

EUROPEAN HERITAGE HEADS FORUM

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Final Conclusions 2013, Norway

A Cooperation with the NGO Sector

We **recognise** the important and crucial role that NGOs and the wider civil society plays in the care and protection of cultural heritage at the national and European level. We **welcome** the proposal for closer cooperation between the EHHF and the NGO sector to be followed up by the Troika.

We **approve** the Statement on Cooperation with NGOs and the wider civil society and **ask** the Secretariat to collect examples of best practice to share amongst the members.

B EHHF Secretariat

The EHHF recognises and commends the work of the Secretariat Task Force and the recommendations proposed in their report.

After discussion in groups and plenary we **welcome** and **thank** Belgium (Flanders) for accepting to host the permanent secretariat in their office in Brussels for the EHHF for 3 years (January 2014 – December 2016).

Referring to the proposals from the task force, the following was **agreed**:

The Secretariat:

The EHHF Secretariat will act as the contact point for EHHF heads facilitating communication, exchange of information and networking amongst themselves, as well as with the EHLF (Standing Committee) and ad-hoc Task Forces.



No lobbying activities are to be undertaken by the Secretariat.

The main contact point for the EU for the governmental heritage sector remains the Reflection Group whilst it is still standing.

The post of Secretary should be one full-time equivalent (1 FTE).

Salary should be commensurate with salary scales of the hosting organisation

Budget from EHHF will cover salary and travel-related costs of the Secretary

Overhead costs will be covered by the hosting organisation

Budget

The majority of EHHF members present were able to pledge a total sum of €64,500 – 68,000.

Suggested contributions will be based on the 4 tier system as proposed by the task force, with a minimum contribution of €500 and commitment for 3 years at that level.

€7 500 per year

€3 500 per year

€2 000 per year

€500 per year

Guidance on level of contribution should come from the UN system where requested from the Troika.

A new task force will be convened to assist Belgium in setting up the Secretariat with a view to having this in place by January 2014.

The group will include the current Troika (Norway, Belgium and Ireland) as well as UK (England).

The Troika will produce a project proposal for members

C Future Meetings

We **recall** that the next meeting will be held in Belgium (2014) and **welcome** Ireland as the host for 2015.

Offers for hosting future meetings have been presented by Luxembourg and Switzerland.

EHHF

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