

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

Deadline: 17 February 2025 for examination in 2025

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Please provide only the information requested below. Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.

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.

МИД - Македонско Истражувачко Друштво

MID - Makedonsko Instražuvačko Društvo

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

MRS- MACEDONIAN RESEARCH SOCIETY

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

NGO-90218

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. The postal address should be the one 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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B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework², as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. 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 contribution to strengthening **institutional and human capacities** for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Not to exceed 250 words

Over the past four years, members of the Macedonian Research Society (further MRS) as part of the MRS's annual plans and programmes for promotion and awareness raising of the need for protection of the sky as cultural heritage in accordance with the Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations of November 12, 1997, supported development of capacities of two national NGOs - Macedonian Astronomical Society and the International Space Movement from Bitola, thus jointing efforts to combat light pollution. As a result, development of the Macedonian Space Declaration was initiated.

By increased presence in the written and video-audio media, participation in scientific debates and events, membership of the Macedonian Research Society increased in line with the efforts of MRS to increase and strengthen capacities within the country for safeguarding cultural heritage.

The Government also supported the web presentation of the Star Map of the Macedonian People, that was presented by MRS in the media across our country.

As part of the bilateral cooperation, and as result of the Government support, collaboration with the Association for the Promotion of Macedonian Culture in Poland (Stowarzyszenie Kultury Macedońskiej w Polsce), the seria of events were organized in North Macedonia and Poland to present the custom of "Martinki", which is on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity under the auspices of UNESCO. The last is particularly important for launching joint projects in the future with organizations from a European Union member state."

B.2. Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission** of **and education** for intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS continued organizing lectures on the starry sky at the only Planetarium in the country in Skopje, for primary and secondary schools' students. This activity, part of the schools' plan is annually approved by the Bureau for Development of Education (BDE) as per the Law on Primary and Law on Secondary Education. Programme includes presentation of constellations from various cultures worldwide, including Macedonian. In line with the provisions in above-stated laws, actions are undertaken for developing training programme that once approved by the BDE will be offered to students in as non-compulsory subject within regular curricula.

Lectures were also organized for students enrolled at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology within the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. As part of the presentation of the "Martinki" custom in Poland, MRS established contact and collaborated with the Institute of Slavic Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Warsaw, the Polish Ethnological Society, and the Ethnographic Workshop Association.

MRS shall organize specialized lectures on cultural astronomy at the Planetarium in Skopje for students from the only Secondary Art School 'Lazar Ličenoski', and it is expected from students to produce artistic presentation inspired from the lectures that will be shown to wider public.

MRS jointed efforts with Bitola's International Space Movement, Skopje Astronomical Society, Macedonian Students for Space Research and Development, and Kičevo's International Space Alliance for Space Development, organizing a seria of lectures to all interested citizens to promote cultural diversity.

^{1.} In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.

^{2.} For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503

B.3. Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS is in continuous cooperation with all state bodies, institutions, and NGOs working on the protection of intangible cultural heritage: the Ministry of Culture, the National Commission of UNESCO, Cultural Heritage Protection Office, the Institute of Folklore "Marko Cepenkov", the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology within the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Macedonian Academy of Science and Art, National Library "Cyril and Methodius" – Skopje.

Finding elderly who possess knowledge of the traditional celestial representations is challenging and thus MRS's members use every opportunity to conduct surveys with them. In collaboration with the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, discussions are underway to include questions linked with cultural astronomy in the Institute's field research and to provide specialized training for interested surveyors.

As in the recent years MRS focuses on documenting and preparing inventory of the rituals in the village of Tekija connected with the sacred stone and sacred tree, considering the diversity and inclusive aspects, MRS works closely will all communities with various religious backgrounds to ensure their perspectives and knowledge are preserved and respected, involving also local administrative bodies. According to research, including the findings shared on megalithic.co.uk, the Tekija Stone is a unique cultural monument that symbolizes the interconnectedness of various religions and cultures in the region. The Tekija Stone holds immense value as a unifying cultural artifact, reflecting the shared heritage of diverse communities. To secure the relevant evidence connected with the Tekija Stone, MRS contacted Research Institutes and NGOs from Turkey active in ICH filed.

B.4. Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies**, as well as legal and administrative measures, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

The MRS has been actively involved in the development of policies, legal frameworks, and administrative measures aimed at safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH), with a particular focus on ethno-astronomy and traditional celestial knowledge where agitates for respect of customary rights, practices and expressions, which are also in the core of every initiative or action undertaken by MRS.

