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A draft manifesto on Arts, Culture, Cultural Heritage and Freedom of Expression in the Digital Era as well a concept plan for a Council of Europe digital exhibition were presented under the heading of Culture. Under Heritage, reports on several matters were presented including European Heritage Days, Strategy 21, the Faro Convention Action Plan and a joint project with the EU – The Faro Way. All the papers are available in English and French on the following link - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/cdcpp-committee/online-meeting>

Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, on behalf of the European Landscape Convention, presented the Landscape Report, which was in two parts.

1. National policies and international co-operation for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
2. Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2020 – 2022.

This paper can be accessed on the following link - <https://rm.coe.int/steering-committee-for-culture-heritage-and-landscape-cdcpp-on-line-me/16809eb488>

On behalf of IFLA EU, Michael OLDHAM posted the following brief statement on the agenda subject of ‘Co-operation with civil society and professional associations.’

IFLA EU would like to thank the Council of Europe and in particularly the European Landscape Convention for the close relationship that we have developed in promoting the aims and objectives of the Convention. We look forward to continued collaboration. Cooperation with civil society and professional associations is essential in terms of Landscape and Democracy.

However, we would like the committee to note that in some European countries the use of the proper title ‘Landscape Architect’ is still disputed, and locally, even considered illegal. We believe that this is discriminatory and possibly illegal in itself, being contrary to the broad objectives of the European Convention on Human Rights. There is a concerted effort by groups of architects in some countries to suppress Landscape Architects simply to promote their own commercial interests. This is certainly not in the public interest and denies access to an expertise that is central to the aims of the European Landscape Convention.

Last year, this Committee adopted the report from the ELC on Professional Recognition of Landscape Architects. It is important to document that there are still problems.

Next CDCPP Meeting planned for 12-13 November 2020.

Annex: Agenda of the meeting: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/cdcpp-committee/online-meeting#>