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PROCULTHER

PROTECTING CULTURAL HERITAGE
FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISASTERS

OBJECTIVES

Building upon recent experiences on the **protection of Cultural Heritage (CH)** in emergency in **Italy, France, Spain and Turkey**, and on the available **tools and methods** developed by relevant **international organisations** such as **ICCROM** and **Villa Montesca**, and **with the participation of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe,**

THE PROCULTHER PROJECT AIMS AT

Developing and test a common European methodology along with Standard Operating Procedures for protecting CH at risk of disaster

Improving national preparedness arrangements in this sector in the UCPM Participating States

Creating a UCPM driven capacity to support affected countries during emergencies and to provide guidance for the development of preparedness measures for the protection of CH

Promoting European innovative approaches in the field of civil protection at international level

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Bring **cultural heritage protection higher in national civil protection agendas** in European countries and make **cultural heritage protection a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder issue**
- **Improve collaboration and coordination arrangements among national disaster management players** resulting in better organized and more effective national civil protection systems
- **Create concrete tools and technical support** for initiating or further developing national discussion on the **development of national capacities in this field**
- **Increase UCPM capacities and enhance the safeguard of CH worldwide** through the availability of a UCPM lead **inter-disciplinary capacity for supporting national response actions in case of emergency**

CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

PROTEZIONE CIVILE
Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
Dipartimento della Protezione Civile

DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DE LA SÉCURITÉ CIVILE ET DE LA GESTION DES CRISES

Junta de Castilla y León

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ICCROM

CENTRO STUDI VILLA MONTESCA
FONDAZIONE

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BUDGET AND DURATION

PROCULTHER is running **from January 2019 to December 2021** with a budget of **799.076,00 €**
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INVENTORY PHASE

In May 2019, PROCULTHER launched a consultative assessment process with the scope of collecting, in a participatory and comparable way, all the resources and practices that the project partners would be ready to deploy in case of an emergency abroad to protect CH at risk of disaster. National meetings, engaging public and private stakeholders in charge of the safeguard of CH in emergency management, have been required in each partner country to produce national reports on the institutional framework, resources, teams, procedures, planning, training, good practices, experiences to be scaled up at international level for the elaboration of a common European methodology to address CH protection in emergency.

ELABORATION OF A COMMON EUROPEAN METHODOLOGY

Experts coming from Civil Protection Authorities and Ministries of Culture of the PROCULTHER Partner countries, UNESCO-Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, ICCROM and Villa Montesca gathered in Rome on 10 December 2019 for the first International Workshop on Protecting Cultural Heritage in Emergency. The “Key Elements of a European Methodology to address Protection of Cultural Heritage during Emergencies” issued from this workshop will be made available starting from May 2021 to interested UCPM Participating States,relevant EU working groups and the Civil Protection Committee.

PRODUCTION OF TOOLS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

In 2021, a second International Workshop will virtually take place on the definition of tools and SOPs for Cultural Heritage Protection to increase national and international preparedness capacities in this sector.
The workshop will allow to define the terms of reference for the establishment of a UCPM driven inter-disciplinary capacity/module able to support interested States for developing preparedness measures for the protection of CH in emergencies and to intervene globally, in case of international emergencies, to support national response efforts of affected countries in this sector.

TEST AND OUTREACH

To test the effectiveness of the tools and capacities created by the project, a Regional Exercise will be carried out in Summer 2021. Key project results will be presented to relevant European and international working groups and to the Civil Protection Committee to debate on more structural solutions including the definition of an institutional, operational, legal and financial framework involving the UCPM and its Participating States, UNESCO and ICCROM to ensure sustainability and continued availability and operability of the specialised inter-disciplinary capacity/module.

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