

Convention  
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## Convention Chapter

With a common understanding that the cultural heritage is a strategic resource for a sustainable Europe, the Convention participants have been strengthening common understanding in European heritage policies and have agreed on following:

- ❖ Conservation of the cultural heritage is not an isolated issue, but an instrument for networking and reaching the global EU objectives. Cultural heritage can be a bridge for the dialogue between cultures, the instrument for sharing a common understanding, identity and creativity with ideals, principles and values of EU. Having this in mind the Convention participants are dedicated to future cooperation and will work together in preparation of common projects in the future.
- ❖ Cultural heritage, and its preservation fosters the sense of local history, but also the understanding of deep interlinks between the cultures and nations.
- ❖ Through the preservation of cultural heritage, we go toward the enhancing of property, security, access to heritage sites, a right to culture, education and jobs.
- ❖ With respect to the protection of the environment we are responding to the need to live with dignity in a clean and pleasant environment in which, with the revitalization and reuse of old sites, we do not only conserve the natural heritage, but also introduce new cultural landscape and create valuable tourism resource.
- ❖ By preserving the cultural heritage, we are encouraging local development strategies which respect of tradition and continuity.
- ❖ Preservation of local cultural heritage ensure territorial cohesion through sustainable practices which reduce of disparities and enhance the comparative advantages of the regions.
- ❖ With respect to economic development, preservation of cultural heritage draws a new development model, based on an improved human and social capital, and creates new jobs based on traditional crafts and techniques.

In this respect, the participants of the C-Count Convention recognize the importance of the exchange of experiences and specially efforts of the EU to increase the collective responsibilities towards the common European cultural heritage by preservation of local diversity. This is why is the development of regional synergies through the cooperation between national, regional and local authorities, between international organizations and EU and between public and private sectors in the field of heritage rehabilitation, is of a crucial importance for the further development of EU.

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