GROUP I – Western- Europe and Northern Americas working group, ICHNGOforum

Attending
Lluís Garcia Petit & Josep Viana, Laurier Turgeon, Meg Nömgård, Albert van der Zeijden, Jorijn Neyrinck, Valentina Lapicirella Zingari, Joanne Orr, Antoine Gauthier, Dag Feldborg (rapporteur), Eivind Falk, Marit Stranden

Background
Capacity Building workshop for accredited ICH NGO, 1-3. december raised the question of establishing regional networks. Albert van der Zeijden (rapporteur) presented a few headwords from the working group:

Different types of NGOs (e.g. community based, specialized or a general scope)

Different functions: communication, interface, intermediaries: working in the space between the government and community/groups, translation of UNESCO language into ordinary language

Cooperation (museums projects, Nordic countries etc)

Founding vision
The division between west and east is unfunctional and not in the spirit of the convention. The group express a wish to merge at the NGO-group level, and as a longterm objective sensitize Stateparties of the Convention of an outdated division, maybe frame it as a bottom up statement in the 12. COM?

Why are we grouping? A preliminary overview of issues to cooperate on:

Communication resources:
ICHNGOforum, a regional column, Facebook closed group, gmail,
Existing overall regional websites, e.g. http://www.intangiblesearch.eu/home_page.php

Working methods:
non-beautomratic, a register of good challenges, framing topics in a concrete way (ref lesson learnt by EF), Integrate all activites we are joined in

Content
• Use the ICHNGOforum site as a communication vehicle (sharing information on conferences and activities), organize meetings/seminars/conferences at subregional, interregional or regional level with or without international experts, invite the work group as when relevant
• Share good practices in principal and if possible coordinate it with the web site Nordicsafeguardingpractices (this european networking is in tself a good safeguarding practice!)

Topics/issues to elaborate
Education in general (Marit)

Tourism and ICH (sustainability, each year Portugal organize tourism conference (Carla)
Audiovisual documents, methods masterclass (videos) (Jorijn)
Linking tangible intangible, ICH brings more interpretation (Lauriel)
Good practices sharing (Dag)
Strategies and tools in media campaigns (Lluis)
Ethnic diversity (albert)
Religious diversity
Culture of youngsters
Controversial heritage
Ownership – e.g. who owns the mill – the miller, the community or relevant authorities
Intellectual properties (Dag)
Faro convention interference or synergy? (Dag)
Digital and audiovisual inventoring, how inventory ICH in a participatory way (Valentina)
Map activities (Valentina)
European year of heritage 2018

Executive group
Carla Raposeira; Albert, Jorijn, Antoine, Lluis, Dag, Harriet

One meeting per year, at least

Working agenda
1. founding statement from the group
2. …. ∞ ?