden 2030 jälkeistä aikaa YK:n kestävän kehityksen toimintaohjelmassa. Esitämme, että Suomi valtiona ottaa ajaakseen kulttuurille omaa tavoitetta osana vuoden 2030 jälkeistä kestävän kehityksen ohjelmaa.

#Kulttuuritavoite2030 #Culture2030Goal



# Thank you!

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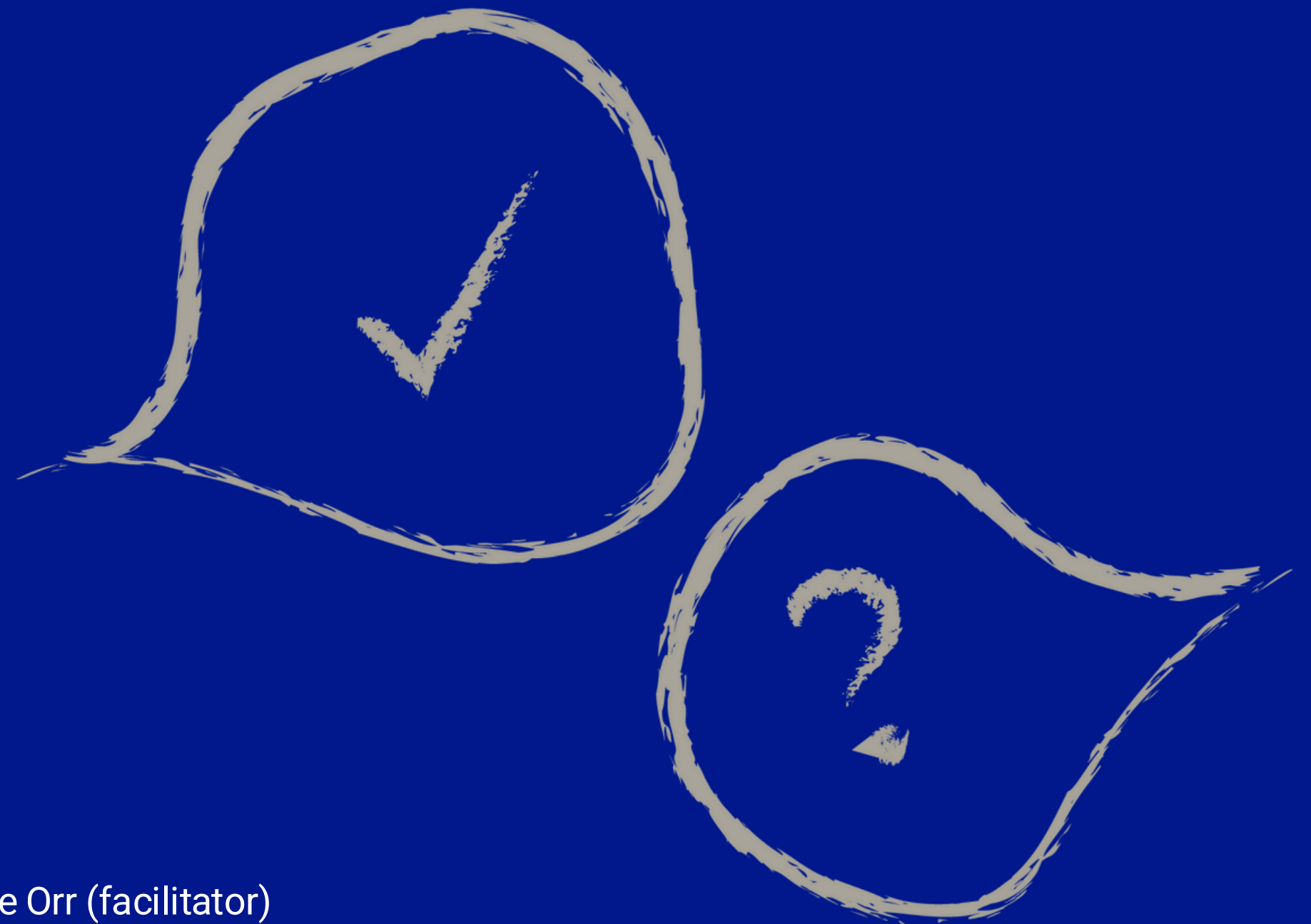


# **Ethical considerations in ICH safeguarding**

**(Cristina Biassetto – Focal Point Austria & Jorijn  
Neyrinck – facilitator, ENFP Steering Committee)**

# Sharing Experiences on Ethical Challenges in Intangible Cultural Heritage

- **Peer learning** initiative
- **Goal:** Reflect on ethical challenges in ICH and sharing experiences working with 2003 Convention
- Not all challenges are solvable, but can be approached' in different ways.



