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**International Conference of UNESCO Balkan's clubs and organizations:**

**“Non-material culture heritage in Balkans – Government and non-Government sectors united in guardianship of Europe ‘vital roots’ ”**

The Conference is organized by Club UNESCO Leonardo Da Vinci-Sofia in cooperation with Regional Center for Safeguarding Non-Material Cultural Heritage in South-East Europe, National Commission for UNESCO - Bulgaria, Diplomatic Institute at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Bulgaria.

With the Conference we would like to commemorate also the 70th anniversary of UNESCO foundation and 60th anniversary of Bulgaria accession to UNESCO.

The Conference will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria (2 Alexander Zhdandov Str.), Sofia, Bulgaria.

Mrs Irina Bokova, UNSESCO General Director and Mrs Daniela Popescu, Chairman of UNESCO European Clubs and Federations are invited for participation and patronage to the conference.

**Concept brief:**

In 2003 the General Conference of UNESCO admitted a Convention for guardianship of non-material culture heritage (NMCH) focused on collecting and safeguarding the unique “vital roots” of mankind in the area of spoken traditions and forms of expressions (including language as a carrier of non-material cultural heritage); artistic and performance art; social customs, rituals and celebrations; awareness related to Nature and Universe and skills of local traditional handicraft.

Bulgaria always dedicates a first grade importance to preserve the abundance and variety of these “vital roots”, and is dedicating efforts to accommodate this agreement and the long list of international approaches for collecting, preserving and deploying of World Cultural Heritage.

As a consequence, in 2008 exactly in Bulgaria was founded the First Regional Center of Guardianship of the Non-Material Heritage in South-East Europe.

All activities in this respect show the position of Bulgaria as a pillar in preserving immemorial cultural values. To continue with this tradition requires all efforts and positive energy of each NGO and Government structure to be integrated with UNESCO designations and objectives.



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Good examples of such synergy are France, Italy, Romania, Cyprus and other countries where NGOs working under the aegis of UNESCO, are united in national federations and actively participate in structuring and development of Governmental, regional and local policies in the areas of culture, science and education.

For more than 12 years, Club UNESCO Leonardo da Vinci Sofia promotes UNESCO principles and objectives in the area of Bulgarian culture, science and education.

Unfortunately in Bulgaria NGOs supporting the principles of UNESCO do not collaborate in such a network, which could bond them and assist in upgrading their activities and improving results on international level. This is the role on a National federation, which could form a dynamic connection between Government and non-Government sectors, related with UNESCO activities and goals.

### **Objective of the International Conference:**

- Collection of current data for various forms of non-material cultural heritage in Bulgaria and at the Balkans in the context of European non-material heritage
- Best practice exchange for collection and management of non-material cultural heritage, and networking with Governmental and local structures, institutions and NGOs in Balkans and Europe
- Discussions about possibilities for optimization of the mechanisms for identification, documenting, exploring, conservation, development, promotion and networking via formal and non-formal education and experience exchange
- Focus on the necessity of unifying the efforts and coordinating the activities of Governmental and non-Governmental organizations, which are working in the field on non-material cultural heritage
- Structure further recommendations for coordination between Governmental and non-Governmental organizations for improving the efficiency of the activities for collecting, preserving and promoting the non-material culture heritage.

### **Conference Participants:**

Open for broad variety of organizations, institutions, NGOs and Government experts, involved in non-material cultural heritage:

- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry of Education
- Bulgarian Academy of Science



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- Regional Center for Safeguarding Non-Material Cultural Heritage in South-East Europe
- Local authorities and structures in areas of culture, education and science that are dedicated to non-material cultural heritage
- Local NGOs with such focus of activities
- Media
- The International Community: UNESCO representatives, European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (EFUCCA), delegates from clubs and UNESCO organizations in Balkan countries, members of regional centers for non-material culture heritage in Albania, Bosna and Hercegovina, Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Macedonia, Slovenia, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Monte Negro and other European countries with good record and practices in the area of non-material cultural heritage

**Logistics and Venue:**

The International Conference will take place on 24 and 25 November 2016 in the Conference Hall of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sofia.

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Government sectors united in guardianship of Europe ‘vital roots’”**

**INITIAL PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS AND TOPICS:**

**24<sup>th</sup> November** (Thursday) – Opening and Presentations in 2 Panels

**25<sup>th</sup> November** (Friday) – Workshops and afternoon sessions with final propositions of the discussion groups followed by announcement of the resolution.

**Day 1: 24 November 2016.**

**13:30-14:00h**

Delegates' registration

**14:00-14:30h**

Opening and welcome notes by the special guests and institutions

**14:30 -18:00h**



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**First Panel:**

Non-material cultural heritage – involvement and achievements on European, National and Regional Level – approaches of practices and coordination between institutions and NGOs in Balkans and Europe

***Topic:***

The role of Bulgaria and Bulgarian experience in collecting, exploring, safeguarding and promotion on non-material cultural heritage

***Presenters:***

Representative of Regional Center for Safeguarding Non-Material Cultural Heritage in South-East Europe

***Topic:***

The role of Balkan nations and Balkan experience in collecting, exploring, safeguarding and promotion on NMCI

***Presenters:***

Delegates from UNESCO clubs and organizations from Balkan countries

***Topic:***

The role of federalism and cooperation between governmental structures and NGOs in safeguarding NMCH – the European know-how

***Presenters:***

**Daniela Popescu** – President of European Federation of Clubs, Associations and Centers of UNESCO (invited)

**Prof. Paola Maria Azario** – President of Italian Federation of Clubs, Associations and Centers of UNESCO and Vice President of European Federation of Clubs, Associations and Centers of UNESCO

Other delegates from European Clubs, Associations and Centers of UNESCO

**Day 2: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

**09:30 – 12:30 First Panel (Workshops)**

**Workshop:**

Verbal traditions and forms of expressions (including the *language* as a carrier of NMCH)

**Workshop:**

Creative and illustrative arts

**Workshop:**

Social traditions, rituals and celebrations



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**Workshop:**

Knowledge and traditions related to Nature and Cosmos, and related with local crafts

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 17:00 Second Panel**

- Presenting the results of the Workshops
- Discussion for optimizing the mechanisms of identification, documentation, exploring, preserving, sharing, promoting and networking via formal and non-formal education.
- Stating the recommendations for improvement of coordination in the actions of governmental structures and NGOs for enhancing the efficacy of activities for collection, preserving and promoting the NMCH

**Closing of the Conference**

- Final speech of the President of Club UNESCO Leonardo da Vinci Sofia

**17:00**

- **Examples of Bulgarian NMCH – Bistriza songs, dances on fire and other surprises**

**Official languages:**

Bulgarian, English, French