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THE ROLE OF
ICOMOS-SPAIN
IN IMPLEMENTING
THE FARO CONVENTION:
GIVING VOICE TO THE
CIVIL SOCIETY, PLATFORMS AND ASSOCIATIONS

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A) INTRODUCTION

- Although the Faro Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society is **at the forefront** of the international instruments concerning cultural heritage, it has been **scarcely/poorly implemented yet (19/47 SP)**.
- **Spain** signed it the 12th December 2018, but it **has not adopted it** in its cultural heritage vision and legislation (developed by the Ministry of Culture and mainly by the autonomous communities according to our decentralized political model).
- In spite of this, the current **Board of ICOMOS Spain** aims to strengthen the Spanish civil society role on cultural heritage basing on **several strategies of the Faro Convention**:

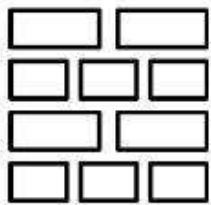


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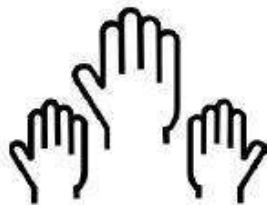
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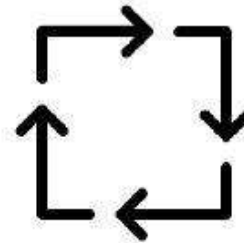
promotes activities and collaboration with other organisations “to raise heritage awareness among the civil society”



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Meetings with citizens, associations and platforms:

- held in parallel of our Board sessions (Valencia, Barcelona and Tobed) and prepared with **questionnaires** aimed to know these actors needs and priorities and to inform our daily work.
- when we lead **mediation and facilitation strategies** in heritage conflicts between the civil society and the public administration (Granada, Toledo...)



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It has also met with citizens and heritage associations in Andalucía, Aragón, Cataluña, Valencia, Galicia & Madrid.



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B) PRACTICAL APPROACH

THE FARO PRINCIPLES INCLUSION ON THE MADRID HISTORICAL HERITAGE LAW

As a result of these meetings, ICOMOS Spain is advising the **Sierra de Guadarrama Citizen Observatory for Heritage Conservation** (Madrid) to amend the Law 3/2013, 18 June, of Historical Heritage of the Community of Madrid according to the main principles of the Faro Convention:



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This law has a very classical, historical and monumental approach to cultural heritage: **IT SHOULD FORMALIZE THE CIVIL SOCIETY RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL LEVELS OF ITS GOVERNANCE AND ENHACEMENT.**

2

Citizens and associations are key to defend cultural heritage and to assess its problematics, so the Observatory claims the **RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE COMMUNITIES AND AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK TO FACILITATE THEIR TASK AND NETWORKS.**

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- 3** Bearing in mind the multiculturalism of the Community of Madrid, it is essential that this law **SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTRIBUTION OF IMMIGRANTS AND MINORITIES TO ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE.**

- 4** This law hardly recognizes cultural heritage crucial contribution to life quality, economic income, employment, healthy leisure, territorial and ecologic balance, landscape maintenance and adaptation to climate change. It should promote a **HOLISTIC APPROACH TO CULTURAL HERITAGE BENEFITS FOR SOCIETY, INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUNDED ON ITS WISE AND SENSIBLE VALORIZATION.**

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5 This law barely deals with the relationships between cultural heritage, education and training systems: **IT MUST PROMOTE HERITAGE AWARENESS & ENHANCE ITS POSITIVE EFFECTS ON AND FROM EDUCATION.**

6 This law does not facilitate citizen access to cultural heritage information and treatment. **IT SHOULD DO SO TRANSPARENTLY AND EFFICIENTLY.**

