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Seminar: *Territorial information systems for the conservation, preservation and management of Cultural Heritage*

Location Naples, Palazzo Reale

Date 23/24 October, 2003

Proponents The Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities-
General Department of Archaeological Heritage
in cooperation with:

- General Department of Architecture and Landscape,
- General Department for the Historical and Artistic Heritage,
- Central Institute of Restoration,
- Central Institute for Catalogue and Documentation,
- Comando Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio artistico.

Participants Member States delegates, European Commission representatives, experts from the scientific world.

Content

The great territorial transformations which have affected Europe in the past fifty years, joined to the vast urbanization of entire regions, determined strong impacts on the heritage and the landscapes, with different results according to various protection legislations and research traditions.

It appears, therefore, compulsory to define common strategies, especially in respect to great fostered infrastructure project works, involving Member States territories, in the light of the imminent enlargement.

The goal is to involve on the definition of uniform conservation strategies the new-entering Member States, as well as, in the light of cooperation policies, Mediterranean, Near and Middle East Countries.

The sum of single national strategies for the conservation of the cultural heritage does not, in fact, represent, as such, a European policy on the matter, as opposed to the status of "*common resource, for the conservation, management and planning of which we need to co-operate*"(European

Landscape Convention, October 20 2000), applied to landscape quality and diversity.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance to harmonise preventive, both cognitive and conservative, strategies in the spirit of the Valletta Convention, 1992.

Ambit

Memory preservation in the information society, with particular attention to new technologies.

Topics

Territorial information systems as instruments of memory preservation, conservation and management for the development of the European territory and heritage.

- Variety of sources, with particular reference to historical cartography;
- Technological components, exchange formats, techniques;
- Risk monitoring ;

Coherence

The initiative aims at reaching European added value in its coherence to the Work Plan, in its undoubted visibility, due to the effective impacts it could determine on national territorial planning and management policies, as in the development of new strategies to fasten enlargement.

Aim

With this Seminar, organized within the Italian Presidency, the Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities aims at the creation of a European research working group, composed of national representatives, referent in the field of information systems for the knowledge and conservation of the European territory and cultural heritage.

Outputs

Proposal for the definition of minimum average standards, required by single national Territorial information Systems, for the management, enhancement and promotion of cultural heritage of European significance.

Organization

Wednesday, October 22

Arrival of participants in Naples.

20.30

Welcome dinner

Thursday, October 23

9.00/9.30

Registration of participants

9.30/10.00

Greetings by Authorities

10.00/11.30

Opening of the Seminar

Plenary Session, Relations

I Relation :

Territorial transformations, different impacts on the heritage and the landscape ; need to harmonise preventive cognitive and conservation strategies, future perspectives

II Relation

A panorama of the European political and legal “status quaestionis”, lines and expected developments in the field of Spatial Information Society.

Representative of the European Commission

III Relation

The European” status quaestionis”, lines and expected developments referred to cultural heritage conservation and enhancement.

Representative of the European Commission

11.30/11.45

Coffee break

11.45/13.00

**Presentation of the Workshops (W1,W2,W3)
by Presidents of workshops.**

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

14-30- 18.00

Workshops presenting international case studies

I Workshop:

Territorial information systems as instruments of memory preservation, conservation and management for the development of the European territory. Variety of bibliographic sources, with particular reference to historic cartography.

II Workshop:

Spatial Information and cultural heritage : towards a European data infrastructure.

III Workshop:

Risk monitoring information systems in the experiences of various European countries.

Formal representation of risk probability and intervention instruments.

Dis-homogeneity of heritage, dis-homogeneity of risks: static, structural, anthropical, environmental.

Poster Session

A poster session, supported with multimedia presentations of *best practices projects* will be mounted.

20.00

Dinner + music event

Friday, October 24:

9.00/11.00

Continuation of workshops, drafting of final reports.

11.00/13.00

Plenary Session

Presentation of prepared reports,

Debate,

Drafting and approval of final Proposal.

14.00

End of Seminar

Lunch, (possibility of guided tours00: Palazzo Reale/
Museo archeologico Nazionale)

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