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# NGO Review of Accreditation

ICH-08 Report – Form

## 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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### A. 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.

Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

Workshop intangible heritage (BE) / Atelier patrimoine immatériel (BE)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90186

#### 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.

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Other relevant information: (currently no address in Brussels - due to COVID-19)

### 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)<sup>1</sup>

*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*

- Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed (WIE) has become established as **main ICH organization in Flanders**, acting in a strongly elaborated and well-functioning **ICH network** (that WIE coordinates), in which ICH experts, NGOs and institutions work in close cooperation with governmental actors towards safeguarding ICH with all stakeholders.

- WIE (until 2017 titled 'tapis plein') was involved in the participatory process towards **cultural heritage policy renewal**, resulting in the adoption of the new Cultural Heritage Act in the Flemish Community in Belgium 2017 - starting implementation 2019; including its relation to the approach of ICH policy:

- **integration of 'tangible' and 'intangible' heritage** - realized via an approach through 'Functions' for heritage work. This implies **the whole cultural heritage field**, with all organizations involved -such as

<sup>1</sup>. 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.

museums, archives, heritage libraries, local and regional heritage cells, etc);

- a fully new chapter providing for the recognition and support of one Cultural Heritage Organization particularly devoted to the safeguarding of ICH in Flanders. NGO WIE became recognized in this capacity as the **Organization for the safeguarding of ICH in Flanders**.

- **Implementing the 2003 Convention and strengthening institutional capacities** is major part of our work. We also closely coordinate with the Interface Center FARO (accredited NGO).
- WIE is **often being consulted for ICH policy advise and capacity building at all policy levels** in Belgium.
- WIE provides a member for the **Flemish ICH expert Committee**
- WIE provides the vice-chair of the **Flemish Commission for UNESCO**

**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*

- As the ICH organization in Flanders, WIE cooperates structurally and daily with the **Flemish Ministry (Department Culture, Youth and Media: DCJM)**. DCJM and WIE **jointly manage the website for ICH in Flanders [immaterieelerfgoed.be](http://immaterieelerfgoed.be)** on daily basis.
- In Belgian context, WIE also regularly cooperates with the **ICH competent governmental body for the French speaking community**, e.g. as a speaker at annual awareness and information sessions of the **Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles**; and for Brussels region, e.g. providing advisory services and project cooperation with the **Brussels competent body for ICH - Urban.Brussels**.
- WIE closely cooperates on training with **FARO** and the other **governmentally recognized and funded organizations and institutions in the heritage sector** developing activities on training and documentation related to ICH. WIE also cooperates with FARO on updating and completing its library related to ICH.
- WIE cooperates with the **post-secondary and academic institutions** teaching on safeguarding ICH, such as Vrije Universiteit Brussel -with the UNESCO Chair on critical heritage studies and the safeguarding of ICH, University of Antwerp, University of Ghent, KULeuven; Post-secondary Art Education (LUKAS, KASK...); Bachelor Programs (Hogent, Artevelde, ...).
- WIE has regular interactions with various **UNESCO chairs** in Belgium
- WIE is regularly giving guest lectures and workshops; WIE coaches bachelor and master theses and internships of different research and education institutions
- WIE is working within Flanders cultural heritage sector towards a coordinated model for documenting ICH in the Flemish context (offline and online content and data)

**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*

- No Periodic Report for Belgium was due in the period of this NGO report (2017-2020).
- As reported in our 2017 NGO report, we actively contributed to the previous Periodic Report of Belgium.
- At the time of writing this document, the Periodic Reporting process along the new Periodic Reporting mechanism with the Overall Results Framework for the 2003 Convention, is just starting in the European region. DCJM and WIE have concluded a formal agreement in December 2020 on the contribution that WIE will be realizing to the drafting of the Periodic Report through our work as governmentally recognized ICH Organization in Flanders. WIE will, in close collaboration with DCJM, significantly contribute in the data gathering, stakeholders' participation and editing process of the Flemish part of Belgium's report in 2021.

**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*

- WIE has been offering advise related to the procedures and the preparation of nominations for the Lists and proposals for the Register both in Belgium context and abroad throughout the years.
- WIE was involved in the elaboration of a benchmark study and advise presented by the Flemish Commission for UNESCO regarding the elaboration of an open and transparent selection procedure in Flanders with view to

UNESCO 2003 nominations/proposals. WIE was in the next phase involved in advising DCJM in the implementation phase.

