



Recommendation 2038 (2014)¹

Final version

Europe's endangered heritage

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, with reference to its [Resolution 1981 \(2014\)](#) on Europe's endangered heritage, stresses the importance of heritage in shaping individual and collective cultural identity and promoting mutual understanding.
2. The Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (CETS No. 199, "Faro Convention") and the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) set a framework for sound cultural and natural heritage preservation policies. The Assembly therefore considers that specific activities should be envisaged to facilitate implementation of these instruments through technical assistance and exchange of good practice at operational levels.
3. Moreover, the Assembly strongly believes that there should be greater coherency of action between the Council of Europe, the European Union and UNESCO at the European level. In this respect, the Assembly welcomes the exemplary joint programme and the tangible results of the "Ljubljana Process", a joint initiative of the Council of Europe, the European Union and member States in South East Europe, which has developed innovative partnerships and pilot actions to be replicated for the restoration of 186 emblematic monuments and heritage sites in the region.
4. The Assembly therefore recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 4.1. encourage integrated activities between culture, heritage, education and youth sectors of the Council of Europe with a view to providing guidance to the member States on innovative ways of interlinking heritage with the process of building democratic citizenship;
 - 4.2. provide support for member States to exchange good practices based on the standards and principles of the Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society and provide assistance to member States in implementing the specific provisions of the convention;
 - 4.3. continue to support the Council of Europe's innovative transversal initiatives through the development of its Technical Co-operation and Consultancy Programme related to the integrated conservation of the cultural heritage pilot projects in the member States, by focusing on needs and requirements related to the conservation or restoration of monuments, the regeneration of historic towns and local and regional development;
 - 4.4. continue to support the European Heritage Network (HEREIN) as a unique network of governmental institutions and a platform for harmonising and collecting relevant information related to heritage and developing a shared knowledge base;
 - 4.5. continue to support regional initiatives, including in South East Europe, the South Caucasus, the Black Sea and other European regions, with a view to defining regional strategies, strengthening transnational co-operation and developing specific pilot projects which could benefit all member States, including in particular the Ljubljana Process and the community-led urban strategies in historic towns.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 7 March 2014 (see [Doc. 13428](#), report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Ms Vesna Marjanović).*