# Background and Basis

## **Key Info:**

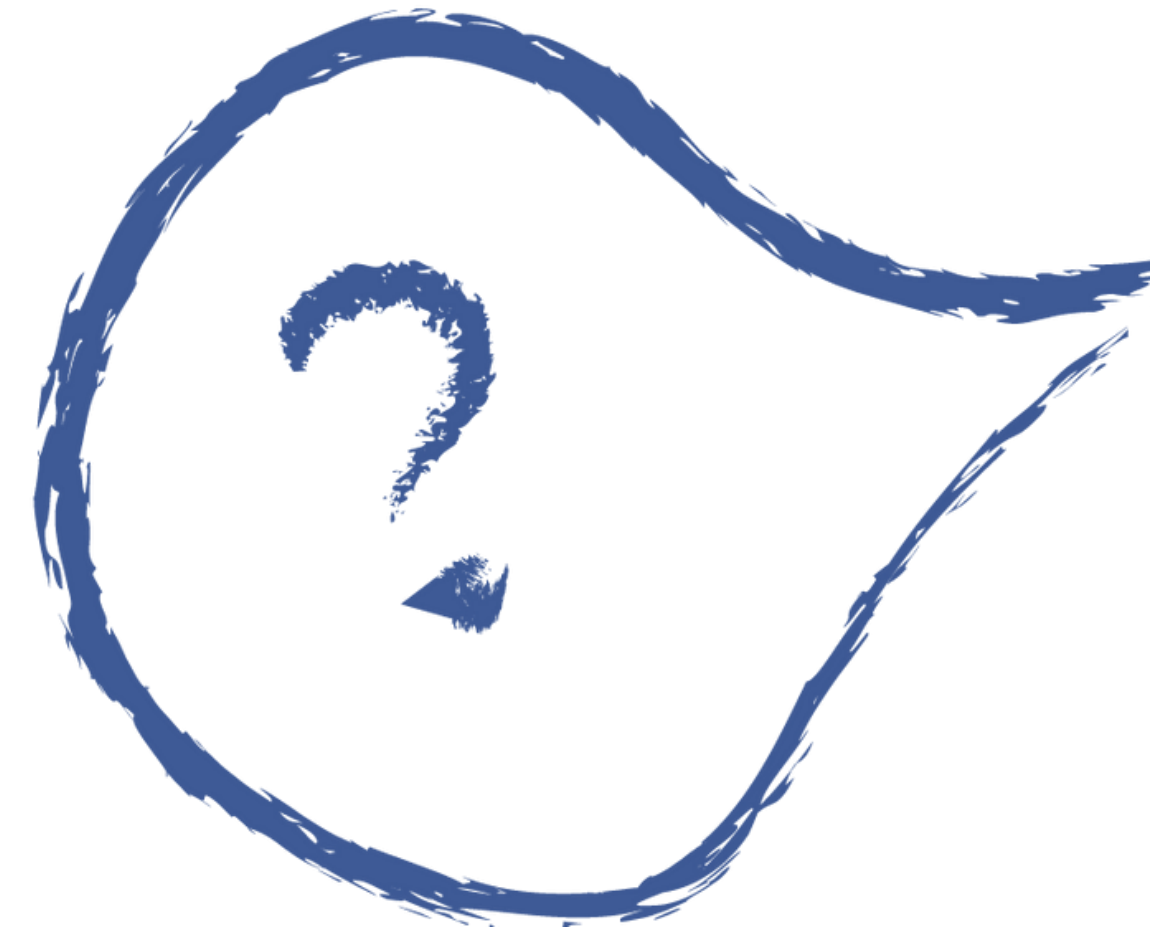
- 17 responses received via questionnaire (distributed early 2025).
- 56 cases, 75 distinct ethical issues analyzed by Joanne Orr.

