

1. SUB-MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



CIVVIH Mediterranean
Sub Committee Meeting 2010

**“Management Plans for Mediterranean
Historic Cities and Sustainability”**

18 to 20 November 2010 - Nicosia, Cyprus

The meeting is planned around a series of thematic sessions including a blend of presentations.

The main subject of the CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub committee meeting which will be held in Cyprus will focus on the axis **“Management Plans for Mediterranean Historic Cities and Sustainability”**.

According CIVVIH:

“Humanity faces today a number of changes, concerning particularly the habitat in general, and the towns and urban areas in particular”. “Historical towns and urban areas are the spatial structures which express the evolution of a society and its cultural identity” (Valletta April 2010).

It is commonly accepted that Historical towns and urban areas are lively bodies which receive constant changes. These changes affect all components of the city; natural and manmade, tangible and intangible aspects.

Due to these alterations and referring to the Valletta discussion of CIVVIH in April 2010 it is necessary to determine the terms, rules and objectives of the changes, to identify and control the contemporary building development by safeguarding at the same time that the values of the Site will not meet any change but will be adequately protected and conserved. A well-managed change can be an opportunity to improve the quality of the city and enhance its historical elements.

During the Cyprus meeting emphasis is proposed to be given on Management Plans as they consist the methodology and tool for Protection, they identify and formulate the values of the Properties and they define the Protected Property aiming towards the protection, the enhancement, the sustainable management as well as raising public awareness.

Within the same framework attention is proposed to be given on factors contained in a Management Plan such as identification of values (in combination to the Statements of Outstanding Universal Value), legislation, monitoring, the effective collaboration of competent bodies, policy makers, citizens and all affected stakeholders under the guidance of the World Heritage Center and with solidarity of the International Advisory bodies. Parameters such as administration, funding, state of conservation, research, dissemination of information, accessibility, etc can be discussed and further developed aiming towards arriving at action plan parameters which can give practical guidance to stakeholders.

Furthermore, the meeting will approach the need for elaborating Management Plans with attention given to the needs arising from contemporary life but also by including new threats such as Climate Change, risk reduction plans, evacuation plans for visitors & movable objects, risk preparedness and protection

systems, as well as their relevance with other plans (urban plans, master plans, spatial plans, etc) are issues to be analyzed during the meeting. Furthermore, the abovementioned issue is in season due to the request already by the World Heritage Center during the last Focal Points Meeting for the Mediterranean sub-region (Israel 2010) that all State Parties should complete until 2012 a Management Plan for each of their World Heritage Sites.

The forthcoming CIVVIH Mediterranean Sub Committee meeting in Cyprus will promote the exchange of views related to the procedure and methodology to be followed on the elaboration of Management Plans and will examine the suitable drafting for covering all aspects of a historic area.

Together with sharing best practices on particular topics like on regeneration and management through the dissemination of case studies it is expected to put more attention to specific issues such as: New Development in Historic Cores, Uses, Mobility / Circulation. Finally, the issue of Urban Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities as an individual and special parameter will be enhanced and examined in detail.

Special topics proposed for discussion during Cyprus meeting are:

- a. Context and new directives related to Management Plans.
- b. The Urban Tourism as a special factor on Mediterranean's Cities Management Plans.
- c. Procedures for the elaboration of Management Plans.
- d. Sharing best practices with reference to: Cultural Heritage Management, Regeneration of Historic Centers, New Development in Historic Cores, Uses, Mobility/Circulation, Tourism in the Historical Mediterranean Cities.

The Tentative Meeting Schedule will be soon announced

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited for presentation.

Formatting guidelines for Abstract

Abstracts of not more than **300 words** are invited addressing the meeting theme. It is recommended that you send the text of your abstract **until the 10th of October 2010** to ath-geo@cytanet.com.cy

Formatting guidelines for Paper

The paper will have to be submitted only if your abstract is approved. The Paper should be Microsoft Word formatted (for windows or mac, .doc version only). Kindly use the following formatting:

- Original texts should not exceed 6 typed pages (including pictures and tables) with 2,5cm margins on the right and left side, ½ line spacing and an average of 30 lines per page.

Title Page

Title of the paper - Author - Function / Organization / Directorate / Department - Address, telephone/fax number and e-mail address - Date of Submission.

Summary

Summary of 250 words maximum - Scope of the paper (1-3 sentences) - Conclusions (1-3 sentences) - Summaries to be accompanied by key words (in order to optimize your article for search engine rankings).

Main Body of Text

Introduction (without using the word "introduction" as its heading) - Main text - Pictures should be sent in a separate file - Bibliographic references.

Bibliographic References

References should be listed on a separated page and numbered in sequence as they appear in the text.