Report by a Non-Governmental Organization Accredited to Act in an Advisory Capacity to the Committee on its Contribution to the Implementation of the Convention

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| 1. **Identification of the organization** |
| **A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report** |
| A.1.a. *Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.* |
| Association européenne des jeux et sports traditionnels |
| A.1.b. *Name of the organization in English and/or French.* |
| European Traditional Sports and Games Association |
| A.1.c. *Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)* |
| NGO-90106 |
| **A.2. Address of the organization** |
| *Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.* |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Organization: | European Traditional Sports and Games Association | | Address: | Centro de Interpretación de Juegos Tradicionales el Fuerte.  C/ El Fuerte, s/n,  50100, La Almunia de Doña Godina, Saragosse (Espagne) | | Telephone number: | +3460659953 | | Email address: | jugaje@wanadoo.fr | | Website: | www.jugaje.com | | Other relevant information: | Change of the Presidence, today the President is Prof. Pere Lavega Burgès, Catalunya, Spain. | |
| **A.3. Contact person for correspondence** |
| *Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this report.* |
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| **B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)**[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| *Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.* |
| **B.1.** *Describe your organization’s participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) (Article 13 and Operational Directive (OD) 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH-related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| The Association Européenne des Jeux et Sports Traditionnels (AEJeST) is an international umbrella organization, founded in 2001, bringing together federations, associations, museums and institutions active in the field of sport, research, education and culture. All are dealing with the safeguarding and the promotion of traditional sports and games. AEJeST is mainly acting on a European level and in Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Hungary, Sweden, Croatia, Romania, Island, Austria. AEJeST maintains at the same time close relationships, through the International Traditional Sports and Games Association (ITSGA), with partners in Africa (e.g. Algeria, Congo, Senegal, Tunisia, Niger, Morocco….), Latin America (e.g. Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Panama …), Asia (e.g. others India, Iran, South-Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, …).  AEJeST is currently directly involved in initiatives of some members, as the Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA), improving a community-based use of the Convention, focussing in particular on the article 18 of the Convention, in the perspective of strengthen the use of the Register of good safeguarding practices in innovative ways, at the international level. AEJeST pays attention to the intangible aspects and values of TSG in the daily work of all its members. It encourages its members to work on inventorying TSG as ICH at the national level, and to cooperate with the national coordinating bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. |
| **B.2.** *Describe your organization’s cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training on and the documentation of ICH (OD 154).*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| Several individual members of AEJeST are cooperating with governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in their own states and they are encouraged to do so by AEJeST. |
| **B.3.** *Describe your organization’s involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State’s Periodic Report (OD 152).*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST is an international organization currently not involved in the State's Periodic Reports. However, the participation in Korea (2017) to the NGOs capacity building workshop, the information and exchange session on the overall results framework for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on 20 April 2018 and to 7th session of the General Assembly of State Parties to the Convention, approving the overall results framework (Resolution 7.GA.9) is improving the capacities of its members to contribute in the drafting of the State’s parties report, in the next future. |
| **B.4** *Describe your organization’s participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST has not been involved in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List and did not receive a request for International Assistance. One of the founding members of AEJeST, Sportimonium (formerly Centrum voor Sportcultuur) is included (2011) in the Unesco list of Good safeguarding practices with its "Programme of cultivating ludodiversity: safeguarding traditional games in Flanders (Belgium)". In 2016, a new multinational process, involving Sportimonium and the Tocatì International Festival of games in the street, is improving the capacities of several member of AEJeST to work in the ICH Good safeguarding practices perspective, sharing a commune programme at the European Level. AEJeST is supporting and contributing to this process. Several workshops were organized in Verona in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Accredited NGOs and experts from the ICH facilitator’s network were invited to share knowledge and support a community-based approach to the safeguarding of TGS as ICH. |
| **B.5.** *Describe your organization’s participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST through its members, have done a lot of research in order to map the different kinds of traditional games and sports in Europe. Numerous publications have been achieved related with these researches, in different languages. One of the projects was an inventory of traditional adult games of 11 European regions has been made (project "Play with your heart, share your culture"; with the support of the European Union, 2005), comprising 21 co-organizers federations, institutions, museums, universities. This and others more recent research works, conducted in close cooperation with the practitioners and communities, has contributed to the identification and contextualisation of TSG in the cultural context of communities, empowering the capacities and awareness raising of groups, communities and individuals, engaging them in the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. In 2018, an important symposium on inventorying TSG as ICH was organized in Verona, Italy, by AGA in strong cooperation with AEJeST. Experts, Institutional and ludic communities from Italy, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia and France contributed with their experiences on inventorying TGS as ICH from the field. Several members, as AGA, are involved in innovative ways of inventorying TSG as ICH in strong cooperation with the cultural bearer’s, building and strengthening network of ludic communities at the national and international levels. |