## **Recurring challenges included:**

- Ethical dilemmas around animal welfare
- Conflicts between traditional practices and government policy
- Concerns about informed consent and community participation
- Etc.

## **Common needs voiced:**

- Clearer guidance on ethical standards
- Improved inter-stakeholder dialogue
- Greater clarity on obligations under the Convention



# Moving Forward Together

## Two Main Actions:

1. Article
2. Thematic peer exchange events

## Timeline for events:

8 July — Kick-off plenary (with thematic breakout rooms) 17

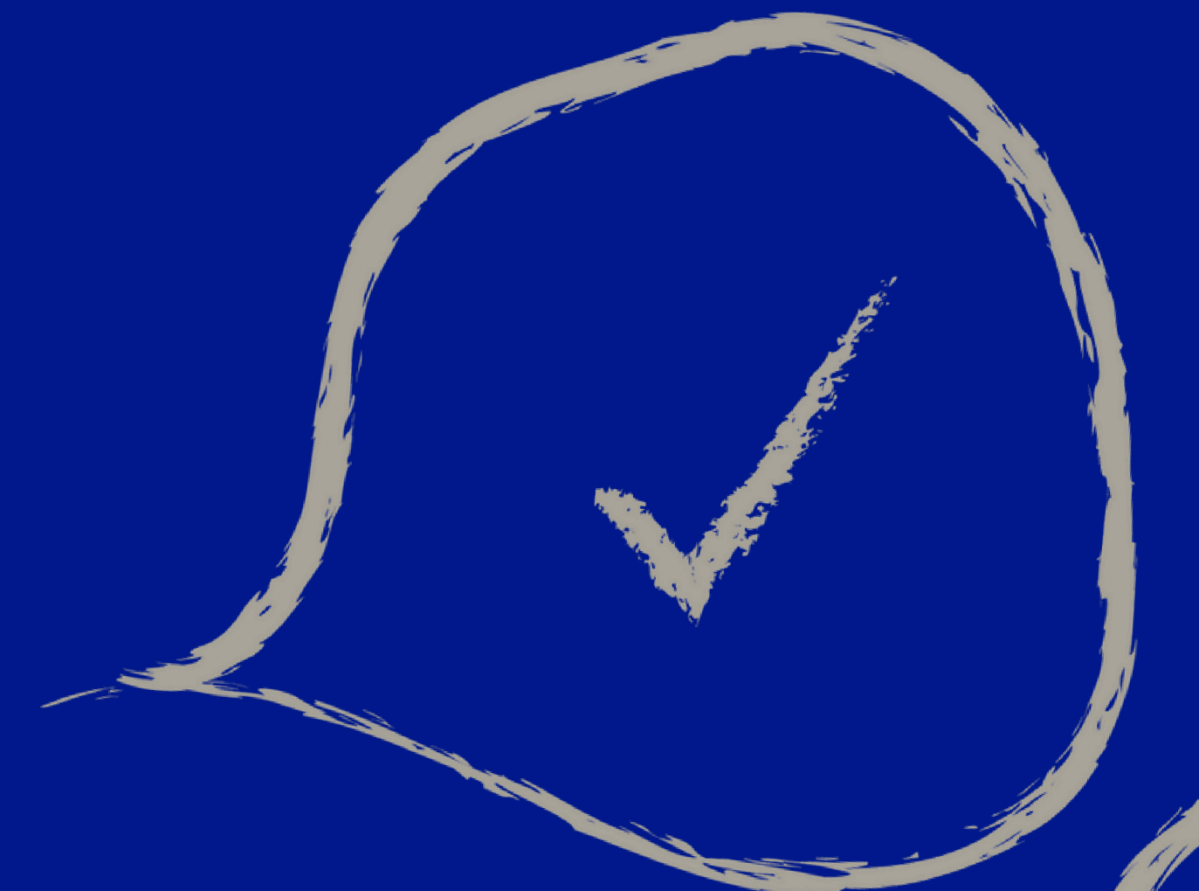
Sept — Animal Welfare & Nature-based ICH

