

**Draft Work Programme for
Capacity building International Seminar in the area of Trafficking of
Cultural Property / Antiquities Smuggling
*Republic of Cyprus, 31 October – 02 November 2017***

I. Background

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) / Border Security and Management Unit in December 2016 received the request for assistance in capacity building training in the area of trafficking of cultural property / antiquities smuggling for the respective relatively small unit of the Cyprus Police.

Following the preliminary discussions on options for the organization of adequate capacity building training between OSCE and partnering organizations in this area (INTERPOL, UNODC, Experts from OSCE participating States), in coordination with Cyprus Police - Office for Combating Organized Crime and for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, conducted the preliminary assessment visit comprising a series of meetings with experts and/or advisers from Cyprus' national ministries, agencies and bodies involved in protection of cultural property on 20-21 June 2017.

Based on the preliminary assessment visit involved parties identified the following specifics for the follow-up seminar:

1. Bearing in mind the complexity of the phenomena, lectures and seminars should be organized in a way that includes representatives of relevant national agencies dealing with the trafficking of cultural property / antiquities smuggling (such as national police [marine and port police, airport security police, criminal investigation departments], customs, the Antiquities Department, the Inter-Ministerial National Committee for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, Prosecutors Office and non-governmental organizations). The Contact Points of the EU Cultnet will also be invited to attend the International Seminar. This approach will ensure intra-agency and inter-agency cooperation is further developed, along with increased individual capacities and international cooperation;
2. Participants will be composed of a combination of first line officers and local and mid-level managers of the aforementioned agencies. Total number is up to 50 participants;
3. Cyprus national counterparts will undertake the necessary measures to select participants and to manage administrative tasks related to national participants. National participants will bear their own travelling costs to/from the venue. Cyprus Police will host one official dinner for all the participants of the event; Preliminary Agenda (IV) is agreed, the event is to occur over three days with preferred dates for the seminar being 31 October – 02 November;
4. Considering the Agenda and diverse group of participants coming from different locations, the most suitable location for conducting the training is the city of Larnaca, in the area close to Regional Police HQ and museums and galleries that will be visited as a part of the practical activities of the seminar. This location will also simplify and economize the usage of available resources for both national participants and

international experts and provides the opportunity for respective agencies to fully cover the costs related to their participants.

5. OSCE will select the venue and cover the full costs related to the venue (including catering/coffee breaks) and ones related to expert engagement in accordance with its existing internal administrative procedures.

II. Objectives of the Seminar

The objectives of the Seminar are as follows:

- To raise awareness among a broad range of national actors of best practices and internationally available tools to prevent and counter trafficking in cultural property;
- Raise awareness and increase knowledge/understanding on:
 - (a) The use of the Internet for committing such types of crime
 - (b) Underwater cultural heritage looting/protection
 - (c) Role of auction houses, collectors in legal/illegal trade of antiquities
 - (d) Protection/safety measures of archaeological sites/churches
- To improve coordination and communication among national, European and international authorities;
- To offer the opportunity for participants to discuss best practices and recommendations for Cyprus to be implemented within respective national authorities in the future
- To identify possible future areas and modalities for support

III. Composition of the expert delegation

The expert delegation will consist of representatives from:

1. OSCE Secretariat/ Transnational Threats Department / Border Security and Management Unit,
2. INTERPOL / Works of Arts Unit,
3. UNODC Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch,
4. Experts from OSCE participating States
5. Customs Organization – TBC
6. UNESCO – TBC
7. EUROPOL - TBC

IV. Draft agenda

Tuesday, 31 October 2017

| Time / Venue | Topics / Experts |
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| 09.00 – 09.30 <i>Venue: Sun Hall Hotel, Larnaca</i> | Arrival and registration of participants, administrative remarks |

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| 09:30 – 10:15 | <p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus National Police</i> • <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus National Service/s present to the training</i> • <i>Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head of Border Security and Management Unit, Transnational Threats Department/OSCE</i> • <i>Tour de Table, Target Group Expectations</i> |
| 10.15–10.45 | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| 10.45-11.30 | <p>Introduction to Archaeology and Cultural Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 11.40-12.45 | <p>Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, why we must protect the cultural heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 13.00-14.30 | <p>National legal base and current situation regarding trafficking of cultural property / antiquities smuggling – challenges and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus National Police</i> - <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus Customs and Excise Department</i> - <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus Antiquities Department</i> - <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Legal Service (Attorney’s General Office)</i> - <i>Name, Rank TBC Legal Service (Attorney’s General Office)</i> - <i>Name TBC, Representative of Church of Cyprus</i> |
| 14.30-15.00 | <p>Coffee break</p> |
| 15.00-15.45 | <p>International legal framework and best practices in criminal justice responses to trafficking in cultural property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Celso Coracini, UNODC Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</i> |
| 15.55-17.00 | <p>Case Study No1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 19.00-21.00 Venue - TBC | <p>Official Dinner hosted by Cyprus National Police – TBC</p> |

