Wiki-Inventory of Living Heritage

The UNESCO 2003 Convention in Finland

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- 172 countries have ratified
- Safeguarding as the key concept
- Communities in the heart of the process
- Inventoring: “To ensure identification with a view to safeguarding, each State Party shall draw up, in a manner geared to its own situation, one or more inventories of the intangible cultural heritage present in its territory. These inventories shall be regularly updated.” (UNESCO 2003)
Wiki-inventory for Living Heritage

https://wiki.aineetonkulttuuriperinto.fi/
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• Opened in February 2016 with 20 examples
• So far **120 examples from over 150 communities** around the country
• 1-2 page texts, gateway to other information
• Map – regions and municipalities
• MediaWiki
• Multilingualism: basic texts in Fin, Swe, Engl – possibility to contribute even in other languages (so far also Northern Sámi and Romani language)

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Categories (and entries)

• Festivities and practices (38)
• Music and dance (22)
• Performing arts (16)
• Oral traditions (12)
• Crafts (21)
• Food traditions (13)
• Games and playing (9)
• Nature and the universe (29)
• Good practices (16)
Wiki-inventory

- All content by various communities
- Moderated by the National Board of Antiquities
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- For photos a choice between four different licenses (All rights reserved... CC BY 4.0)
- Videos are linked from other websites (Youtube most commonly used)
- Standard questions – community point of view
- Updating every 3 years
- Possibility to apply to the National inventory (first round in 2017 with 95 applications) and from there to international ICH lists under UNESCO

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UNESCO 2003 Convention and the indigenous Sámi people in Finland

• One member from the Sámi parliament in the National ICH advisory group
• Stakeholder workshop in January 2015
• Seminar on Sámi ICH in October 2016 in Inari (with 60 +120 online participants)
• Min Árbi-discussions by Samediggi in 4 villages
• One example in the Wiki on Sámi handicrafts tradition
Wiki-inventory as a tool for the Sámi?

• The ICH Convention goal “to ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of the communities, groups and individuals concerned”
  • indigenous communities may have sensitivities with their ICH

• How to modify or build such a tool that is suitable for the needs of the Sámi community
  • build up a knowledge base on the national level
  • Bring together information from multiple sources
  • Raise awareness

• TCEs specifically from indigenous communities’ point of view
  • What and how to present? Level of presentation?
  • What is emphasized? Secret or sacred knowledge?
  • Who is the community behind the submission? Who is moderating?
  • Correct attribution

• Transparent norms on respectful use
  • Ethical guidelines

• A WORK IN PROGRESS
Kiitos! Thank you! Merci!

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