14 Oct (⚠ change of date) — Dialogue, Consent, AHD, Commodification 21 Nov — Problem-solving tools

## Note:

At 10 am (CET), 1.5–2h per session with cases & summaries

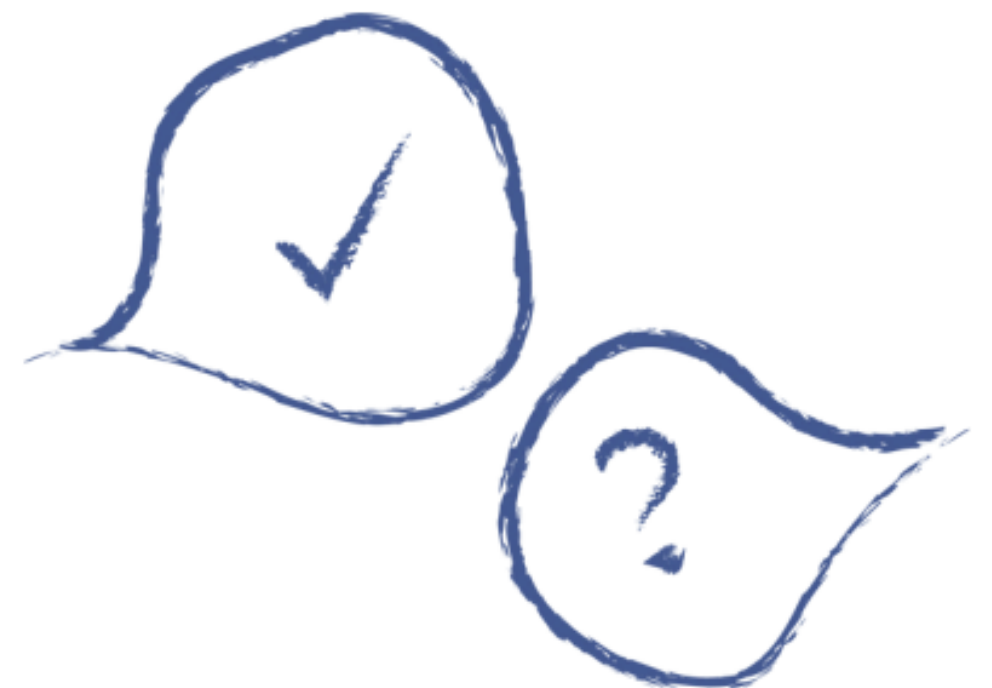
\* Further actions could be developed




# Looking forward to seeing you!

**Opening Session:**  
**8 July – 10am (CET)**

Cristina Biassetto (FP Austria)  
Jorijn Neyrinck (facilitator)  
Joanne Orr (facilitator)





# Overview and future directions of the ICH and armed conflicts meeting

(Hildegunn Bjørgen and colleague- Focal Point Norway, ENFP Steering Committee)



# Webinar April 7

## Intangible Cultural heritage and armed conflicts

### Initiative from the NGOs

- <https://www.ichngoforum.org/heritage-alive-news/heritagealive-on-april-7th-a-webinar-on-ich-and-armed-conflicts/>
  - Highly relevant issue
  - ICH as target, ICH for resilience
  - Role of the civil society, NGOs
    - Safeguarding
    - Rebuilding



# **Progress on the development of the new Category 2 Centre in Belgium**

(Arno Beunen, Focal Point Belgium and Jorijn Neyrinck,  
idem)

**EUROPEAN CENTRE**

**FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIVING HERITAGE**

Working towards a new Category 2 Centre in  
Europe for the UNESCO 2003 Convention

**ENFP Network meeting**

14 May 2025

# Category 2 Centres UNESCO 2003 Convention

**Currently 8 Category 2 Centres dedicated to ICH**, in the major geographical regions:

- **CRESPIAL** (Cusco, Peru) - Latin America and the Caribbean (Electoral Group III)
- **Centre de Sofia** (Sofia, Bulgaria) - South-East Europe (Electoral Group II)
- **CRESPIAF** (Algiers, Algeria) - Africa (Electoral Group Vb)
- **Centre de Sharjah** (Sharjah, United Arab Emirates) -Capacity building in Arab States (Electoral Group Vb)
- **Tehran ICH Centre** (Tehran, Iran) - Central and Western Asia (Electoral Group IV)
- **IRCI** (Osaka, Japan) - Research on ICH in Asia-Pacific (Electoral Group IV)
- **CRIHAP** (Beijing, China) - Training in Asia-Pacific (Electoral Group IV)
- **ICHCAP** (Jeonju, South Korea) - Communication and networking in Asia-Pacific (Electoral Group IV)