| **B.6.** *Describe your organization’s participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:*   1. *promoting the function of ICH in society;* 2. *fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;* 3. *facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to ICH while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.*   *Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST is a network of local, regional or national bodies representing several hundred thousands of players in Europe. Its purpose is the promotion and safeguarding of traditional games and sports, intangible heritage of humanity. The network consists of confederations, federations, but also universities, museums and training organizations. The network is used to support the publication of journals, books, seminars, symposia, setting up exhibitions and to pool resources, materials and experiences related to training and pedagogy. It also functions as a think tank. Some members of the network are strongly committed in the promotion of TSG as ICH. The International Festival of games in the street, Tocatì, is for AEJeST a permanent tool devoted to promoting the function of intangible cultural heritage for the wellbeing of communities: it was defined as a “community of communities”. AEJeST is supporting all his members in the participation to common events, fostering the meeting with other actors of the cultural life. Several European projects were devoted, in the latest years, to foster scientific, technical and artistic experiences related to the safeguarding of TSG. In the multinational process of dialogue in the frame of Tocatì, since 2016, with the sharing of a Protocol of Verona, a specific reflection is devoted to the respect of customary practices and the IPR of communities. In 2016, Tocatì Festival received the patronage of the Convention for the safeguarding of ICH. |
| **B.7.** *Describe your organization’s involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of ICH, in particular those referred to in Article 14, ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:*   1. *educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;* 2. *educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;* 3. *capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;* 4. *non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;* 5. *education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing ICH.*   *Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| To AEJeST and its network the Education and awareness raising of young people are a priority. In the perspective of intangible cultural heritage, the rehabilitation and use of public and urban spaces is a tool for the awareness-raising of the social function of ICH for the communities in their living contexts. Several members of AEJeST are involved in this kind of actions. AEJeST sensitizes policy makers, at all level, and warns against the risk of the loss of this intangible heritage of humanity that is the Ludo-Diversity. Actions have been undertaken towards the European Commission and the European Parliament in order to place traditional sports and games on the agenda. This ended by the following article in the official journal of the EU: The European Parliament, (…) Calls on the Commission: to support local, traditional, indigenous sports which are part of the rich cultural and historic diversity of the EU, symbolising the motto of ‘United in Diversity’, by raising awareness of these games through, inter alia, the promotion of a European map and European festivals; in 2014 a call for projects to support and safeguard traditional games was launched by the European Commission. The actions undertaken by AEJeST have contributed to this decision. In 2015, In Verona, AEJeST launched the Verona Declaration for the introduction of traditional games and indigenous sports, as ICH, into school programmes. This important document was translated in several languages and used by the members of the network. |
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| **C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation** |
| *Report on any activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:*   1. *sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);* 2. *participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);* 3. *developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at subregional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).*   *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST is a cooperation network. Organised by the members of the network, some events are strong opportunities of cooperation. The Tocatì-International Festival of games in the street, every year invites delegations from several countries to share different expressions of intangible cultural heritage of the participating communities. The Festival improve a permanent sharing of information and experiences, by the organisation of conferences and publication of contents on the website www.tocati.it. Activities of regional cooperation are engaged in the frame of EU programmes. Some main projects were TRADWOC, 1 January 2017 - 30 June 2018, Traditional Wresting our culture; establishing transnational networks in South East Europe; and the Erasmus + Sport - Small Collaborative Partnerships, 1 January 2017 - 30 June 2018, BRIDGE Promotion of European Traditional Sports and Games, a BRIDGE for Intercultural Dialogue.This project is a strong example of networking of NGOs, communities, experts, center of expertise and research institute (OD86). Their objectives are fully pertinent with the spirit of the Convention, a) to develop a model of good practices for education in intercultural coexistence through ETSG; b) to establish a model for the organization of TSG festivals where youths, adults and older people can share an intercultural dialogue; c) to establish a sustainable transnational network to promote ETSG, aiming to exchange experiences; d) to demonstrate, with scientific evidence, the contribution of TSG for promoting intercultural dialogue; since 2016, AEJeST participate to the symposium, “Tocatì, a shared heritage” in Verona.In 2016 under the patronage of the ICH Unesco Convention. |
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| **D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage** |
| **D.1** *Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If so, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee’s work.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| he members of the board of directors of AEJeST are in touch with the network of NGO's, the ICH NGO Forum, since the accreditation. The President Guy Jaouen participated to the 7COM, 9COM and 6GA. Since 2014, AEJeST delegated Mr Giorgio Paolo Avigo, President of Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA) and actually vice-president of AEJeST, to participate in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, representing the network. In November 2014 Mr. Avigo attended the Committee (12.COM) and the meeting of the ICH NGO Forum, in Santa Susanna (Cataluna, 2015). Since this year, AEJeST started to be more and more involved in the life of the Convention, inviting members of the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum to the Tocatì seminars and symposiums, collaborating with accredited facilitators of the network of the ICH global capacity building strategy, participating to the General Assembly (7 GA) in Paris and to the related meetings of the ICH NGO Forum.   7.COM; 9.COM; 6.GA; 7GA; 12.COM |
