

**Second Appendix to the Charter of the
Council of Ministers of Culture of South-East Europe –
Enhancing Culture for Sustainable Development**

We, Ministers of Culture of South East Europe,

Based on the principles and decisions embodied in the Declaration approved by the Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe, gathered on 9 April 2013, in Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia;

Recalling the aim of the Eighth joint Declaration of the Ministers of Culture in South-East Europe adopted in Sofia, Bulgaria, 24-25 October 2012, regarding the necessity to streamline and reinforce the regional coordination at ministerial level;

Adopt this second Appendix to the Charter of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe signed in Copenhagen on 31 March 2005, in order to complete the process of enhancement and rationalization of the regional cooperation process in the field of culture, and to this end we decide on:

1. Merging with the annual Ministerial Conferences on Cultural Heritage in South East Europe, the present Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe shall be reformed as of today into a new, unified regional cooperation platform under the common title **“Council of Ministers of Culture of South-East Europe. Enhancing Culture for Sustainable Development”** (hereinafter, the Council).
2. Establishing this reformed Council, we aim to strengthen its role and relevance as the main regional platform at the ministerial level in the field of culture in

South-East Europe, with a purpose to define priorities and action lines for cultural cooperation with and among the countries of the region. To this end, and in order to ensure continuity and synergy with previous actions, the Council shall also acquire the decisions and achievements of the two previous platforms mentioned above, at article 1 of the present Second Appendix, with special reference to the declarations and action plans adopted by them.

3. The Council shall be regulated by the Charter of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe approved in Copenhagen on 31 March 2005 (hereinafter, the Charter); by the Appendix to the Charter approved in Bucharest on 15 April 2011 (hereinafter, the First Appendix); and by the present Second Appendix to the Charter approved in Ohrid on 27 June 2014 by all members countries.
4. Accordingly, membership of the Council shall continue being regulated by the relevant provisions of the Charter, articles 3 to 5. Applications for new memberships are encouraged, to be presented for approval by consensus according to following the procedures already established by the mentioned articles of the Charter.
5. Participation of other countries as Observers in the Council shall continue being regulated by article 6 of the Charter. Non-south-east-European countries already participating in the two previous platforms mentioned above, at article 1 of the present Second Appendix, shall automatically be accepted as Observers.
6. In addition, in order to further enhance coordination of international cooperation activities with and among the countries of South-East Europe, and taking into consideration the important contribution of regional programmes and projects in the field of culture, we invite the concerned regional and

international intergovernmental organizations, namely the UNESCO, the Council of Europe and European Union to participate in the Council as Observers.

7. The Council shall avail itself of the support of a Committee of Officials and of ad-hoc expert groups as defined by the Charter (articles 12 to 15) and by the First Appendix to the Charter. The representatives of the Council Member States and Observers in the Committee of Officials and the expert groups shall be communicated by the Member States to the Council Presidency upon approval of the present Second Appendix to the Charter. In so doing, Member States and Observers shall possibly take into consideration the composition of the experts groups associated to the two previous platforms mentioned above, at article 1 of the present Second Appendix, with the aim to ensure the convergence of experiences, networks and best practices developed within those regional cooperation initiatives.