> No Centre in Electoral Group I - Western Europe and North America

✓ **UNESCO's 2019 Strategy for Category 2 Centres** - <https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/46612-EN.pdf>

# The objectives of Category 2 Centres

- . **Promote the Convention** and contribute to its implementation at regional and international level.
- . **To strengthen regional capacities** for the application of the Convention and the safeguarding of ICH.
- . **Encourage the participation of local communities, groups and individuals** in the preservation of their ICH.
- . **Facilitate regional and international cooperation** in safeguarding ICH, by fostering partnerships.

# DEVELOPMENT

- > **Legal structure established in 2024:** non profit association
- > **19.com** (Asunción - Paraguay): **announcement by Belgium;**  
joint support statement through Kingdom of the Netherlands
- > Working towards **application to UNESCO** before **31 March 2026**
- > after **review and approval (Autumn 2027): UNESCO C2C** to start from **2028 onwards**
- > **already deploying activities and programmes in 2025-2026-2027**



# STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY

Share your feedback and suggestions

**SURVEY**

until 6 June

<https://forms.gle/ifn5wbxGDgiSFY4B8>

## Working towards a new Category 2 Centre in Europe for the UNESCO 2003 Convention

\* Indicates required question

Email \*

Your email address

### INTRODUCTION

**What is a Category 2 Centre (C2C)?**

[Category 2 Centres](#) are international institutions that provide technical assistance to UNESCO and its Member States. They are linked to specific UNESCO sectors (Education / World Heritage / Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) ...) and play a key role in regional and international cooperation, research and capacity building for their sectors.

# Online Stakeholders Consultation



**Save the date!**

international online meeting – share survey results and discuss next steps



**24 June 2025 (2.30 - 4.00 pm CEST)**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/pcyNkxXKAT>**


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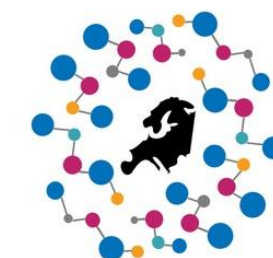


# **Presentation and open discussion on the survey results**

(Hildegunn Bjørgen – Focal Point  
Norway, ENFP Steering Committee)

# Future work for the ENFP – result of the Survey

- Survey sent to ENFP members in March/April
- 8 key questions
- 10 FP responded to the questionnaire
- **Positive response**
  - Very few critical remarks



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# Functioning of the Network

## **Expectations for network development:**

- Sharing of information and experiences (in 4 replies)
- More meetings on specific concrete topics (in 2 replies)
- Surveys in thematic topics

## Interesting topics that come up in the responses:

- Animal or alcohol related ICH,
- Development of international project proposals.
- Cooperation with relevant networks
- Regional workshops



# Functioning of the Network

## Preferred types of events

Multiple choice results:

- **Online meetings** a few times a year - 80%
- **Capacity-building** webinars on given topics - 80%
- **Panel discussion** - 60%
- **Peer exchanges** - 50%
- Small working groups - 40%

# Functioning of the Network

## Topic of interest

Most requested topics:

- Artificial intelligence and ICH (60%)
- MONDIACULT 2025 (60%)
- ICH in urban context (60%)
- Cultural and creative industries (50%)
- Disaster and crises contexts (50%)
- Indigenous people and minorities (50%)

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- Periodic reporting?