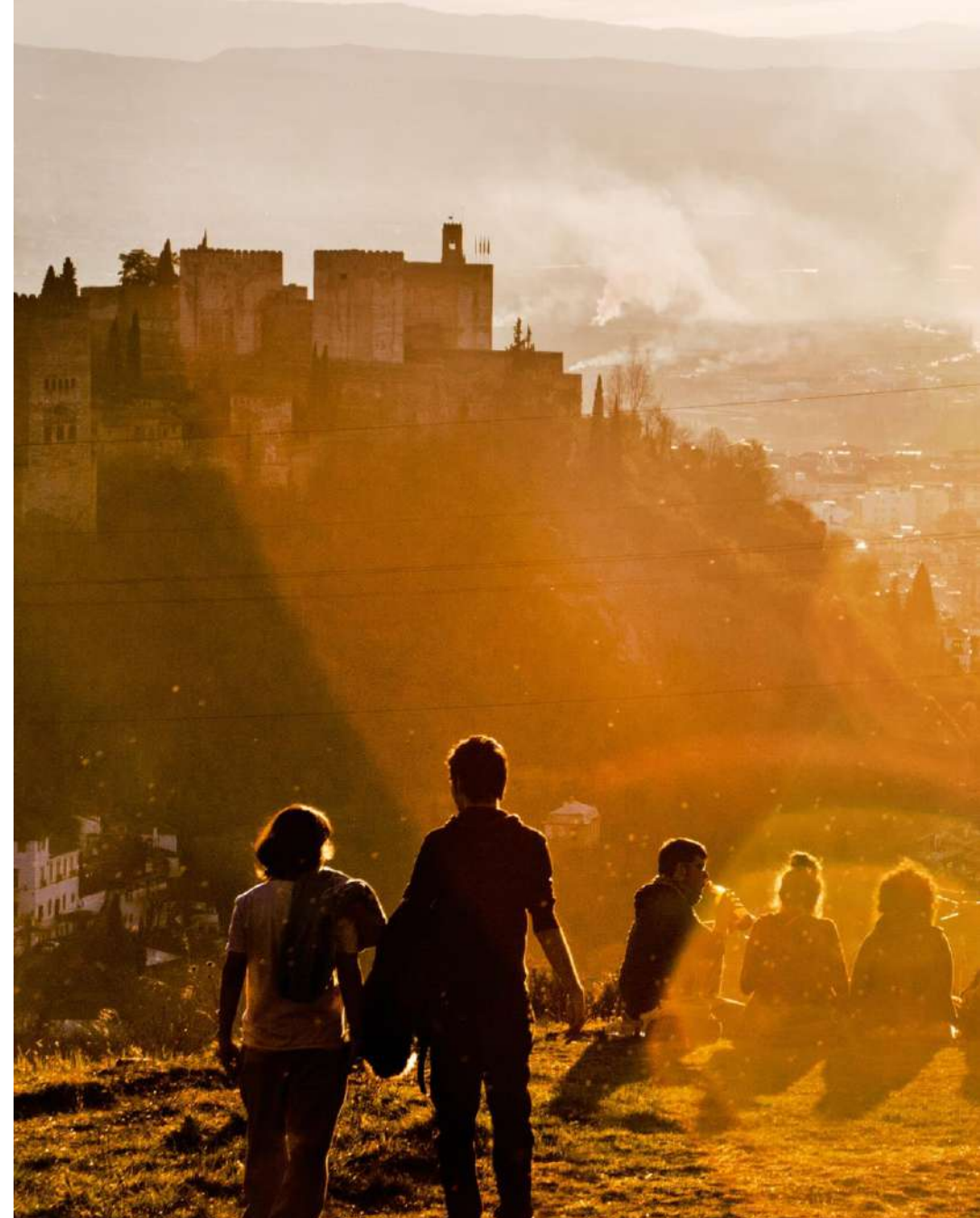
+ **THESE GAPS DO NOT ONLY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY OF MADRID BUT MOST OF SPAIN AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