- WIE offers training and capacity building on the UNESCO 2003 Listing processes
- As a member of Flanders ICH commission, WIE is involved in the evaluation, monitoring and follow-up process of inscribed elements
- WIE takes also part in monitoring and follow up committees (such as and working groups that evaluate the evolution of the items after inscription.
- WIE was furthermore partnering itself in the process linked to the multinational file being proposed for the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices 'Tocati, a shared programme for the safeguarding of traditional games and sports'

**B.5.** Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventoring 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

Our NGO has a major role in processes of identification and inventoring of ICH, and its relation with communities, groups and individuals involved (CGI), as well as governmental actors, mediating and expert organizations, and other stakeholders:

- WIE **co-manages with Flemish government (DCJM) the website immaterieelerfgoed.be** where inventoring of ICH is administered, through participatory approach. CGI are themselves adding information in the online platform, receiving coaching by WIE and other experts

- Following an evaluation of Flanders ICH inventoring (2017) a new additional section was added to immaterieelerfgoed.be (we call it *the great ICH collection*) to **enhance wider and more diverse participation**, aiming towards reflecting the diversity of ICH present within Flanders.

This 'great collection' works mainly on the level of identification, raising visibility and awareness. It's used as an entrance to involve CGI, and support them in next steps towards safeguarding ICH via a learning network approach, facilitated by WIE. The objective is also to see the diversification of involved CGI reflected in the official Flemish inventory in following years

- WIE offers a **programme of training and networking around ICH for CGI and others**

- WIE shared expertise into **'Brussels Kaleidoscope' trajectory** in Brussels region, aiming to involve and reflect the enormous diversity of people living in Brussels in heritage participation. In 2020 a first phase with an **indicative mapping of the diversity of ICH in Brussels** was realized to that aim.

- as mentioned WIE is also part of the **ICH committee** in Flanders.

**B.6.** Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:

- promoting the function of ICH in society;*
- fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;*
- 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

- Starting in 2017 the work of WIE has become **strategically built around the Overall Results Framework** of the 2003 Convention. It has targeted 4 main strategic objectives for 2019-2023, closely interrelating to ORF indicators and assessment factors:

1-widened ICH diversity and visibility

2-enhanced safeguarding of ICH

3-stimulating knowledge development around ICH, realizing an international 'pacesetter' role

4-a sustainable and shared organization

- All activities developed by WIE are deeply **participatory** from the outset; involving **both CGI and other actors engaging in the ICH field**. This reflects also in the NGO governance, with **multi-perspectivity in the board's** composition, including also **representatives of ICH communities**.
  - Promoting the function of ICH is at the heart of our work, through a series of actions reaching out towards **different social fields, elaborating mutual knowledge and understanding: education and ICH, ICH and sustainable tourism, inclusive and sustainable economies with ICH, psychic well-being and ICH, managing social controversy on ICH**, etc.
- Fostering **studies** has been steadily growing in recent years, since WIE started to set up a **research agenda** with concrete **study subjects on ICH**, which is shared online and via mailings and our networks in research fields, and from which master theses, research projects etc have started to sprout;
- Access to information is organized through **immaterieelergoed.be** to which not only the **CGI** themselves contribute according to their insights, just like **other actors** around ICH, thereby following a **set of [ethical principles](#)** (inspired by UNESCO ethical principles) for guidance.

**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:*

- a. *educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;*
- b. *educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;*
- c. *capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;*
- d. *non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;*
- e. *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*

Awareness raising, educational and transmission activities are core in our NGO's work (see objectives B.6):

- WIE launched in 2019 the **Long Live ICH Day**, an annual gathering of people and organizations with interest in living heritage in Flanders, offering a program of networking, workshops, information, etc. It brings together CGI, heritage professionals and others.
- WIE has a strategic focus around **raising visibility and awareness of ICH** in society with **different actions**: press and media toolkit, thematic campaigns (another theme every year); publication strategy; a strategy directed towards connecting ICH with CSI and society;
- WIE contributes to Flanders annual **public 'heritage day'**;
- WIE sets up its **monthly 'Question time'** offering tailored coaching on ICH and safeguarding questions open to all;
- WIE **co-hosts and facilitates information programmes around ICH** related topics (e.g. with DCJM around project calls and new policies; with Flemish UNESCO commission on 2003 Convention and cross-overs with other conventions...);
- WIE has set up dozens of **training and capacity-building activities** around safeguarding measures and approaches, for CGI and/or professionals, often in partnerships;
- WIE elaborates toolkits, DIY methodologies, laboratories, learning networks, collaborative projects etc (see e.g. [link](#));
- WIE works around education and ICH through combined approaches: cooperation with the socio-cultural education field in Flanders (**non-formal**); initiatives with/on **formal education (pilots, studies, workshops, ...)**;
- WIE **supports** the trajectories in the experimental Flemish policy in 2018-2019 providing grants for the **[transmission of craftsmanship](#)** in ICH through master-apprentice trajectories;