Also, as an organization MRS has played a key role in advocating for enlisting "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This effort has involved close collaboration with the Department for Intangible Cultural Heritage within the Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, as well as other relevant institutions.

MRS has contributed to policy development by providing expert input and recommendations, particularly in addressing the need for legal regulations to combat light pollution, which threatens the preservation of cultural astronomy. During the drafting of the Macedonian Space Declaration, MRS emphasized the importance of incorporating provisions for the protection of dark skies and traditional astronomical knowledge.

MRS actively participates in the field of education and policy development, legal advocacy, and community engagement to protect and promote intangible cultural heritage, ensuring that traditional knowledge, particularly in cultural astronomy, is preserved and recognized by young as a vital part of global cultural diversity.

B.5. Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS plays an active role in promoting and safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) by focusing on sites of cultural and historical significance, such as the Tekija Stone, near village Tekija. MRS collaborates closely with local communities, including residents of Tekija, to document oral histories and traditions associated with the stone. By engaging with communities, we ensure their perspectives and knowledge are preserved and respected. Additionally, MRS works with academic and cultural institutions to study and promote the Tekija Stone as a symbol of cultural harmony and historical continuity. By valuing and preserving cultural traditions, languages, and practices, this initiative helps to maintain cultural diversity and promote understanding and appreciation among different ethnic groups leavening in the vicinity of Tekija Stone. Organization's efforts include public lectures, publications, and presentations to raise awareness about the stone's significance and its role in fostering intercultural dialogue. MRS highlights the importance of safeguarding cultural heritage sites like Tekija Stone, as bridges between different religions and cultures, enriching our understanding of shared human history and identity. The local and regional administrative bodies were also involved in the process and were familiarized with the activities, so local development plans for this area include actions for preservation of this site. Currently, considerations are made for greater promotion, tourism exploration, transmission and perseverance of the rituals and customs surrounding Tekija Stone.

MRS's members in every opportunity spread the knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe thus contribute to raising awareness of the need to protect this ICH.

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS is deeply committed to raising awareness about intangible cultural heritage (ICH), particularly in the field of ethnoastronomy and traditional celestial knowledge. One of our key initiatives is the development of the ethnoastronomy.mid.org.mk web platform, which serves as a comprehensive resource for sharing research, stories, and cultural practices related to Macedonian ethnoastronomy where communities, groups and individuals can also actively participate. This platform highlights the importance of preserving traditional knowledge and connects it to broader cultural heritage.

MRS also actively engages with communities, groups, and individuals to document and promote ICH. We collaborate with local experts, elders, and cultural practitioners to gather oral histories and traditional narratives, ensuring their voices are heard and preserved. Our outreach extends to media platforms, where we have published articles and interviews in outlets such as Macedonian Radio Television, umno.mk, Nova Makedonija, emiter.com.mk, and doma.edu.mk. These contributions aim to educate the public about the significance of ethnoastronomy and its role in Macedonian cultural identity. Additionally, MRS has participated in the production of educational and documentary content, such as the Radius/ Episode 13, Season 2 – Ethnoastronomy by OHO Production (available on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1TbjhegOCU&t=508s), where we contributed to the creation of ethno-astronomical animations and narratives, respecting ethical principles.

We also promote our work through social media, sharing updates, research findings, and cultural stories to reach a wider audience. These efforts underscore our dedication to safeguarding and celebrating intangible cultural heritage as a vital part of our collective identity.

B.7. Describe your organization's participation in facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Not to exceed 250 words

According to the Statute of the MRS, any of its members, also external entities, may submit an initiative for a project of an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary nature, involving research, promotion, and protection of intangible cultural heritage. Currently, we are in negotiations with several individuals for such projects, to which the MRS would provide the legal framework necessary for the realization of their initiatives.

As part of MRS's efforts, undertaken activities, research and promotions, the Department for Intangible Cultural Heritage within the Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage together with MRS is leading the activities for enlisting "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as it previously has been placed in the National Register of intangible cultural heritage, in the category "exceptional meaning", subcategory "very important meaning".

Activities related to Tekija Stone, with various relevant and responsible stakeholders, lead to endorsed local development plan for protection and preservation of the area.

MRS as a well-established organization in the country, especially in the area od ICH, supports newly established organization -Bitola's International Space Movement, Skopje Astronomical Society, Macedonian Students for Space Research and Development, and Kičevo's International Space Alliance for Space Development, by developing their capacities not only for preservation and safeguarding of the cultural heritage but also in the area of the monitoring thus contributed to development of a country-wide network, mostly of young enthusiastic people interested in safeguarding and protection of the country's cultural diversity.