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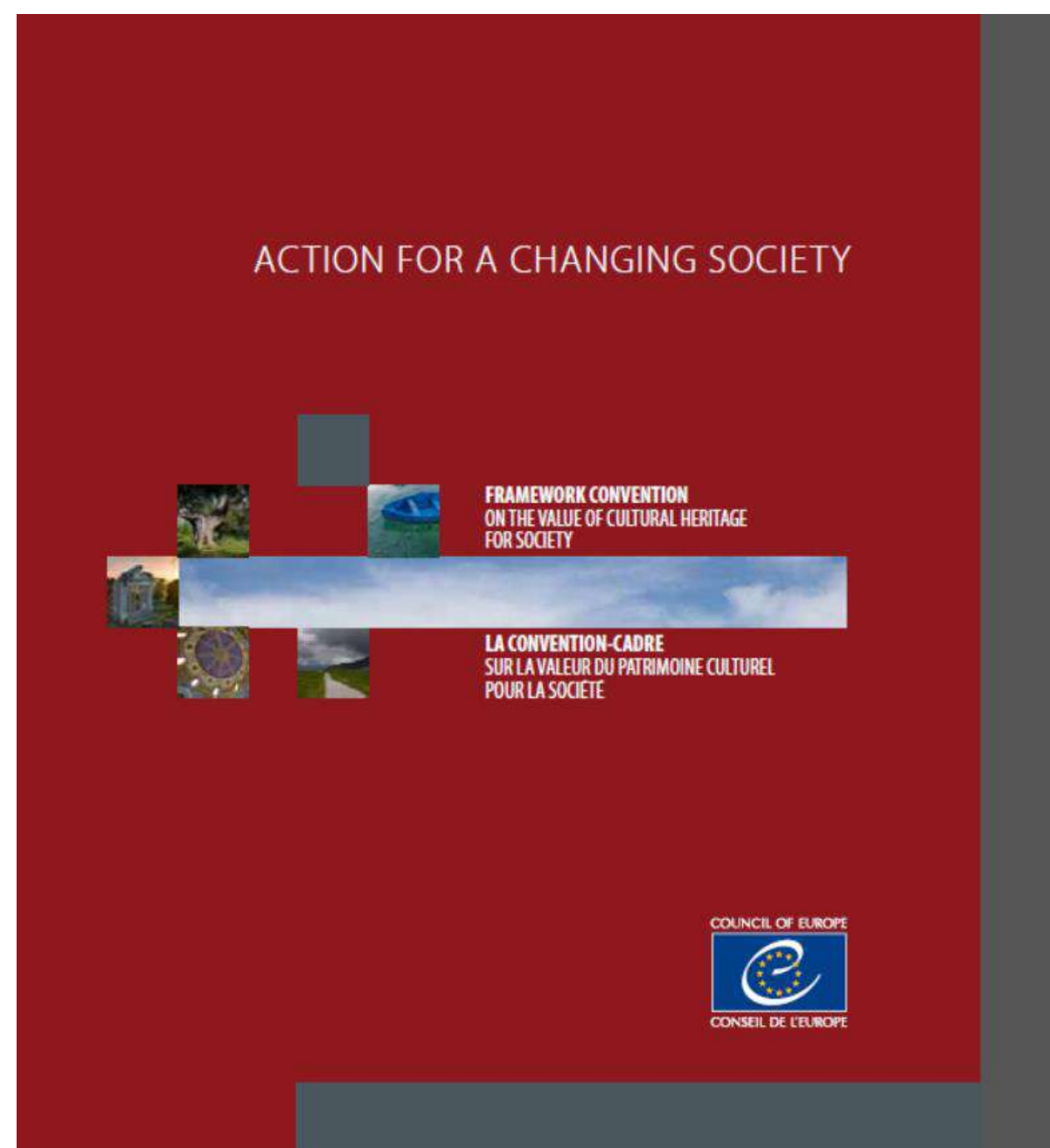
C) ICOMOS SPAIN FUTURE GOALS CONCERNING THE FARO CONVENTION

- Build and give voice to a powerful **network of national and international associations**.
- Promote the **direct, balanced, continuous and equal participation of civil society in heritage governance**, re-shaping it beyond the solely technical and administrative perspective.
- Incorporate the **value of cultural heritage for society** in ICOMOS doctrine, equating it to other irreplaceable principles such as integrity and authenticity.
- **Transversally include these objectives in all ICOMOS and ICOMOS Spain working groups and training initiatives.**



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- **LAUNCH DEBATE WITHIN THE ICOMOS EUROPEAN GROUP** to impulse ICOMOS role and visibility in the Faro Convention and the European cultural heritage agenda:
 - exploring and reinforcing the Convention links with **rights-based approaches** initiatives;
 - **using it as a compulsory instrument and powerful umbrella** to push many of the European group goals forward;
 - targeting ourselves as **partners of the COE in its implementation**;
 - **sharing experiences** in its framework.



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