Wednesday, 01 November 2017

| Time / Venue | Topics / Experts |
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| 09.00-09.45 | INTERPOL role in the fight against the illicit traffic of cultural property with a special focus on the UNSC Resolutions 2199/2015 and 2347/2017 - <i>Gonzalo Giordano, INTERPOL / Works of Arts Unit</i> |
| 09:55 - 10:45 | INTERPOL role in the fight against the illicit traffic of cultural property with a special focus on the UNSC Resolutions 2199/2015 and 2347/2017 - <i>Gonzalo Giordano, INTERPOL / Works of Arts Unit</i> |
| 10.45–11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15-12.00 | Trafficking in cultural property Expertise, Resources and Best Practices - TBC - <i>TBC</i> |
| 12.10-13.00 | Trafficking in cultural property Expertise, Resources and Best Practices – TBC - <i>TBC</i> |
| 13.15-14.15 | Case Study No 2 - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 14.15-14.45 | Coffee break |
| 14.45-15.30 | Case Study No 3 Spolia and ruins - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 15.30-18.30 | Visit to National Museum and Archaeological Sites - TBC |

Wednesday, 01 November 2017 – PARALLEL SESSION for Border and Customs

| Time and venue | Meetings, themes and requested participants |
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| 11:15 – 12:00 | INTERPOL Stolen Works of Art Database and its operational support in fighting the illicit traffic in cultural property - <i>Gonzalo Giordano, INTERPOL / Works of Arts Unit</i> |
| 12:10 – 13:00 | Neolithic stones, cylinder seals and bullets for sling shots - <i>Gonzalo Giordano, INTERPOL / Works of Arts Unit</i> - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling,</i> |

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Thursday, 02 November 2017

| Time / Venue | Topics / Experts |
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| 09.00-09.45 | Intra-Agency, Inter-Agency and Cross – Border Cooperation in identification of Trafficking of Cultural Property cases - <i>TBC</i> |
| 09:55 - 10:45 | Applicable techniques and best practices in Trafficking in cultural property cases, Steps to be undertaken when questionable objects are encountered - <i>DHS - TBC</i> |
| 10.45–11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15-12.00 | Intelligence and inclusion of Illicit Pathways Attack Strategy - TBC - <i>DHS - TBC</i> |
| 12.10-13.00 | Returning of forfeited cultural property – TBC - <i>DHS - TBC</i> |
| 13.15-14.15 | Best practices for Police Officers & Lists with Cypriot objects from Cyprus Museums - <i>Sotiriou Konstantinos-Orfeas, Expert in Antiquities Smuggling Phenomenon, Athens Department Against Antiquities Smuggling, Hellenic Police</i> |
| 14.15-14.45 | Coffee break |
| 14.45-15.30 | Proposing Best Practices to better address trafficking of cultural property / antiquities smuggling - <i>All Experts</i> |
| 15.30-16.00 | Feedback and Training Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus National Police</i> • <i>Name, Rank TBC, Representative of Cyprus National Service/s present to the training</i> • <i>Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head of Border Security and Management Unit Transnational Threats Department/OSCE</i> |

V. Logistical matters

Subject to flight availability, the experts will arrive on 30 October 2017 and depart on 03 November 2017. The OSCE will arrange experts' accommodation preferably at the same venue as the seminar.

OSCE Secretariat in coordination with invited experts/international organizations will liaise with Cyprus National Agencies, on matters related to the preparations of the seminar.

The seminar will be conducted in English. Respective national authorities will be requested to designate participants with an adequate English language level.

Respective national authorities will be requested to arrange transportation for the experts to the venues as needed.

Taking into account the diverse group and level of participants, the dress code for the training shall be smart casual. No uniforms are required.

All queries relating to the training should be addressed to the OSCE Secretariat focal point: Mr. Goran Stojkovski, Customs and Border Issues Adviser, Border Security and Management Unit, Transnational Threats Department; e-mail: gorancho.stojkovski@osce.org; phone: +436764946257 and Ms. Eugenia Reznikowa, Programme Assistant (email: Eugenia.Reznikowa@osce.org tel. +43 664 884 74976).