



Recommendation 2277 (2024)¹

Cultural heritage and climate change

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to its [Resolution 2549 \(2024\)](#) “Cultural heritage and climate change”, underlines the compelling need for climate action and for a radical shift towards carbon neutrality by 2050 to meet the ambition of the Paris Agreement on climate change alongside the global aspiration for sustainable development embodied in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These challenges require a deep transformation of society and a fundamental change of mindset.
2. In this context, the Assembly welcomes the commitment the heads of State and government made at the Reykjavik Summit in May 2023 to strengthen the work of the Council of Europe on the human rights aspects of the environment based on the political recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right, as well as the decision to integrate a youth perspective in the work of the Council of Europe.
3. In line with this global political agenda, the Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (CETS No. 199, “Faro Convention”) and the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) place cultural and natural heritage and culture in general at the centre of a new vision for sustainable development.
4. For the Assembly, it is essential that all member States of the Council of Europe include cultural heritage concerns in national strategies for the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. The Assembly considers that the Council of Europe should assist this process when required.
5. Therefore, the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 5.1. encourage transversal co-operation of the culture, heritage, education and youth sectors in the field of sustainable development and climate action, to support the implementation of:
 - 5.1.1. guiding principles for an integrated approach to culture, nature and landscape management;
 - 5.1.2. participatory governance models to involve the public, and especially young people, in climate action and climate-related decision-making processes, and build community resilience to climate change;
 - 5.2. develop further synergies with the European Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and international heritage institutions on evaluating the impact of climate change on cultural heritage.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 24 May 2024 (see [Doc. 15926](#), report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Mr Andries Gryffroy).*

