

## SCIENTIFIC REPORT

Concerning the implementation of the Project: *Current trends in the archaeological heritage preservation: the national and the international perspectives*, PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0610,  
during the period October 2011 – October 2013

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Scientific activities planned for the first three phases of the project were completed under the action plan (2011-2013) and were concentrated in the following areas:

1. Launch, set priorities and implementation phases of the project with the potential partners from Romania and abroad;
2. Exchange experience and consultation with national and international experts in the field of archaeological heritage protection and establishing sustainable partnerships;
3. Comparison of the situation of the management and policies to protect the heritage of Romania with the situation in other countries. The study of national and international legislation on the protection and management of archaeological heritage and creating a database accessible online; Studying literature and European experience in the management of the archaeological heritage and creating a database accessible online;
4. Promotion and development. Dissemination of the project both through the website and through the participation in academic events in the country and abroad, as well as participation in the symposium and international conference held in Iasi.

Given the objectives set for 2011-2013 we managed the following activities:

1. **Launch of the project and settling the priorities:** Official launch of the project took place on 22nd of November 2011. The event was attended by colleagues from the Institute of Archaeology of the Faculty of History, University of „Al. I. Cuza”, the Palace of Culture etc. In the action plan were presented goals, objectives, action plan, expected results and other aspects of the „current trends in the protection archaeological heritage: national and international perspectives”, which was followed by a discussion of the problems that Romania’s society is facing related to protection of the archaeological heritage. Archaeologists and museographers from Iasi, have exposed their opinion on the necessity of a project like this for Romania to assess and systemize national policies for the protection of archaeological heritage of the past two decades. Most of the participants

mentioned the importation of making the event a comparative analysis of the situation in Romania with the situation in other European countries. This comparison would allow us in the end to highlight a range of conclusions and recommendations to the Romanian Government to update and streamline the policies for the protection of the archaeological heritage.

- 2. Exchange of experience and consultation of experts.** In order to document and promote the project in 2011-2013 were made more trips inside the country and abroad. Thus, in the study trips to Bucharest, Strasbourg and participation in academic events, we consulted experts in archaeological heritage protection that have facilitated a better understanding of the current situation, achievements and prospects at national and international level.
- a. In December 2011 we conducted a research visit to Romisch-Germanische-Kommission of the German Archaeological Institute in Frankfurt am Main, where I studied recent Western literature on current trends in the protection of the archaeological heritage. I have also discussed the issue with German colleagues, about how to investigate and manage the protection of archaeological heritage in Germany at Land and Federal level.
  - b. In March-April 2012 during a documentation visit to Bucharest, were consulted Mr. M. Angelescu (Ministry of Culture and National Heritage), Mrs. I. Oberlande-Tatnoveanu (National Heritage Institute), M. Simion (Ministry of Transport), E. Teodor (National Museum), C. Capița (University of Bucharest), V. Munteanu (Department of Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council ) etc. During the visit we consulted a number of laws and publications in the field of research of the project.
  - c. To achieve a first exchange of views on the current situation in Romania in the field of the protection of the archaeological heritage under our project, the Institute of Archaeology of the Romanian Academy, Iasi in partnership with the Department for Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council and University "Al. I. Cuza" was held on 2-3 of November 2012, a national symposium attended by over 20 experts in the country, from several specialized institutions, including police heritage. The symposium was funded by the Department for Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council.

d. In November-December 2012 during the visit to the Council of Europe, I discussed with Mikhael Thys and Giulian Francesco, officials from the Department of Culture, Heritage and Diversity of the Democratic Governance Directorate, Directorate General II – Democracy. A real support in studying the legal framework for protection of the archaeological heritage of European countries and conducting a research is the European Heritage Network (HEREIN), aimed to monitor the implementation of the Valletta Convention signatory states. Also, we had access to a number of publications of the CoE, in the field of protecting Europe’s cultural heritage, which is an important problem raised in this project.

**3. Comparing the situation of the management and policies to protect the heritage of Romania with the situation in other countries.** For a better understanding and assessment of the current state of the Romanian legal framework in the field of cultural heritage protection in general and the archaeological especially, we selected over 100 laws that are based on the analysis of its legislation and its comparison with European and international acts and practices used in other countries. There were also selected most of the conventions and recommendations on the protection of the archaeological heritage.

- a. As a result of collection and systemization of national and international legislation on the protection and management of archaeological heritage has been created a comprehensive database and accessible online: <http://archaeoheritage.ro/legislatie/>. We highlight that both the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage Institute does not have such a complete basic legislation. Our initiative motivated and National Heritage Institute to update the database of the Romanian legislation in this area.
- b. The study of literature and European experience in the management of archaeological heritage and creating a database accessible online, where are included titles related to the field of research of our project and which facilitate both the process of research and for other people interested in these subjects. On the project website is accessible the section “Library” that presents recent occurrences, bibliography and online resources related to project’s topic,

<http://archaeoheritage.ro/bibilografie/>. This component is developed throughout the project and provides access to all those interested in this field.

c. Another component of the research is to monitor the media and public debate in Romania on protection issues, research, management and destruction of cultural heritage in general and the archaeological especially. The first component aims discussions (transcripts) of the Romanian Parliament, who were selected and placed on project's website: <http://archaeoheritage.ro/category/monitor/debates/>. The second area concerns the Romanian media in all counties, which approach subjects related to our project, which gathered together facilitates an analysis frame, modest developed in Romania. To compare the situation of archaeological heritage in Romania with other countries, we decided to select and place on the project website similar information from Republic of Moldova.

4. **Promotion and development.** Dissemination of the project was achieved through several concrete activities (launch of the project in the Romanian Academy, Iasi branch, discussions with experts and decision makers in Iasi County, international conferences and trips to institutions in Germany, France, Austria, Albania, Finland, Czech Republic, Jordan). It is worth to emphasize openness to a lasting partnership and colleagues from the Department of Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council, who founded the organization of the symposium "Archaeology and cultural heritage protection policies" made in Iasi, during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2012. The symposium was organized in partnership with University "Al. I. Cuza" and other NGOs from Romania (Cultural and Scientific Association Pro-Natio) and from Moldova (National Association of Young Historians of Moldova). In the symposium were discussed various issues concerning the protection of archaeological heritage in Romania, from the regulatory framework, issues management, databases to methods and techniques of conservation, restoration and protection. The symposium was an excellent opportunity to present the project to the participants and to discuss prospects of cooperation in the protection of national heritage. Participation of the Police Inspectorate of Iasi, Neamt, Constanta, Cluj, Calarasi, Tulcea in the symposium, facilitated discussions on combating destruction, illegal interventions in cultural sites and trafficking with antiquities. Finally, they debated the practice and positive experiences that deserve to be developed in other counties.

Iasi County Department and University “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” support us in organizing the International Conference “Current trends in the preservation of archaeological heritage: the national and international perspectives”, during 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of November 2013. Partners of the event are the European Association of Archaeologists, National Museum Complex – Palace of Culture and National History Museum of Romania in Bucharest. At the conference in November 2013 will participate approximately 50 experts in the protection and management of archaeological heritage in 15 countries (Germany, Netherlands, Australia, USA, UK, Czech Republic, India, Azerbaijan, Portugal, Russia, Poland, Spain, Brazil, Romania and Moldova). The conference took place in four workshops:

1. Legal framework and management of the archaeological heritage
2. Access to the information and public archaeology
3. Cultural tourism and archaeological heritage preservation
4. Use and abuse the legislation: looting and trading antiquities

We emphasize that this conference will be attended by representatives of major international organizations in the field of cultural heritage protection, such as ICOMOS, WAC, EAC, EAA, DAI etc. which will allow a real exchange of experiences and discussions on current trends in the protection of archaeological heritage. Publication of conference work will promote discussion and increase the impact of current trends in the protection and management of archaeological heritage.

However, in order to disseminate the project during 2011-2013 we conducted the following actions:

- a. To improve the efficiency of data collection, analysis and promotion, was created the website of the project: <http://archaeoheritage.ro/>. This page contains a series of compartments (general information, plan activities, expected results, library, legislation, news, media monitoring, and parliamentary debates). In a short time has become quite popular page, as can be seen from the data below:

<b>Period</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Weekly	Over 2000 visitors, of which approx. 500 unique users	Over 5000 visitors, of which approx. 450 unique users.
Monthly	Over 10000 visitors, of which over 2000 unique users	Over 20000 visitors, of which over 1250 unique users.

- b. The project was promoted at a number of international events, both through project overviews and scientific issues of protection of the archaeological heritage:
1. Communication phenomenon of early medieval fortresses of Central and Eastern Europe, since IX-XI century, within the Symposium "Bucovina- pages of history", 13<sup>th</sup> edition, Suceava, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of November 2011. We presented the German experience in the protection and valorisation of the early medieval fortresses in the region of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.
  2. The presentation "Non-destructive archaeology: from the legal to the practical issues. In: Second Archaeoinvest Congress. Interdisciplinary research in archaeology", Iași, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.
  3. Participation in discussions in the Workshop "Understanfing Each Other's Heritage – Challenges for Heritage Communication in a Globalized World", 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of July 2012.]
  4. The presentation "*Archaeological Heritage Management in Romania and Moldova: A Comparative View*. In: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of European Association of Archaeologists", 19<sup>th</sup> of August – 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012, Helsinki, Finland;
  5. The presentation "Current trends in European archaeological heritage protection". In: The Third Symposium Arheoinvest "Archaeology and cultural heritage protection policies", Iasi, Romania, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2012.
  6. The presentation "Urban archaeology in Romania and Moldova from normative to practical issues". In: 17th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.
  7. The presentation "Archaeology and heritage management in Europe after two decades of the Valletta convention. In: The Seventh World Archaeological Congress (WAC-7)", The Dead Sea, Jordan, 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.
  8. The presentation "Current trends in the archaeological heritage preservation: the national and the international perspectives". In: 14th EAC Heritage Management Symposium "The Valletta Convention: Twenty Years After – Challenges for the future", Butrint and Saranda, Albania, 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

9. The presentation "Archaeological heritage management in Romania and Republic of Moldova", 19th EAA Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2013, Pilsen, Czech Republic, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of September 2013.
  10. The presentation "Cultural heritage legal framework and management in Romania and Republic of Moldova", XII Conference "European Culture" at Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of October 2013.
  11. Presenting the communication "Looting the Past: trading Archaeological goods in the Republic of Moldova", during the international conference "Current trends in the archaeological heritage preservation: the national and the international perspectives", Iasi, 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of November 2013.
- c. In collaboration with G. Cesaro from UNESCO national office in Jordan, I proposed and was accepted the topic "Heritage Conservation and Protection", within the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Archaeology (WAC-7), 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of January 2013, Jordan, <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>, which brought together several workshops and experts from various countries of the world.
  - d. In partnership with P. English from United Kingdom, we organized and moderated the workshop "*Archaeology and heritage management in Europe after two decades of the Valletta Convention*", within the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of September 2013, Pilsen, Czech Republic, which had eight communications and in debates took part over 50 experts from various European countries.

**Publications:** Results of the project were published, first in abstracts of the conferences that I attended:

1. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Urban archaeology in Romania and Moldova from normative to practical issues*. In: ABSTRACTS. 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria, November 5-7, 2012, p. 64.
2. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeological Heritage Management in Romania and Moldova: A Comparative View*. In: ABSTRACTS, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of European Association of Archaeologists, 19 August – 1 September 2012, Helsinki, Finland, p. 79.

3. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeology and heritage management in Europe after two decades of the Valletta convention*. In: The Seventh World Archaeological Congress (WAC-7), The Dead Sea, Jordan, January 13-18, 2013, Conference Agenda and Abstract,  
<https://www.conftool.com/wac7/index.php?page=browseSessions&search=Musteata>
4. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeological heritage management in Romania and Republic of Moldova*, ABSTRACTS, 19th EAA Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2013, Pilsen, Czech Republic, 4-8 September 2013, Pilsen, University of West Bohemia, 2013, p. 254.
5. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, A. POPA, *Non-destructive archaeology: from the legal to the practical issues*. In: V. Cotiuga, Șt. Caliniuc (eds), Second Archaeoinvest Congress. Interdisciplinary research in archaeology, Iași, 7-9 June 2012, Programme and Abstracts, Iași, 2012, p. 39-40.
6. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, G. CESARO, *Heritage Conservation and Protection*. Theme Abstract. In: The Seventh World Archaeological Congress (WAC-7), The Dead Sea, Jordan, January 13-18, 2013, 65-66.
7. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, P. ENGLISH, *Archaeology and heritage management in Europe after two decades of the Valletta Convention*, ABSTRACTS, 19th EAA Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2013, Pilsen, Czech Republic, 4-8 September 2013, Pilsen, University of West Bohemia, 2013, 253.

#### **Articles in internationally well-known journals:**

1. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *A New Law – A New Perspective for Archaeological Heritage Preservation in the Republic of Moldova*. In: International Journal of Cultural Property, 2012, 19 (4), 535-541. ISSN 0940-7391. [http://journals.cambridge.org/repo\\_A88HS58g](http://journals.cambridge.org/repo_A88HS58g)
2. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Metal detecting and treasure hunters in Moldova*. In: The looting of archaeological heritage. Part I: Beyond metal detectors: around the plundering of archaeological heritage. AP: Online Journal in Public Archaeology, 3, 5-45, 2013, 32-37. ISSN 2171-6315.
3. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Civil society and preservation of archaeological heritage in Republic of Moldova*. In: Dialogo Andino, Revista de Historia, Geografía y Cultura Andina, Universidad Tarapaca, 2013, ISSN 0716 – 2278, under press



### **Chapters in collective works:**

1. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeological heritage crimes in Romania and Moldova: a comparative view*. eds. Louise Grove and Suzie Thomas, *Heritage Crime: Progress, Prospects and Prevention*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, under press
2. S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeological heritage management the Republic of Moldova after two decades of the Valletta Convention*. Ed. Victoria van der Haas, *The Valletta Convention: Twenty Years After – Challenges for the future. 20th Anniversary of the Valletta Convention: Benefits, Problems, Challenges*, EAC Occasional Paper, 2014, under press

### **Problems**

Due to contractual changes and reduction in the project budget for 2013, we had to adapt the action plan of the project to the new financial realities. Thus, visits at UNESCO (Paris), UE (Brussels) envisaged for 2013 were transferred to 2014. Due to same reason we could not publish the symposium in 2012, but decided that the work should be integrated in the volume of the International Conference in November 2013, which is expected to be published in 2014. Similarly, we had to limit the number of participants at the conference in November 2013. Therefore, we hope to return to the budget planned originally to be able to perform all actions envisaged in this project.

### **Perspectives**

For 2014 are expected in the updated actions plan of the project numerous activities on:

1. Analysis of the EU cultural policies and consultations with experts from European institutions.
2. Analysis of the UNESCO policies and consulting experts from the head office of this international organization.
3. Promoting the project through online resources. Development of the project website.
4. Promote the project through international academic events.
5. Valorisation of the research results by developing a monographic study.
6. Develop a list of suggestions on policies regarding to the protection of the archaeological heritage in Romania.

Also, for 2014 are expected and other activities, in partnership with colleagues from Romania and the West. Thus, we plan carrying out actions related to the implementation of educational and experimental archaeology with National University of Arts from Bucharest, the project: "The Maps of Time. Real communities-Virtual worlds-Experimented Pasts", PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0245, director of the project Gheorghiu Dragos and the National Museum of Eastern Carpathians, the project: "Die Grenze im Osten der Römische Provinz Dakien "PN-II -id-PCE-2011-3-0652, project director Alexandru Popa.

Representatives of the most important organizations in the world archaeology, World Archaeological Congress, European Association of Archaeologists, European Archaeological Consilium, ICOMOS, etc., have shown great interest to our conference in November 2013 and had proposed the organization of another edition of a such conference in 2014.

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