- POLL

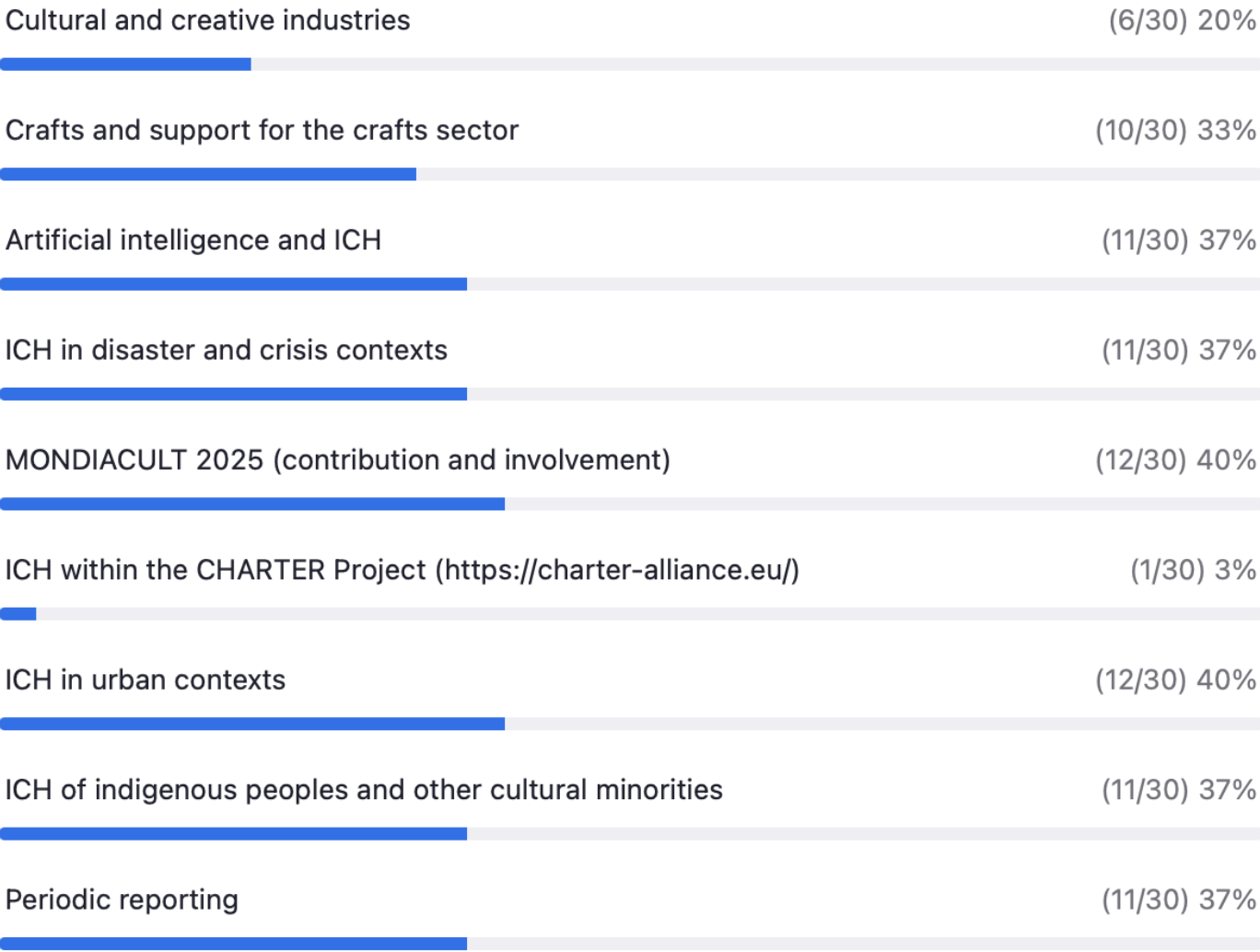
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## Future of the ENFP

Sondage a pris fin | 1 question | 30 sur 36 (83%) a/ont participé

1. Which of the following subjects are you most interested in?  
(Choose the 3 options that seem most important to you): (Choix multiple)  
30/30 (100%) répondu



Results of the survey carried out during the meeting

## Communication and social media

Preferred networks:

- LinkedIn (most popular - 70%)
- Facebook (second most popular - 30%)
- TikTok/Instagram (10%)

## ENFP Newsletter

- Overall, **very positive** feedback:
- Two concrete suggestions for improvement:
  - Share more information via social media
  - Also look for other ways to share information
    - perhaps on the website: <https://enfp-ich.eu/>

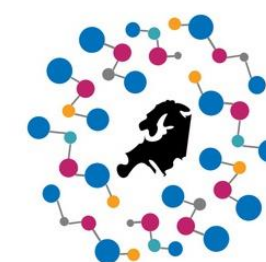


# Newsletters updates

(Nikolai Vukov, facilitator)

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