B.8. Describe your organization's **engagement in cooperation 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.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS actively engages in cooperation at bilateral, regional, and international levels to support the implementation of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. We collaborate with cultural institutions, NGOs, and academic organizations to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices in preserving intangible cultural heritage (ICH).

Internationally, MRS has partnered Association for the Promotion of Macedonian Culture in Poland to present Macedonian traditions like the "Martinki" custom, which is inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List. We initiated contact with NGOs and Ethnographic Institute from Turkey to secure additional evidence related to Tekija Stone customs.

We also participate in international initiatives i.e. the Starlight Initiative, to promote the protection of dark skies and cultural astronomy.

Most recently, MRS at the regional level, actively participated in "Capacity-building activity on "Fostering Living Heritage Safeguarding in the Western Balkans" in the context of the Culture and Creativity for the Western Balkans project. MRS communicates with NGO's and relevant factors from the region for promotion and sharing knowledge, experience, practices and research information on ICH. This communication involves NGO's and communities from Serbia, Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria, and other countries where diaspora of Macedonian nationals is established.

MRS nationally works with Macedonian Astronomical Society and the International Space Movement – Bitola to advance research and awareness of ICH. Through joint projects, publications, and participation in conferences, MRS fosters cross-border collaboration and contributes to the global dialogue on safeguarding cultural heritage. These efforts highlight our commitment to promoting ICH as a shared human legacy.

B.9. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS is due to provide specific information and documentation and to participate in the preparation of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage which should be submitted in 2025. Previous such participation was done with the national Periodic Report on the Convention at the end of 2016 and 2021.

Continuing in the same direction, MRS is actively contributing and contributed to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by providing expert input and data on Macedonian ethnoastronomy and other intangible cultural heritage (ICH) practices. MRS collaborated with national institutions, such as the Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, to ensure accurate representation of traditional knowledge and community-based safeguarding efforts. Our contributions included research findings, documentation of ICH elements, and recommendations for future actions, supporting the comprehensive and inclusive preparation of the report.

B.10. 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

Following the adoption of the Decision on the Declaration of the Intangible Cultural Heritage "Ethno-Astronomy/Ancient Sky Map Of The Macedonian People" as a Cultural Heritage of Special Significance, Meaning and Responsibility by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, the MRS was and is actively involved in the initiative to inscribe the "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Previous actions involved communities, where MRS ensured widest possible participation of the communities, groups, or individuals concerned. Their free, prior, and informed consent which is essential step was also secured.

Moreover, the members of MRS were and are involved in selecting and preparing the comprehensive documentation, including photographic and film evidence, which throughout the years was gathered to support the nomination

Furthermore, in order to fulfill needed criteria related to "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People", to be enlisted on the Urgent Safeguarding List, communication with national authorities as established to meet specific criteria, explaining why it is an urgent need of safeguarding this ICH and what viable safeguarding measures can be put in place.

C. Cooperation with UNESCO

provide information in the box below.
☐ Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)
☐ Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention
\Box Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators
☐ Cooperation with Category 2 Centres
Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO
☐ Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs
☐ Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
$_{\square}$ Financial support from the Participation Programme
☐ Other types of cooperation
Not to exceed 250 words

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and

MRS has a continues good collaboration with National Commission for UNESCO. Many initiatives and activities are shared and discussed with the representatives and their support is crucial to MRS in its efforts to prepared documentation for enlisting "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This effort has also involved close collaboration with the Department for Intangible Cultural Heritage within the Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and other relevant institutions.

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 sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.

Not to exceed 250 words

In the past four years, MRS did not have the opportunity physically to participate in the sessions of the Committee due to lack of funds. If in the near future, funds are available we will use the opportunity to be present at these gatherings.

In case of virtual or hybrid sessions, MRS face no challenges and is supporting the work of the Committee.

D.2 Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Operational Directives), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.

Not to exceed 100 words

No, although we express our availability and willingness to serve as a member of the Evaluation Body.

D.3 In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?

Not to exceed 500 words

MRS members are experienced in the field research of documenting information from local groups and individual residents of rural areas of the Republic of North Macedonia connected with nature and the universe. This experience dates back to the year of 1982 spanning a huge timeline of collected knowledge and inventory. Members of MRS are willingly available to share these experiences and knowledge of ICH concerning nature and the universe with other relevant and interested parties of the UNESCO ICH network including the Committee. MRS through local and regional involvement on the current topics has established itself as a known factor in the region willing to cooperate also with other initiatives, NGOs, and institutions for sharing experiences and knowledge on matters concerning ICH. We are building capacities to overcome this issue through an active and constant search for recruitment of new members specialized in these relevant areas (Astronomy, Cultural Astronomy, Meteorology, etc.). Current members of MRS working as a team can provide to some extent advisory services to the Committee.