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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:

- a. sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);
- b. participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);
- c. 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

**WIE engages (very!) strongly in developing networking and cooperation with diverse actors** around safeguarding ICH and implementation of the Convention, in **bi-lateral, regional and international** .

In this reporting period we **highlight**:

- elaboration and coordination als **Lead Partner of the European multi-annual Intangible Cultural Heritage and Museums Project (IMP)** in partnership with accredited NGOs KIEN (NL), SIMBDEA (IT), CFPCI (FR) and Verband der Museen der Schweiz (SW), ICOM and NEMO. IMP was co-funded by Creative Europe (EU), addressing priorities capacity building and transnational mobility. [www.ichandmuseums.eu](http://www.ichandmuseums.eu) + see below

- member of **ICH NGO Forum Steering Committee**, and active in Forum's **daily management until 2018**

+ continuity as member in the Forums activities and working groups (see D.1)

- co-organizing **ICH NGO Forum's First Capacity Building Building workshop for accredited NGOs**

- **participation in a series of regional and international expert and (net)working meetings and activities:**

e.g. annual meetings Flanders-Netherlands on ICH-policies; co-organizing conferences and expert meetings WIE-KIEN (BE-NL) on e.g. [superdiversity and urban ICH](#) (EYCH - 2018), on collections and ICH (2019), on ICH and sustainable tourism (2020); membership of **the Dutch ICH Committee**; ...

- diverse activities and **sharing experiences** with partners and competent bodies in Austria, Estonia, Germany, Finland, France, Italy, Maroc, Québec, Singapore, S-Korea, ...

- regular interaction with the **Sofia CAT II Centre, ICHCAP, CRESPIAL**, as well as with **UNESCO Chairs on ICH** in the international network (joined meeting Brussels 2018);

- participation in **transnational and/or interdisciplinary research projects** relating to ICH

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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

In this Reporting period, WIE has participated in capacity of accredited NGO in **all the Committee Meetings 12.COM WG; 13.COM; 14.COM; 15.COM**; and **all the General Assembly Meetings 7.GA and 8.GA**.

Furthermore, WIE participated and contributed also (not exhaustively):

- to the **meetings of the UNESCO facilitators network** during those .COM and .GA sessions

- to the **reflection process on the role of accredited NGOs** in the Convention (through involvement with the ICH NGO Forum and as a member of its Steering Committee (until end of 2018), as well as in capacity of accredited NGO throughout)

<https://ich.unesco.org/en/reflection-on-the-role-of-ngos-01037>

- to the **work and meetings of the ICH NGO forum**, organized to the occasion of the .COM .GA Sessions. WIE was active as member of Steering Committee until 2018; attended all the General Assembly meetings, all Symposiums, and has been active in multiple Working Groups processes such as WG Ethics, WG ORF, WG research, ...

**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*

Yes. WIE serves as member of the Evaluation Body from 2020 until 2023

**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*

WIE has provided diverse advisory services in the period of reporting:

**EVALUTION BODY:**

- Member of the Evaluation Body – 2020 (until 2023)

**EXPERT MEETINGS:**

- expert contribution (Jorijn Neyrinck) in the Expert Meeting on

**Education-related indicators in the Overall results framework (ORF) for the 2003 Convention and their relationship with SDG 4** - 01/08-12-2020 - [https://ich.unesco.org/en/events?meeting\\_id=00862](https://ich.unesco.org/en/events?meeting_id=00862)

**Working GROUPS:**

- participation to the open-ended intergovernmental working group meeting held in **Chengdu, People's Republic of China, from 11 to 13 June 2017** to reach a consensus on an overall results framework for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - <https://ich.unesco.org/en/12com-wg>

**GLOBAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME:**

- Jorijn Neyrinck as member of the Interregional Working Group for the global facilitators network

**FACILITATION:**

- WIE provided facilitation for **14th annual meeting of the South-East European Expert Network on Intangible Cultural Heritage** - 26-06-2020 - [https://ich.unesco.org/en/events?meeting\\_id=00836](https://ich.unesco.org/en/events?meeting_id=00836)

- WIE provided facilitation for the **Capacity Building programme regarding Periodic Reporting in Europe (2020-2021)**

- In addition, WIE (at that stage still titled 'tapis plein') was also one of the organizers of the **ICH NGO Forum's First Capacity Building Building workshop for accredited NGOs**, with Jorijn Neyrinck as a facilitator <http://www.ichngoforum.org/capacity-building/>

Next to our contribution as a member of the Evaluation Body (until 2023), WIE is kindly and readily available to contribute its expertise and capacities to a range of functions, such as e.g. dissemination of good safeguarding practices, thematic studies or projects (e.g. intangible cultural heritage in urban contexts, tourism and commercialization), capacity building, periodic reporting process, pre- and post- inscription peer assistance process, monitoring impact of inscription, follow-up on inscribed elements,...

## 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*

Yes:

6 staff members of WIE have a very good command of English, and 3 have a good/very good command of French. Language skills also cover Dutch (mother tongue; all staff members); and Spanish (1 staff member).

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

**Ever since its launch in 2003, our NGO has worked across ICH domains.**

Until 2018 we acted as a Centre of expertise specialized into heritage participation and ICH (this was our former 'tapis plein' field of activities), bearing a focus on crosscutting subjects and methodological aspects such as participation, mediation, diversity ...

From 2019 onwards, our NGO took on the **new role of 'ICH organization' for Flanders region**, with formal governmental recognition and support as such (cfr. the 2017 Flemish Cultural Decree). [The Decree specifies that this ICH NGO organization \(art. 51\) is expected to work around the various domains of ICH as indicated in the UNESCO 2003 Convention.](#) We support identification and inventorying across domains, set up awareness raising on ICH across domains, organize workshops, meetings, trainings etc across domains, etc involving both ICH communities, heritage professionals and other possible stakeholders and actors. Also in accordance with the objectives as listed in the 2017 Heritage Decree, our NGO also takes care of the daily management and facilitation of Flanders' digital platform for **inventorying and ensuring visibility regarding ICH** [www.immaterieelerfgoed.be](http://www.immaterieelerfgoed.be). We also coordinate a number of **professional networks around ICH in the heritage sector** in Belgium that are organized across ICH domains: e.g. the Museums ICH network; Archives ICH network; ... One of these professional networks is the **'ICH-domains-network'** that especially involves [heritage organizations with each a focus on 1 of the ICH domains](#), by which we mediate coordination of safeguarding efforts and activities across the different domains.

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Generally speaking, staff members of WIE have **extensive experience in analysing and evaluating a range of application forms, proposals, etc.**

For example:

- we are part of the **ICH expert committee in Flanders** evaluating application files and bi-annual reports in the context of the Inventory of ICH in Flanders (since 2008-...);
- we are member of the **ICH committee in the Netherlands** (since 2013-...);
- we have been active many years in **Strategic Advisory Board for Flanders' Minister of Culture**; (2014-2020);
- we are regularly consulted by the Flemish Ministry DCJM as **expert advisors with regards to evaluating project applications involving heritage participation and/or safeguarding ICH**;
- we contributed in 2018 as a member of the expert committees that reviewed applications for multiannual recognition and funding (for museums) in relation to the heritage decree;
- we were member of the international Jury for the **Jeonju Award for promoting ICH (JIAPICH)** - 2020
- as a **member of the Evaluation Body** (2020-2023), WIE evaluates files in the Listing Process of the UNESCO 2003 Convention;

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**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

We publish regularly, in both English and French.

As indicated in E.1, 6 staff members of WIE have a very good command of English. We regularly realize and publish texts in English. 3 staff members also master French, however we have more modest experience in drafting texts in French.

Sharing some examples:

- The range of texts and publications we produced in the context of the ICH and Museums project (see higher in section C. ); the website <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en> - the toolkit <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/imp-toolkit> - the Book <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/toolbox/book-museums-and-intangible-cultural-heritage> - the executive summary <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/toolbox/imp-book-executive-summary-en> - The Reference Framework on ICH and Museums <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/toolbox/ich-museums-reference-framework-key-texts-and-networks> - the Volkskunde Journal thematic Issue <https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/toolbox/theme-issue-volkskunde-transforming-not-saving-intangible-cultural-heritage-museums-and-or-the-world> - [///](https://www.ichandmuseums.eu/en/toolbox/theme-issue-volkskunde-transforming-not-saving-intangible-cultural-heritage-museums-and-or-the-world)
- article in International Journal for intangible heritage <https://www.ijih.org/volumes/article/944>
- E. Tsakiridis, <http://camoc.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/10/CAMOCReview-No.-2-2020-Final.pdf>
- J. Neyrinck, 'ICH in Times of Superdiversity: Exploring Ways of Transformation', *International Journal for Intangible Heritage*, 2017, 12, 157-174;
- J. Neyrinck, 'The Economics of Intangible Cultural Heritage - Safeguarding ICH as an approach for local development and vice versa: Sharing a case study, useful experience and some reusable reflections *Handmade in Brugge*'; online publication Centre Français du PCI - [www.cfpci.fr/les-cahiers-du-cfpci](http://www.cfpci.fr/les-cahiers-du-cfpci)
- J. Neyrinck & C. Bortolotto, 2020, « Article 9 », in Janet Blake and Lucas Lixinski (eds). Commentary to the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention. Oxford, Oxford University Press : 153-163. *The 2003 UNESCO ICH Convention: A Commentary* [https://www.academia.edu/41974072/Article\\_9\\_Accreditation\\_of\\_Advisory\\_Organizations](https://www.academia.edu/41974072/Article_9_Accreditation_of_Advisory_Organizations)
- <https://ich.unesco.org/en/living-heritage-experience-and-covid-19-pandemic-01124?id=00084>
- <https://ich.unesco.org/en/living-heritage-experience-and-covid-19-pandemic-01124?id=00205>

**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

Yes, '**translating**' – **mediating** – **bridging** the languages and experiences from local to international contexts and vice-versa is a crucial competence and practice in the work of WIE. (Cfr. our co-authored publication on this subject - <http://www.ichngoforum.org/brokers-facilitators-mediation-critical-success-factors-safeguarding-ich/> )

We apply this capacity in work around capacity building and facilitation, in extrapolating methodologies and tools from practical experiences, in learning from fieldwork and case-studies and translating or connecting it to theoretical, conceptual and policy approaches...

In addition, we have extensive experience in working at international level (see section C and D above)

By way of example:

- we set up the section '[inspiration](#)' on [immaterieelerfgoed.be](http://immaterieelerfgoed.be): offering inspiring safeguarding practices (cfr. lighter ways of sharing safeguarding experiences), reading tips, methods, tools etc
- we realized the international ICH and Museums Project, the [IMP book](#) and [toolkit](#) etc

- we contribute to the ACHS network on ICH and its monthly newsletter - <https://www.criticalheritagestudies.org/intangible-heritage-network>
- we contribute to the series of ICH NGO Forum symposiums and workshops, translating NGO field experience into international Unesco related questions and themes
- we contribute to developing and sustaining good safeguarding programs in Belgium and on international level (Ludodiversity, carillon culture, Tocati, ...)
- Jury [JIAPICH](#)
- our reflections and contributions on the subject of the Role of accredited NGOs + [article 9](#)
- we facilitated the training of the SEE network 2020, sharing experiences on ICH in emergency contexts (<https://en.unesco.org/news/addressing-questions-intangible-cultural-heritage-and-resilience-times-emergency>)
- ...

## 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*

Maybe no activities that specifically comply with the criteria of this section F.

However, we may mention:

- The UNESCO LHE provided a support letter in the application file of the ICH and Museums Project for the Creative Europe Program;
- WIE has cooperated regularly with the UNESCO Secretariat during our term in the ICH NGO Forum Steering Committee; we co-organized the symposiums, the Capacity Building workshop for NGOs in 2017 and other activities and side programs to the .COM and .GA sessions in coordination with the LHE;
- Jorijn Neyrinck is member of the group of facilitators in the framework of the global capacity building programme, and WIE has facilitated workshops and prepared contributions to the European ToT Programme in that capacity.

## G. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

*Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.*

*For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.*

Yes

No

## H. Signature

*The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.*

Name: Joke Vandabeele

Title: Chair of NGO Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed

Date: 5 February 2021

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joke Vandabeele', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.