| **D.2** *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*  *Not to exceed 100 words* |
| AEJeST has not yet served as a member of the Evaluation Body. |
| **D.3** *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*  *Not to exceed 500 words* |
| AEJeST has not yet provided advisory services. |
| **E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):** |
| **E.1.** *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| As AEJeST is an international organization it is used to work in a multilingual environment. The official AEJeST working languages are English, French and Spanish. The 18 board members are native French (4) and Spanish speakers (8), Catalan (2), Portuguese (1) Italians (3), Croatia (1), Romanian (1). Half of them have a good command of the English language, 4 hold a doctorate degree, 6 have a master II level. |
| **E.2.** *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| Traditional sports and games are related to multiple domains of intangible cultural heritage. They belong to the domain of social practices, rituals and festive events, connected to the domain of oral traditions and expressions, including language and the domain of traditional craftsmanship. Traditional sports and games are indeed closely related to festivals and social gatherings, in many cases they are the direct instigator of such festivities. TSG have often their specific language and craftsmanship is needed to provide for the specialized games equipment. So, working across several domains of intangible cultural heritage is inherent to the AEJeST activities. Most of the literature published about this topic has been done on behalf of the AEJeST members since 30 years. Some association of the network, as AGA, are devoted to highlight, through its activities, the connexion between the different domain of ICH and are at work to cultivate a cross-sectorial and community-based approach to the heritage-making process. |
| **E.3.** *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| Board members of AEJeST are experienced in making proposals and applications on a national and on international level, in their own organisation. Several European Projects and multinational nomination process are improving this experience. In the specific domain of TSG, the President of AEJeST, Pere Lavega, is one of the coordinator of the UNESCO ad hoc working group on TSG, as well as Mr Pierre Parlebas (CEMEA) and Mr, Ezzeddine Bouzid. Guy Jaouen, and Paolo Avigo are members of the committee. In the broader domain of ICH some relevant experiences, as the aforementioned experiences of the Tocatì network, are improving the capacities in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications. |
| **E.4.** *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| AEJeST is used to draft and edit texts, for example on the occasion of the congresses which accompany the yearly General Assembly. Furthermore many of the (board) members are authors of articles, a lot of them in international journals, books and scientific contributions. |
| **E.5.** *Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| By its vocation AEJeST works on an international level. One of the main objectives of AEJeST is to foster exchange of experiences and good practices among its members. AEJeST organizes or helps its members to organize international meetings during which they can present their functioning and safeguarding initiatives in order to share them with others. Such meetings take place several times a year. AEJeST promotes international cooperation and issues publications to disseminate information on promoting and safeguarding traditional sports and games in different contexts. AEJeST regularly participates in seminars and conferences around the world, on the one hand to share their own expertise in promoting and safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, at the other hand to learn from the experience of others. AEJeST is a NGO consultative member of the Cigeps-Unesco (Inter-governmental committee for physical education and sport) and a consultative member of the global platform of traditional games. AEJeST is founder of the International Traditional Sports & Games Association (ITSGA). The members are (sub)continental organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. In the last years, some main community-based experiences of inventorying TSG as ICH are improving the capacities of the network to animate debates and dialogues between different levels: at the local level of communities of practices, at the regional and national level of policy-makers and ICH experts, at the European and international level of the cooperation process. |
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| **F. Cooperation with UNESCO** |
| *Report on activities carried out by your organization in cooperation with UNESCO (both direct cooperation with UNESCO as well as activities carried out under the auspices of UNESCO or for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention, or financial support, such as funding from the Participation Program).*  *Not to exceed 250 words* |
| UNESCO has promoted networking: since 2006, four collective consultations have been organized for the safeguarding of TSGs. AEJeST has been present at three of these consultations. AEJeST participated in the capacity-building workshop "The Role of NGOs in the implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage", Tallinn (Estonia), September 2010, with the cooperation of Unesco. AEJeST attented the "Global Conference on Traditional Physical Cultures, Sports & Games, Amravati (India), in January 2013. The conference was supported by Unesco. Engaged in revitalizing the program on the safeguarding and promotion of TSG, a third Collective Consultation on TSG was held in Paris from 6 to 7 July 2017. For AEJeST were present Pierre Parlebas, Giorgio Paolo Avigo, Guy Jaouen and Pere Lavega Burguès. The consultation gathered experts from sports federations and associations, academics, representatives of Member States of UNESCO and NGOs. As core of the outcomes of the third collective consultation, an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the safeguarding and promotion of Traditional Sports and Games was activated. The AEJeST is member of this Committee. Participants adopted an agenda to formalize different working groups, coordinated by some members of AEJeST: Dr. Pere Lavega Burguès, Chairman of the Policy Guidelines on TSG group; Dr. Pierre Parlebas of an Online Worldwide Encyclopaedia working group. Mr. Guy Jaouen participates in the w.g. to establish an international Platform on TSG. The AEJeST participated in the UNESCO meeting held in Turkmenistan (August 2018) for the promotion of TSGs in the Silk Road countries. |
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| **G. Signature** |
| *The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.* |
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1. . In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers when filling in parts B, C and E. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)