

**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.*

Fédération des associations de chasse et conservation de la faune sauvage de l'Union européenne

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

Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE)

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

NGO-90160

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.

Organization: Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU

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Website/Social media: www.face.eu Social media handle: @FACEforHunters

Other relevant information:

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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Family name: Scallan

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Position: Secretary General

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Other relevant information:

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

FACE, by nature, is an international NGO representing community of 7,000,000 hunters from national associations in 37 countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary,

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>

Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and Ukraine.

FACE contributes to the implementation of the Convention at the national level in various countries through our representatives and through our member organisations. Sometimes we hold events in the European Parliament with partners to promote UNESCO ICT. Where possible and desirable, FACE members have continued to collaborate with national cultural authorities in favour of the implementation of the Convention.

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

We work with our members on promoting certain hunting-related cultural activities like falconry, certain breeds of hunting dogs, hunting horns, hunting dress, hunting culture, etc. on national UNESCO lists. This work involves external communications, meetings, events, shows, and other activities many of which are educational in nature involving a range of stakeholders. Another example of our work was our participation in the 'The Sharing the Knowledge' presentation series, organised by the IAF (International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey) Cultural Working Group. Emerging as a response to the challenges posed by the Coronavirus pandemic, the series offered a virtual space for falconers to connect, exchange knowledge, and engage in meaningful discussions at a time when in-person gatherings were largely unfeasible. FACE also worked together with IAF on aspects of the Welfare Course 2025 to strengthen the knowledge and the abilities of those who wish to start falconry, and which will also be useful for experienced falconers. The use of the articulate platform where the welfare course runs on for a cultural course in the future would be discussed under the MoU.

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

FACE has promoted various hunting practices as intangible cultural heritage prior to the existence of the UNESCO ICH convention. Representatives of FACE in our member associations organised numerous activities related to the safeguarding of certain hunting practices as cultural heritage and remain dedicated to managing cultural heritage activities (e.g. different hunting methods - such as stalking, calling, hunting with hounds, falconry, horn blowing, gastronomy, festive events, etc.). They regularly organise training (e.g. hunting courses, falconry, courses in taxidermy and the making of hunting artefacts) and events to keep the traditions alive. A part of showing hunting to the greater public is the organising of hunters' festivals. Hunting as an intangible cultural heritage is being described by FACE members in books and films and this is strongly promoted by FACE.

FACE has a close collaboration (IAF/FACE MoU) with the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF), which was organising several events related to falconry. In this context, FACE joined IAF in a range of workshops to exchange of information, documentation and cooperation between communities and government bodies towards the promotion and preservation of falconry.

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

FACE's headquarters is in Brussels, where FACE builds the bridge between the Institutions of the European Union and the representatives of civil society. FACE regularly holds events in the European Parliament, provides opportunities for hunters and EU policy makers to meet directly,

participates in various official expert and advisory groups within the European Commission where EU policy proposals originate, and their implementation brought forward.

FACE is fully signed up to the EU Transparency Register which is operated by the European Parliament and the European Commission for the registration and monitoring of organisations and individuals engaged in EU policymaking and policy implementation.

FACE has a close collaboration (IAF/FACE MoU) with the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF). Among other, we cooperate on policy issues at European and International level, such as relevant EU policy initiatives, CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

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

FACE has dedicated a great deal of time over the past forty years to ensure greater recognition of and respect of hunting cultures as intangible cultural heritage. As a European NGO, we organise annual meetings for our members, every year in a different country, such as Poland (2022), Bulgaria (2023) and Spain (2024).

We also use social networks, our website, our publications, our journal, newsletter and other channels to aim concerned communities as well as general public. In many countries, our members support educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned and to people outside the hunting community.

Since much of European hunting culture cannot be learned from books, non-formal means of transmitting knowledge from generation to generation "from parent to child" are very close to the nature of the communities represented by our organisation. Since the main domain of hunting is knowledge and practice concerning nature, activities of our organisation inherently promote education for the protection of natural spaces.

We (including our Members) cooperate with a range of stakeholders in delivering our work.

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

FACE and its Members co-operate with universities, international conventions, other NGOs and with government departments, for example cultural and environmental, to promote work areas and projects relevant to cultural heritage.

FACE participates to the IAF Global World Falconry Day annually. The IAF encourages falconers from as many countries as possible to celebrate World Falconry Day (WFD) and to communicate the activities that they undertake for this to us so that we may inform UNESCO that the element of falconry is in fact, alive and is being practiced all around the world.

