

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE FIGHT AGAINST
OFFENCES RELATING TO CULTURAL PROPERTY:
EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES AND SHARED
PRIORITIES**

**20-21 June 2024
Pignatelli Building
Zaragoza (Spain)**

With the co-operation of:

THURSDAY, 20 June 2024

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration of participants*

09:00 – 09:30 **OPENING SESSION**

09:30 – 11:30 **SESSION I: POLICIES AROUND OFFENSES RELATED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE.** Moderator: Ms Monica Redondo Álvarez.

- ✓ **The fight against criminal offenses related to cultural goods in the Aragon region.**
Mr Francisco ROMEO MARUGAN. Head of the Section for Prevention of Cultural Heritage of Aragon.
- ✓ **Instruments for the fight against illicit trafficking and cultural offences in Spain.**
Mr Carlos GONZALEZ-BARANDIARAN. Deputy Director of Register and Documentation of Cultural Heritage. Ministry of Culture, Spain.
- ✓ **The reform of crimes against cultural heritage in the Italian penal code.**
Ms Roberta LICCI. Magistrate. Ministry of Justice, Italy (tbc).
- ✓ **The fight against criminal offenses related to cultural goods in Mexico.**
Ms Maria José BUERBA ROMERO VALDES. Director for the restitution of Cultural Heritage. Secretary of Foreign Relations, Mexico.
- ✓ **European Union action against offences related to cultural heritage.**
Ms Angela BARDENHEWER-RATING, Senior Legal Officer, Directorate-General JUST- Criminal Justice, European Commission (EU).
- ✓ **UNESCO action against offences related to cultural heritage.**
Ms Sunna ALTNODER, Ms Maria MIÑANA, 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.
- ✓ **Towards an international cooperation in the field of criminal offences related to cultural heritage.**
Mr Antonio ROMA. Chief District Attorney of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain.

Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 14:15 **SESSION II – TACKLING A TRANSBORDER CRIME.**
Moderator: Mr Oscar Alarcón Jiménez.

- ✓ **A law-enforcement approach to combat cultural heritage crimes.**
Ms Montserrat DE PEDRO. Head of the Spanish Heritage Brigade.
- ✓ **A law-enforcement approach to combat cultural heritage crimes.**
Ms Isabelle MESLIER. EUROPOL.

- ✓ **Criminal perspective from the Spanish legislation to the protection of cultural property.**
Mr Javier Ignacio REYES LÓPEZ. Investigating Magistrate. Court no. 1 of Alcalá de Henares, Madrid.
- ✓ **How to raise awareness about the criminal nature of cultural property crimes.**
Ms Olaia FONTAL. Professor at the University of Valladolid and Director of the Spanish Observatory on Heritage Education.
- ✓ **The role of EUROJUST in combatting offences against cultural heritage.**
Ms Lisette VOS. EUROJUST
- ✓ **Recent case-law of the Strasbourg Court on unlawful exportation of cultural property as a reflection of common European approach to preservation of cultural heritage.**
Mr Pavlo PUSHKAR. Head of Division - Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

Discussion

14:15 – 14.30 **Wrap-up Session**

14:30 **Lunch break**

16:30 – 18.00 On site study visit to the [Roman Museums of Zaragoza](#) (Forum, River Port, Public Baths and Theatre)

20:00 Informal dinner¹ in “[El Tubo](#)” area

FRIDAY 21 June 2023

09:00 – 12:00 **RESTRICTED SESSION (CONTACT POINTS ONLY)**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NICOSIA CONVENTION²

Moderators: Ms Monica REDONDO ÁLVAREZ, Mr OSCAR ALARCÓN JIMÉNEZ

- ✓ Round table on the implementation of the Nicosia Convention: legislation, priorities, difficulties.
 - Countries having ratified the Nicosia Convention
 - Countries having signed the Nicosia Convention
 - Other countries (neither signed nor ratified the Nicosia Convention)
- ✓ Coordination meeting among interested countries in the fight against offenses regarding cultural goods
 - National Co-operation: set-up of National Platforms
 - International Co-operation: Informal Network of Contact Points

¹ Participants are invited to join a “tapas tour” as an informal dinner at their own expense.

² English language only.

- Round table:
 1. ¿Is there a need of drafting a Strategy for the Nicosia Convention?
 2. Criminalisation and prevention / Coordination and monitoring of major international events.
 3. Capacity-Building needs.
 4. Other topics.

Discussion

12.00 – 12.30 **Wrap-up session and next steps**

12:30 – 14:00 **SESSION III – THREATS TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE AND ITS PROTECTION.** Moderator: Mr Francisco ROMEO MARUGAN.

- ✓ **Plundering of archaeological heritage: towards a paradigm shift.**
Dr Evelyne GODFREY. Director Uffington Heritage Watch and member of the European Association of Archeologist -Community on the illicit trade in cultural material.
- ✓ **The Nicosia Convention and its potential to combat global antiquities trafficking.**
Mr Simon MACKENZIE. Professor of Criminology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.
- ✓ **Operation “Leona”. Expert report of the Spanish Cultural Heritage Institute (IPCE).**
Ms Miriam BUESO and Beatriz MAYANS. Spanish Cultural Heritage Institute-IPCE. Ministry of Culture.
- ✓ **ANCHISE PROJECT: new solutions for cultural heritage protection.**
Ms Irène ZAITSEV, Dr. Sorin Hermon. Ecole française d’Athènes.
- ✓ **Threats to archaeological heritage and its protection from a law-enforcement approach.**
Cap. Víctor Manuel VALERO GARCÍA. Nature Protection Service. Spanish Civil Garde.

Discussion

14:00 – 14:15 **CLOSING SESSION – SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Ms. Mónica REDONDO-ÁLVAREZ.
Council of Europa.

Mr. Óscar ALARCÓN-JIMÉNEZ.
Council of Europa.

Ms. Tomasa HERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN.
Regional Minister of Presidency, Interior and Culture.
Government of Aragón.