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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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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 (FACE)

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. 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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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

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

FACE is an international NGO representing a 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, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Therefore, we have good means and opportunity to contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the national level in various countries through our representatives and through our member organisations. In general, in countries that are States Parties to UNESCO ICH Convention, where possible and desirable, FACE members collaborated with national cultural authorities in favour of the implementation of the Convention by cultural, scientific as well as supportive political means. In certain countries (that are not States Parties yet), we try to encourage them to recognise the Convention.

For example, FACE sent letters to the Danish government assisting its Member to make falconry legal once again in Denmark where UNESCO related points were stressed. In a similar context, FACE sent a letter to Irish government contributing to the listing of falconry on its national on its national UNESO list for ICH.

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

FACE and its national members have assisted in relation to the competent governmental body for the safeguarding of ICH with information and advice. FACE also provides advice to its Members on certain matters relating to hunting and cultural heritage.

In 2018, we undertook a survey amongst our members for a project to map the history and meaning of the language terminology activities that characterises our activity in nature. These data were used by some FACE Members at national level to discuss new listings under ICH. FACE also encouraged its members in a number of countries to promote cultural aspects of hunting, including native breeds of dogs, activities like falconry, hunting language, and hunting horns.

In 2018, as described above, FACE sent letters to the Danish government assisting its member to make falconry legal once again in Denmark ([link](#)). FACE also sent a letter to Irish government contributing to the fact that Ireland listed falconry on its national on its national UNESO list for ICH. This is an important accomplishment for falconry in Europe and a great achievement for UNESCO heritage.

In 2020, FACE Members were following the listing, and FACE was active in promoting hunting

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.

horns under UNESCO ([link](#)).

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

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.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

Our organisation provided support to the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF) in the preparation of nominations and encouraging State authorities and related NGOs on national and international levels towards the submission of Representative List file "Falconry, a living human heritage" inscribed in 2010 and extended in 2012 (decision 7.COM 11.33), the second time extended in 2016 (decision 11.COM 10.b.15). 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. 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.

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

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 at national level and remain dedicated to managing cultural heritage activities (e.g. different hunting methods - such as stalking, deer 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, FACE Members regularly participate in the organising of hunting fairs. FACE also increased its presence at national fairs in recent years including the UK Game Fair (2017, 2018, 2019) and the *Jadg and Hund* fair (annually) in Dortmund, Germany.

Hunting as an intangible cultural heritage is being described by FACE Members in books and films and this is strongly promoted by FACE.

In 2020, FACE was exploring with its Members in Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia about whether hunting culture should be listed at the international level by UNESCO.

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.

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

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

FACE is ensuring an active membership community to promote and safeguard hunting cultures. 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 ([link](#)).

FACE and its members are organising events showcasing hunting's rich cultural heritage, such as the recent exhibition on 'traditional hunting in the Mediterranean Region' at the European Parliament, held on 4 May 2018 ([link](#)), where it was an excellent opportunity to promote the cultural value of traditional hunting. Furthermore, FACE has organized a conference "Communicating the role of hunters in Europe", which took place in the European Parliament, Brussels, on 6 November 2018 ([link](#)) highlighted a wide range of effective approaches to communicate the value of hunting in Europe, including traditional hunting.

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

FACE has dedicated over forty years to ensure greater recognition of and respect of hunting cultures as intangible cultural heritage. As an international NGO, we organise annual meetings for our members, every year in a different country, such as Bulgaria (2017), Belgium (2018) Netherlands (2019), virtually (2020).

We use social networks, our website, our publications, newsletters 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, for example in Malta (2019) our Maltese Member has launched a campaign by attending several schools, with two local dog breeds (Maltese Hunting Dog and Pharaoh Hound) and in company of the Malta Falconers Club. A similar programme promoting native breeds of hunting dogs was undertaken in Ireland in 2019. The evolution of hunting dogs and the breed purpose were explained as well as the true term of Falconry as one of the oldest hunting practices to date.

Since much of European hunting cultures 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 have also been campaigning on the need to promote youth engagement in certain hunting activities.

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

In certain countries, our organisation played a positive role in implementation and ratification of the ICH convention, e.g. FACE supported its Irish Member in order Ireland to listed falconry on its national UNESO list.

FACE worked closely with the IAF in the context of our MoU towards for the preparation of complex multinational nomination "Falconry, a living human heritage" inscribed in 2010/2012. Therefore, we have been serving as an information and knowledge database for related communities and NGOs, which have contacted FACE related to other hunting practices. We also discussed content related to IAF's presence at ICH committee and GA meetings: 11.COM in 2016 (Addis Ababa), 12.COM in 2017 (Jeju), 7.GA in 2018 (Paris) and 13.COM in 2018 (Port Louis).

Since hunting is an interdisciplinary multinational cultural heritage, FACE inherently participates, collaborates and contributes to development of networks of NGOs, communities, experts, museums, dedicated or general media, at (sub)regional, national as well as international levels.

On 18 April 2019, FACE attended a UNESCO consultation meeting on the role of accredited non-governmental organisations within UNESCO ([link](#)).

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

The International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey - IAF attended all the ICH Committee meetings below, but worked closely with FACE in accordance with our IAF/FACE MoU. IAF acted as observers on behalf of FACE and reported any important matters to the following events: 12.COM in 2017 (Jeju), 13.COM in 2018 (Port Louis), 14. COM. (Bogota), 15.COM (online hosted from Jamaica), ICH NGO Forum 2019 Capacity building, Symposium and Meetings during 14.COM (December 2019) – Bogotá (Colombia), ICH NGO

Forum 2018 Symposium (November 2018) – Port Louis (Mauritius), ICH NGO Forum 2017 Capacity building (December 2017) – Jeju (Republic of Korea).

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

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 (OD 96) 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 and the universe, festive events, social practices and oral traditions and expressions.

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

FACE is a pan-European INGO currently representing related communities in 37 states having not only a professional staff, but also a number voluntary experts among our members. A majority of our members are native English or French speakers (such as the members in the UK, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg). We also have staff members and experts that speak natively other languages e.g. Greek, German, Italian, Polish, Dutch, Finnish and others. Concerning English, we have 3 native English speakers among the professional full-time staff in our secretariat in Brussels and 12 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 ICH 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.

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

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

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.

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: Dr. David Scallan

Title: FACE Secretary General

Date: 15/02/2021

Signature: 
