



MINUTES
23rd SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
ELVAS (PORTUGAL). 12 AND 13 DECEMBER 2023

The 23rd Regional Conference of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) was held at the Hotel Vila Galé in Elvas (Portugal) on 12 and 13 December 2023, with the attendance of the following representatives:

ATTENDANTS:

- ANGRA DO HEROÍSMO (PORTUGAL):
 - Mr. Paulo Lima, Councillor for Heritage
- ARANJUEZ (SPAIN):
 - Ms. María Del Pozo, Director of the Fundación Aranjuez, Paisaje Cultural.
 - Ms. Magdalena Merlos, Head of Service. Area of Historical Heritage of Aranjuez.
- BAEZA (SPAIN):
 - Mr. José Antonio Jiménez. Councillor for Tourism and Promotion.
- CIDADE VELHA (CAPE VERDE):
 - Mr Manuel Monteiro, Deputy Mayor
 - Ms. Elizabetd Cardoso, Tourism Technician.
- CÓRDOBA (SPAIN):
 - Mr. José María Bellido, Mayor
 - Ms. Lourdes Morales, Councillor for the Historic Centre of Cordoba
 - Mr. Agustín Requena, Director General for the Historic Centre of Cordoba
- ELVAS (PORTUGAL):
 - Ms. Vitoria Branco, Councillor for Tourism and Heritage
 - Ms. Marta Rocha, Technician for Tourism and Heritage
 - Mr. Edgar Nanques, Technician for Culture and Heritage
- STRASBOURG (FRANCE):
 - Ms. Marion Baudry, Heritage Officer
- ÉVORA (PORTUGAL):
 - Ms. Paula Helena Santos, Institutional Relations Technician.
 - Mr Miguel Pedro, Head of Culture and Heritage Division.
- PORTO (PORTUGAL):
 - Ms. Maria João Pessoa, Director Cultural Heritage Management Department.
 - Ms. Alda Bessa, Technician, Cultural Heritage Management Department.
- RODAS (GREECE):
 - Ms. Despina Hatzidiakos, Technical Advisor to the Mayor on Heritage
- SEGOVIA (SPAIN):
 - Ms. Patricia Otones, Manager Municipal Company of Tourism
- SINTRA (PORTUGAL).
 - Ms. Teresa Caetano, Coordinator of the World Heritage Office.
- VIENNA (AUSTRIA):
 - Ms. Regina Wiala-Zimm, Technician at the International Relations Office
- GENERAL SECRETARIAT OCPM (QUEBEC):
 - Ms. Andréanne Charest, Deputy Secretary General of the OWHC
- SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL SECRETARIAT (CORDOBA):
 - Rafael Pérez de la Concha, Regional Coordinator.

The following **AGREEMENTS** were adopted:

1. Approval of the minutes of the 22nd Regional Conference 2022.
2. The resignation from the OWHC of the city of Oviedo (Spain) and the accession to other Regional Secretariats of the cities of Brussels and Bruges (Belgium), Dubrovnik and Split (Croatia) and Luxembourg (Luxembourg) were acknowledged, leaving this Regional Secretariat composed of 29 cities.
3. Approval of the Management Report 2023.
4. Approval of the Economic Report 2023.
5. Agreement not to dedicate any specific theme to the Day of Solidarity for 2024, as well as the proposal to the Board of Directors for a new name for this day: DAY OF SOLIDARITY AMONG WORLD HERITAGE CITIES.
6. Approval of the Arts and Crafts Project for 2024 with the continuation of the actions on Crafts already initiated.
7. Constitution of the Collaborative Network on Traditional Trades and Techniques for Heritage Conservation and an Action Plan for its development.
8. Approval of the holding of a Project Meeting and a face-to-face Meeting of the Collaborative Network on Crafts in the city of Oporto (Portugal) on 25 and 26 June 2024.
9. Approval of the Youth and Culture Project 2024.
10. Approval of the holding of the 4th Meeting of Young Ambassadors in Rhodes (Greece) from 9 to 12 April 2024.
11. To renew the agreement to produce a Cookbook during 2024 for publication in 2025.
12. Approval to resume the Project on Visual Decontamination in Historic Centres, to be coordinated by the city of Sintra (Portugal).
13. Approval of the proposal presented by the city of Baeza to initiate a Project on Heritage related to Olive Oil.
14. Approval of the edition of a video with images of the different projects of the Regional Secretariat to be presented during the 2024 World Congress in Cordoba.
15. Approval of the Plan of General and Regional Activities for 2024 to be presented to the General Secretariat.
16. Approval of the Budget for 2024 to be presented to the General Secretariat.
17. Approval of the Renewal of Cordoba as the host city of the Regional Secretariat.

And with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 14:00 hours on 13 December 2023, thus closing this 23rd Regional Conference of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Rafael Pérez de la Concha Camacho

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