A word from the Secretary of the 1970 Convention

As we continue our efforts to safeguard cultural property worldwide, let us reflect on the importance of multilateralism and continued dialogue. The recent statutory meetings of the 1970 Convention and the ICPRCP were crucial moments of debate among UNESCO’s Member States. Likewise, we look forward to welcoming international experts from a range of related fields for our UNESCO - European Union international conference "Strengthening the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property" at UNESCO Headquarters on 9 June 2022, to continue the dialogue on concrete measures and cooperation initiatives.

In this Newsletter, you will discover several recent activities and achievements in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property.

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International Conference 'Strengthening the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property'

On 9 June 2022, UNESCO and the European Union are organizing a one-day conference to discuss concrete measures to strengthen the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property. The Conference will be held at UNESCO Headquarters and will also be live-streamed.

Read more
UNESCO Campus - How to fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property?

On 31 May, on the occasion of the European Year of Youth 2022, postgraduate students of UNESCO Chair and UNITWIN programmes discussed how to enhance knowledge and skills needed to fight illicit trafficking of cultural property. Together with leading experts in the field, university students explored the different dimensions of the subject with a view to better integrate the protection of cultural property and the fight against its illicit trafficking in their training and research. The Workshop video will soon be published on the project webpage.
Public Consultation: Towards the European Union’s action plan against trafficking in cultural goods for 2022-25

As part of the EU Strategy to tackle Organised Crime, the European Commission is preparing an action plan against trafficking of cultural goods for 2022-25 to fight criminal activities and protect cultural heritage. With this public consultation, all parties concerned are invited to share their views on new EU policies and existing laws.
Publication

Now in Arabic – Toolkit for European judiciary and law enforcement

This Toolkit, published in the framework of the EU-funded project ‘Training the European judiciary and law enforcement on the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property’ in 2018, is available in English, French, Spanish, Serbian and now in Arabic.

Save the date
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