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

FACE is ensuring an active membership community to promote and safeguard specific hunting cultures across Europe. It regularly convenes the member associations in various working groups, which discuss how to communicate hunting practices, including falconry. It organises an annual general meeting to discuss matters of the Federation. It provides a platform for contacts between its members and European decision-makers, *inter alia* in the framework of the Intergroup "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside", which meets regularly in the European Parliament and for which FACE is providing the secretariat.

Under the FACE/IAF MoU, there is a strategic planning on considerations to support expanding the falconry submission to further countries which is one of IAFs next objectives for falconry as an ICH.

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

In certain countries, our organisation played a positive role in implementation and ratification of the ICH convention e.g. FACE support its Members in order to list falconry on its national UNESCO list for ICH in conjunction with the IAF.

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

So far, FACE has not been directly involved yet in the drafting the reports. We are looking forward to opportunity to contribute to drafting the periodic reports in the next few years.

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

Our organisation has supported the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF) in the preparation of the nomination for the Representative List, encouraging State Parties, coordinating with concerned communities and related NGO on both national and international levels, leading to the successful submission of "Falconry, a living human heritage." This nomination was inscribed in 2010, extended in 2012, re-extended in 2016 (decision 11.COM 10.b.15), and once again in 2021 (decision 16.COM 8.b.14).

In 2012, the nomination was pioneering the extension procedure with two other States - Austria and Hungary. In this regard, ICH committee mentioned in its report (ITH/10/5.COM/CONF.202/6) that this is: "an outstanding example of co-operation between States and the exemplary quality of the information provided was underlined". So far, this file has been the largest multinational nomination in the ICH Convention history. High number of 18 States participated in this multinational nomination: Germany, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Belgium, United Arab Emirates, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Mongolia, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Korea and Czechia.

C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and 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
- 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
- Financial support from the Participation Programme
- Other types of cooperation

Not to exceed 250 words

So far, we have not been directly involved in cooperation with UNESCO, however, we have autonomously carried out and participated in a number of national and international activities and events towards ensuring ICH visibility, rising awareness, ensuring recognition of, respect for, and enhancement of the intangible cultural heritage in society and encouraging dialogue between related communities. We are supporting our members that promoted UNESCO-related activities/recognitions at national level.

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

Through the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF), which attended most of the ICH Committee meetings, in accordance with our IAF/FACE MoU. IAF acted as observers on behalf of FACE and reported any important matters.

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

So far, we have not been asked to serve as a member of Consultative/Evaluation Body. We have not been appointed to evaluate a nomination either.

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

Although we have not had any chance yet to provide advisory services to the Committee, we are ready to provide such services in the future, especially in the field related to our activities in the following domains: knowledge and practices concerning nature, festive events, social practices and traditions and expressions.

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

FACE is a pan-European INGO currently representing related communities in 37 states having not only a professional staff, but also a number of voluntary experts among our members. A majority of our members demonstrate good English and French, some of them are native English or French speakers (such as the members in the UK, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg). We have also members and experts that speak natively other languages e.g. Spanish, German, Italian, and others. Concerning English, we have 2 native English speakers among the professional full-time staff in our secretariat in Brussels and 10 other staff members with near-native English level. 4 of our professional staff members have French as their mother tongue and further 4 master French at a professional level.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes, our organisation does have experience in working across several ICH domains, especially knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe and festive events. We also have certain experience in social practices and oral traditions and expressions.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Our organisation has many dozens of experts among our members that have a scientific background and degree (professors, doctors) in the field of natural science as well as culture. Such people are able to analyse proposals or applications. So far, we have also analysed internally (for our own purposes) several ICH Representative List applications as well as national inventory list documents.

- 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

Yes, our organisation has experience in drafting synthetic text in English and French since these are both official working languages of our international organisation. Our organisation and members of our organisation produce various policy, legal and scientific papers, we publish our own newsletter and other communication in English and French, we prepare English and French PR materials for exhibitions and events, we prepare various legislation drafts and statements, we also prepare various materials and documents for international conventions and conferences other than UNESCO.

- 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, our organisation has profound experience over several decades in working at an international level extrapolating local experience and applying it within a European and international context.

Since we are the international NGO focused on a special domain and working with diverse communities, we have gained knowledge of how to work with local/regional/national experience within international context. Means, we have been using, to extrapolate local experience, from within our members in 37 countries, include social media, e-mail communication, word of mouth, annual members' meetings, seminars, conferences and internal surveys/forms we issue on various topics.

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>.

Yes

No

G. Signature

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

Name: David Scallan

Title: Dr

Date: 27.02.2025

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: