

## 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,

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Scientific activities planned for 2012 were done according the Project Action Plan and following directions:

1. Studying of the national and international legal framework in the field of archaeological heritage preservation;
2. Consulting national and international experts in the field of archaeological heritage preservation;
3. Studying literature and European best practices in the field of archaeological heritage preservation and management;
4. Project results dissemination.

According established research objectives for 2012 I reached following activities and results:

1. **Legislation research:** to understand better the actual situation of the Romanian legal framework in the cultural heritage filed, in general, and in the archaeological heritage preservation, in special, I have selected over 100 normative acts which be part of the Open Data Base. Later, will be possible to compare the Romanian legislation with European and International. For learning international situation I selected most of European and International Conventions and Recommendations. The access to this information will be done by project web page <http://archaeoheritage.ro/>.
2. **Consulting experts:** during study and documentation visits at Bucharest and Strasbourg was possible to discuss with experts and responsible people in the field of archaeological heritage preservation and management, which help me to understand better the real situation, and actual trends at the European level in the project field. So, I met Mircea Angelescu (Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Romania), Irina Oberlander-Tâtnoveanu (Institute of National Heritage), Mihaela Simion (Ministry of Transport), Eugen Teodor (National Museum of History of Romania), Carol Capița (Bucharest

University), Vasile Munteanu (Department for Culture and National Heritage of the Iași County Council) etc., and at the Council of Europe I discussed with Mikhael Thyse and Giuliana Francesco, Culture, Heritage and Diversity Department of the Democratic Governance Directorate, General Directorate II – Democracy. To achieve a first exchange of views on the current situation in Romania in the protection of archaeological heritage, the Institute of Archaeology of the Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch in partnership with the Department for Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council and "Al. I. Cuza" University county was held on 2-3 November 2012, a national symposium attended by over 20 experts in the country, from several specialized institutions, including the police heritage (Ministry of Internal Affairs).

3. **Studying literature:** for better tracking and utility in the research I developed a bibliographic database using End Notes program where all the securities included within the scope of research and will facilitate the research process. On the project website it is a section "Library" <http://archaeoheritage.ro/> where are presented recent publications, bibliography and On-line resources on the project field. This part will be developed during all period of the project and will provide an Open access bibliographical resource for all interested people.
4. **Project info and results dissemination** was done by few activities. It is worth to emphasize openness to a partnership from the Department of Culture and National Heritage of Iasi County Council, who supported organization of the national symposium in November 2012. Thus, during the year we achieved the following:
  - a. the design and development project web page <http://archaeoheritage.ro/> which contains more information on the research project (General information about the project, work plan, expected results, Library, legislation, news, media monitoring and public debates). An important component of the page is monitoring online media, selection and presentation page articles that address issues related to cultural heritage in Romania. Another aspect is to monitor the parliamentary debates on the same topic. So, texts (stenograms) of the Romanian Parliament on the issues of cultural heritage are selected and presented on the web site. The project web page, in a short time has become quite popular page, weekly with over 2000 visitors and approx. 1000 visitors per month, of which approx. 500 (weekly) and 2000 (monthly).

- b. First project results were presented during some international conferences:
1. Presentation: S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Non-destructive archaeology: from the legal to the practical issues*. In: Second Archaeoinvest Congress. Interdisciplinary research in archaeology, Iași, 7-9 June 2012;
  2. Participation in debates at the Workshop „Understanding Each Other’s Heritage – Challenges for Heritage Communication in a Globalized World”, 19-21 July 2012, Cottbus, Germany;
  3. Presentation: S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Archaeological Heritage Management in Romania and Moldova: A Comparative View*. In: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of European Association of Archaeologists, August 19 – September 1, 2012, Helsinki, Finland;
  4. Presentation: S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Tendințe curente în protecția patrimoniului arheologic european*. In: Al III-lea Simpozion Arheoinvest „Arheologie și politicile de protejare a patrimoniului cultural”, Iași, România, November 2-3, 2012;
  5. Presentation: S. MUSTEAȚĂ, *Urban archaeology in Romania and Moldova from normative to practical issues*. In: 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria, November 5-7, 2012.
  6. In partnership with Jordanian colleague will coordinate a special theme within Seventh World Archaeological Congress (WAC-7) which will held at the beginning of 2013 - „Heritage Conservation and Protection”, <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>
- c. during discussions with national and international experts and policy makers were presented the purpose, objectives, activities and aims of the project. Thus, from March 13 to April 19, 2012 I made a trip to institutions in Bucharest during which I discussed with experts from institutions in Bucharest, and during November 7 to December 7, 2012 I did a trip to the Council of Europe during which I met experts on cultural heritage of the European structure.
- d. First project results were published in the conferences summaries:
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, 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.
4. An article about one of the recent Law on archaeological heritage preservation in Europe (R. Moldova) was accepted to be published „International Journal of Cultural Property”.

### **Perspectives**

For next year are planned a number of activities on critical analysis of the Romanian legal framework of the protection of the archaeological heritage; consultation with national experts; analyze policies and programs and UNESCO and expertise within those institutions; continue to monitor the media and public debate and placing information on the project website; Compilation and publication of materials symposium "Archaeology and cultural heritage protection policies" done in Iași, November 2-3, 2012; organizing an international conference in Iasi "Current trends in the archaeological heritage preservation: the national and the international perspectives", November 6-10, 2013, etc.

The dissemination will be done by the project's website and presentation of research results to a number of national and international conferences. So, I will be one of the Theme coordinators "Heritage Conservation and Protection" and will do a presentation in the framework of the Seventh World Congress of Archaeology (WAC-7), 14 to 20 January 2013, Jordan, <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>. Similarly, I proposed a round table on the implementation of the Convention by European states from Valletta at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, September 4-8, 2013, Pilsen, Czech Republic.

As for the publications in international journals in the field works and will complete a study on crimes against archaeological heritage that will be part of a collective volume initiated

by colleges in the UK. I will also edit and publish symposium proceedings done in Iasi in 2012, and will initiate the collection and editing of the international conference in November 2013

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letter 'S.' followed by a stylized, cursive representation of the name 'Musteață'.