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives)

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 with the language abilities concerned.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS members are mostly fluent in Slavic languages. Few of our members are also fluent in English so in regard to the evaluation of the nominations, proposals, and requests, as a team we can participate even in such activities in the area of our interest (ICH concerning nature and the universe).

E.2. Does your organization have experience in working across several intangible cultural heritage domains? Please describe your experiences.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS's members have expertise in various domains of cultural heritage, including vast knowledge and experience in the domain of "knowledge related to Nature and the Universe" (Artilcle2, 2d of UNESCO 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage).

In addition, MRS's members have extensive experience on the terrain and in the area of scientific analysis of intangible and tangible cultural heritage, especially in the area of archeoastronomy. One of the greatest achievements in this domain is the discovery, scientific analysis, and publication of scientific papers related to the Megalithic Observatory Kokino. In 2005, NASA ranked Megalithic Observatory Kokino in 4th place on the List of World's Ancient Observatories, and since 2009 as an archaeoastronomical observatory, this site has been on the Temporary List of Material Cultural Heritage of UNESCO (http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/5413/).

As an organization, we have members who are specifically trained in the research and protection of multi-religious or poly- religious / shared sanctuaries. These members possess expertise in documenting, preserving, and promoting the cultural and spiritual significance of such sites, ensuring their recognition and safeguarding as part of our shared heritage. Their work contributes to fostering interfaith dialogue and preserving the unique cultural identity of these sacred spaces.

Also, as organization we have experience in developing education programmes for formal and non-formal education, including processes linked with the negotiations with national education authorities, schools and students themselves.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS has not yet had the opportunity to participate in such activities.

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 with the language abilities concerned.

Not to exceed 250 words

MRS as an organization has capacities for drafting synthetic texts. Namly, the MRS so far prepared complete documentation for enlisting "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Prior to this, worked on documentation for enlisting "Ethno Astronomy/Old Celestial Map of the Macedonian People" into the National Register of intangible cultural heritage in category of "exceptional meaning", subcategory "very important meaning".

Earlier, MRS also preapared complete documentation for the Megalithic Observatory Kokino, that in 2005, NASA ranked it on the 4th place on the List of World's Ancient Observatories, and since 2009 as archaeoastronomical observatory. This site is on the Temporary List of Material Cultural Heritage of UNESCO (http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/5413/) and MRS developed, communicated and provided all needed texts, documents and evidences that led to this action.

Throughout the years, MRS also is actively involved in preparation of the national Periodic Report, submitted to the Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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

Members of the MRS have participated in international conferences related to Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), where they presented publications, research data, and insights. As previously mentioned, MRS is part of the ICCN network and actively engages in sharing experiences. On one occasion, MRS contributed to a joint publication with an article on ICH related to nature and the universe. Relevant information and articles have also been shared and published in various international and local publications and online portals covering ICH topics.

MRS also focus its activities on the skills and achievements from its local experience that are relevant to the international context. Some of the examples are related to the "Martinki" custom and cooperation with relevant stakeholders from Poland, as well as cooperation with relevant stakeholders from Turkey in regard to the Tekija Stone, all explained earlier in the form. Understand of the cultural differences and similarities between the local context and the international environment was/is especially beneficial in the case of Tekija Stone, where the understanding heled in adapting MRS approach for communication with the community.

Understanding the local contexts helped us to support NGO's and communities from Serbia, Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria, and other countries with Macedonian diaspora, in areas such as education and building public opinion that impacts decision-making processes.

Networking with NGOs at national and regional level is also seen as an opportunity for gaining valuable insights in the ICH matters.

F. 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.

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G. Signature

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

Name: Goran Tashkoski

Title: President of MRS - Macedonian Research Society

Date: 17.02.2025

Signature:

For the purpose of collecting information, accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to answer the following question (optional). The information provided will not be assessed as part of the review of accreditation in the sense of paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives.

Participation in the work of the ICH NGO Forum

Has your organization contributed to the work of the ICH NGO Forum in the past four years? If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) and provide information below.

☐ Member of the Executive Board of the ICH NGO Forum

If yes, indicate the period and the role played:

☐ Member of a **thematic working group** established under the ICH NGO Forum

Specify the name of the working group, the period and the role played:

☐ Organizer of an event specifically convened for accredited non-governmental organizations

Specify the name of the event, its target group and its date:

☐ Other types of cooperation

Specify: