Denmark

The implementation of the UNESCO 2005 Convention forms a natural part of the Danish cultural policy. Therefore the report initially shortly describes the founding principles of Danish cultural policies in chapter 2.1 Cultural policies and measures, but focuses mainly on changes and concrete examples after the 2005 Convention's entry into force. The chapter will especially focus on different policy measures and ways to secure access to a diversity of cultural expressions for everyone living in Denmark. Concrete measures focused on special groups will also be mentioned. Firstly, the support to the German minority living in Denmark, and secondly, the National Arts Council's efforts to strengthen the intercultural dialogue and to guide artists with immigrant background. The chapter is not intended to give the full picture of Danish cultural policy, but to illustrate important components of Danish cultural policy in relation to the contents of the 2005 Convention.

The report has a special focus on the two chapters concerning international cooperation and cultural exchange and the integration of culture in sustainable development policies. Chapter 2.2. International cooperation and preferential treatment will focus on changes in the strategy of Danish international cultural exchange in recent years and the experience with cooperation between different ministries and cultural institutions in the International Cultural Panel established in October 2010. The Danish film policy will be presented as an example of concrete policy and measures. In chapter 2.3 culture in sustainable development, the description of the Danish institution Danish Centre for Culture and Development is central, and concrete examples will be presented with the purpose of inspiration and knowledge sharing.

Chapter 3 Awareness-raising and participation of civil society describes shortly the initiatives of the Ministry of Culture and NGOs to promote the visibility of the convention.

Chapter 4 sums up the main achievements and challenges to the implementation of the Convention.