

## **CROATIAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

### **20<sup>th</sup> CROATIAN MINORITIES FORUM 2014**

**The cultural heritage of Croatian minorities in European countries is an integral part of Croatian cultural heritage – how the Republic of Croatia can contribute to its preservation.**

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

In line with its core topic the 20<sup>th</sup> Croatian Minorities Forum considered the state of cultural heritage in the Croatian minority communities and the possible aspects of its protection as a basis for the preservation and development of the cultural and national identity of Croatians in the multi-ethnic milieus of their domicile countries. Taking into consideration the presented data and the discussion, the following conclusions were adopted:

1. We propose the systematic identification, registration, documentation and expert study of the cultural heritage of Croatian minority communities. The engagement of the resources of existing Croatian minority community institutions, culture associations, individuals and the resources of the country of origin and the domicile country are required in this process. The institutions of the Republic of Croatia can use their own experience in protecting cultural heritage to assist in the application of positive practices within Croatian minority communities.
2. We propose that a committee be established to monitor the protection of cultural property that would monitor the implementation of acts of law on the protection of the cultural heritage of Croatian minority communities. This committee should also have the function of coordinator between representatives of Croatian minority communities and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia that is able to most effectively act in this area and educate and assist the members of minority communities responsible for the preservation of culture.
3. We propose the systematic planning and appropriation of financial resources in the Republic of Croatia with the objective of realising programmes and projects targeted to the protection of the cultural heritage of Croatian minority communities.
4. We propose that the strategy of providing assistance to minority communities be based strictly on the specificities of the cultural heritage of each individual community.
5. We propose the involvement of representatives of Croatian minority communities in culture cooperation projects between the Republic of Croatia and the countries in which Croatian communities live.

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