

Offaly Heritage Plan 2002 – 2006

“The aim of the Offaly Heritage Forum is to work with all of us in Offaly, to increase awareness and appreciation of our manmade, cultural and natural heritage leading to actions which promote its protection, enhancement and vitality”

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Offaly County Council first appointed a heritage officer in 2000. This reflects a growing acknowledgement of the key role and importance of heritage in so many aspects of our work and the need for us to have in-house expertise available. Offaly people are proud of their diverse and unique heritage. The primary task of the Heritage Officer is to oversee the preparation and implementation of a Heritage Plan for the County.

The development of County Heritage Plans is a new concept nationally and Offaly is delighted to be one of the first County Councils to have produced a plan. This Plan is a multi agency approach to conserve and enhance Offaly's heritage in a cohesive and planned manner. Offaly County Council are pleased to be lead partners in this work. We would like to commend the work of the Offaly Heritage Forum, which was the driving force behind the production of this plan. We would also like to thank all those who took part in the consultation process giving of their time and knowledge.

The implementation of this Plan will rely on a partnership approach between local authorities, development agencies, local communities and individuals. The Plan is ambitious and will need support from central government as well as from all our local partners if it is to be implemented within the five year time frame, 2002 – 2006. The partnership approach, adopted in the Plan, will facilitate the sustainable development of our county incorporating our unique heritage.

We look forward to your support in maintaining heritage at the heart of life in Offaly.

Niall Sweeney
County Manager

Joe Dooley
Cathaoirleach

Introduction

The Heritage Act, 1995, defines national heritage as including monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects, architectural heritage, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes¹, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens and parks, inland waterways.²

A good way to think about our heritage is; what makes Offaly different? How do you know you are in Offaly? The flat expanses of bogs combined with eskers, the presence of hedgerows, the back drop of the Slieve Blooms, the Shannon and Grand Canal, the ecclesiastical sites, the character of the towns and villages are all examples. There will be a different emphasis for all of us. The Offaly Heritage Plan represents a conscious attempt to raise awareness of this diverse and unique heritage and to inform decisions about how Offaly will look in years to come.

This is a county plan, co-ordinated by the County Council but covering a wider brief involving many other groups and organisations also. In order to prepare the Plan, a Heritage Forum was convened to work with members of Offaly County Council. From the outset the Heritage Forum has been very clear that heritage should be seen as a positive integral part of Offaly's evolution and development as a county. We acknowledge the continually and constantly changing landscape. The focus of the plan is to value and appreciate our heritage as positive feature of the developmental process. We should be seeing the county developing hand in hand with our heritage.

The remit of the Plan only extends to county issues, but there is a clear desire by the Offaly Heritage Forum to state that in order to have a dynamic countryside, there must be sustainable rural communities. The role of the landowners and farmers as key players in the whole make up of the landscape of Offaly is recognised. National policies that effect the viability of farming are of key importance in shaping how the fabric of Offaly will look in the future.

This plan sets out to be a positive, realistic, work plan for the next 5 years. The actions in the Offaly Heritage Plan are focused on gathering information, distributing information, and enabling and facilitating owners, communities and interested parties to develop heritage projects. The majority of heritage sites are privately owned and it is not within the remit of the Plan to include physical conservation projects. The role of the heritage plan is to support them through many different means.

Key issues that provide the context for the plan are;

¹ Vision for landscape “ The Irish Landscape will be a dynamic, living landscape, one which accommodates the physical and spiritual needs of people with the needs of nature in a harmonious manner, and as a result brings long term benefits to both”. Heritage Council Towards Integrated Policies for Ireland's Landscape Oct 2000.

² The Irish Language is considered a unique and vital part of our heritage. The promotion of Irish is an issues that needs to be addressed in its own right and lies outside the remit of this plan.

1. **Offaly County Development Plan.** The Offaly County Development Plan is a statutory plan, which consists of a written statement and accompanying maps and includes policies, strategies and objectives for the County at large and for specific major settlements.
2. **Local Agenda 21** – An increasingly important role is emerging centered on sustainability, which was signed up to by world leaders at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992. Local Agenda 21 provides an opportunity for people to think through priorities for their local area and to establish action plans and work towards them. County Councils are in the process of formulating Local Agenda 21 plans.
3. **National Heritage Plan** - The National Heritage Plan is being prepared by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands which reflects recognition at a national level that heritage is important as an integral part of our development.
4. **The National Biodiversity Plan** is currently being prepared by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands and is due for publication early 2002. There will be requirements for counties to address biodiversity in their own areas.
5. **National Spatial Strategy** - In Offaly's submission to the National Spatial Strategy (June 2001) key issues for shaping heritage are listed under Environmental Sustainability (5.5), such as the potential to develop of green image of the county, the focus on landscape, windfarming potential, importance of water quality, future for Slieve Blooms and boglands, and the REPS programme.
6. **County Development Board** - The County Development Board is developing a county wide, cross agency, County Strategy setting out a vision for the next 10 years. The Heritage Plan is a sub section of this County Strategy.
7. **Landscape Character Assessment.** In June 2000, the Department of the Environment issued guidelines to County Councils to assist with classifying landscapes in their area for Landscape Character Assessment. This is considered to be a strategic and pragmatic data set, which will provide key information, informing the future development of Offaly.
8. **The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.** Duchas is carrying out the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on a county by county basis. This provides a comprehensive, though not definitive, listing of buildings of note in the County. Offaly County Council have already listed many buildings as protected structures and further additions may be made as a result of this Inventory. It is likely that the Offaly survey will be done in 2002 – 2003.
9. **Relationship to the Offaly Arts Plan.** It is envisaged that the Arts Plan will look at the visual and performance aspect of our cultural heritage while the Heritage Plan would address recording data, raising awareness and promoting best conservation practice.

Objectives and Actions

The actions are divided up into four different sections,

1. Placing Heritage at the Heart of Life in Offaly
2. Protecting and Enhancing our Heritage
3. Acquiring Knowledge
4. Promoting Awareness and Enjoyment of Our Heritage

In all sections the central role of the community is recognised and the actions seek to support, enable and work with communities on many projects.

1. Objective - Placing Heritage At the Heart of Life in Offaly

Offaly has a good tradition of community involvement in heritage and actions to support and enable the work of communities are detailed here.

	Action	Proposed Partners
1.1	Establish system to provide support and information to the public at county level using heritage office, website, libraries etc	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council
1.2	Provide information about the management of graveyards incl. day seminar	Duchas, Offaly County Council, OHAS, Local Communities
1.3	Arrange Tidy Towns seminar on developing wildlife in towns	Offaly County Council, Tidy Towns,
1.4	Work with a sample two Tidy Town committees on wildlife recording and enhancement project	Tidy Towns, Offaly County Council
1.5	Carry out village design statements, a community led process	Local Communities, Offaly County Council
1.6	Provide information about SACs, SPAs and NHAs designations – ie on web site	Duchas, Offaly County Council,
1.7	Slieve Blooms – look at uplands management models to deliver long term sustainability for the region	Slieve Bloom Rural Dev. Offaly & Laois Offaly County Council, Coillte, Teagasc, Duchas
1.8	Agree on a sustainable strategy on how to interpret our bogs and what elements should be kept to show production methods	Local Communities, Bord na Mona, ESB, Offaly County Council, Duchas
1.9	Promote the Neighbourwood and Nativewoodland Programmes	Forest Service, Tree Council of Ireland, Offaly County Council

2. Objective – Protecting and Enhancing our Heritage

This section discussed actions needed to protect certain aspects of our heritage. Enhancement is a proactive way to improve our heritage through positive actions.

	Action	Proposed Partners
2.1	Audit of the condition and work needed for the proper investigation and conservation of monastic sites in the county	Duchas, OHAS, Offaly County Council, owners of sites, Local Communities
2.2	Provide a permanent county archive as part of new County Library	Offaly County Council, Dept of Environment
2.3	Appoint of full time archivist to oversee and maintain public service records	Offaly County Council, Dept of Environment
2.4	Develop infrastructure to support documentary heritage through the local history section of the library service	Offaly County Council
2.5	Develop a programme to insure valuable archive material is microfilmed and preserved.	Offaly County Council, Local Communities
2.6	Keep record of collections within the county	Offaly County Council, OHAS, keepers of collections
2.7	In the absence of a designated repository in Offaly (see Cultural Institutions Act 1997), all archaeological objects that come to light should, by law, be deposited with the National Museum, as they belong to the State. (Under the National Monuments Amendment Act 1994)	National Museum of Ireland, finders of artifacts
2.8	Appointment of a full time heritage officer	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council
2.9	Appointment of a full time conservation officer – specific protected structures brief	Offaly County Council, Dept of Environment
2.10	Promote architectural conservation areas	Offaly County Council
2.11	Appointment of an enforcement officer	Offaly County Council
2.12	Education / information programme for owners of protected structures	Offaly County Council, Duchas, OHAS, Birr Georgian
2.13	Promote awareness of traditional features such as sash windows and lime render.	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council, An Taisce, Chambers of Commerce
2.14	Promote the principle of enhancement in the County Development Plan	Offaly County Council
2.15	Carry out heritage appraisals of relevant plans and programmes	Heritage Council, Offaly County Council, Interested Agencies

2.16	Promote the use of conservation plans as a methodology where appropriate	Offaly County Council
2.17	Arrange seminar on Archaeology and Development	Offaly County Council, Building Industry, Heritage Council, Chambers of Commerce
2.18	Produce design guidelines for exterior of new build houses and arrange information sessions	Offaly County Council, Dept of Environment, Heritage Council, Architects, Technicians, Local Communities
2.19	Produce guidelines for incorporating landscape features into new developments	Offaly County Council, Dept of Environment, Heritage Council
2.20	Develop a system for the naming of housing estates	Offaly County Council, Developers, OHAS, Local Communities
2.21	County Geology Sites to be considered for inclusion in the County Development Plan – i.e. Mushroom stones / Eskers	Offaly County Council, Geological Survey of Ireland
2.22	Support studies on the Grey Partridge	Royal College of Surgeons, Bord na Mona, Duchas
2.23	Study options incl. hedges and natural regeneration for road widening projects	Offaly County Council, Irish Wildlife Trust, Crann
2.24	Information workshop on hedges for area engineers / overseers	Crann, Offaly County Council
2.25	Produce and promote care of hedgerows leaflet	Heritage Officers Network, Teagasc, Farming Organisations, Offaly County Council
2.26	Arrange training in hedge cutting for contractors / farmers	Crann, Irish Wildlife Trust, Offaly County Council, Contractors, Farmers
2.27	Investigate conservation of insitu archaeology on site at Lemonaghan	Bord na Mona
2.28	Continue studies and work for the restoration of Clara Bog	Dúchas
2.29	Promote planting of native species	Offaly County Council, Crann, Local Communities

3. Objective – Acquiring Knowledge

Certain baseline information is needed within the County to record our heritage and to provide information for decision making in the future. Where appropriate, information will be hosted on the Offaly County Council web site and will be made as easily available to the public as possible through other means.

	Action	Proposed Partners
3.1	Establish research team to examine future use of our bogs	Local Communities, Bord na Mona, Offaly County Council, Lough Boora Parklands, Heritage Council, Duchas

3.2	Baseline survey of vernacular architecture starting with the location of thatched houses and the ownership issues	Offaly County Council, Property Owners, Heritage Council
3.3	Identify buildings owned by Waterways Ireland / OPW / Shannon Navigation along canal / Shannon and discuss development plans	Waterways Ireland, OPW, Offaly County Council, Shannon Navigation
3.4	Establish what research has been done on industrial archaeology and complete the study, incl. forges, lime kilns, mills etc	Offaly County Council, Duchas, Industrial Arch, Assoc. of Ireland
3.5	Inventory of graveyards and their owners	Offaly County Council, Church Bodies, Communities
3.6	Explore options for running a traditional building skills course	FAS, Offaly County Council, Communities
3.7	Carry out landscape character assessment incl. identifying sites for windfarms / forestry, use of bogs	Offaly County Council, Bord na Mona, Forestry Service, Teagasc, Local Communities, Farming sector
3.8	Consider mineral potential mapping to plan establish sustainable mining strategy	Geological Survey of Ireland, Offaly County Council
3.9	Carry out a Parish Inventory of Natural Heritage for the county	Local Community, Offaly County Council, BSBI, Heritage Council
3.10	Indexing of existing natural heritage studies on Offaly	Offaly County Council
3.11	Carry out farmland bird survey	Birdwatch Ireland, Duchas
3.12	Continue projects to conserve corncrake	Birdwatch Ireland, Duchas and Land Owners
3.13	Monitor and improve water quality through River Basin Management Plans, Bye Laws, Farm Surveys, Aquifer Protection Plans	Offaly County Council, River Basin Districts
3.14	Examine management of rivers as habitats	Bord of Works, Fisheries, Fishing Clubs, landowners, Offaly County Council
3.15	Survey croneen– migratory lake trout, and pollan	Shannon Regional Fisheries Board, Little Brosna and Camcor Fishing Club
3.16	Detail management plans for railway corridors as wildlife habitats	C.I.E.
3.17	Investigate best methods of managing verges acknowledging their role as a habitat for flora and fauna	Offaly County Council, Duchas, BSBI recorder, Heritage Council, Tidy Towns
3.18	Waterway corridor development study for Grand Canal and Shannon	Heritage Council, Offaly & Galway County Council, Waterways Ireland, Local Communities, Offaly and Kildare Waterways Committee
3.19	Maintain the canal for boat traffic	Waterways Ireland

3.20	Baseline survey of number, range and needs of heritage gardens, parks and demesnes	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council, Gardening Groups, Gardens of Ireland, Property Owners
3.21	Examine best practice for collecting folklore (incl. placenames and fieldnames) and provide advice	OHAS, Fербane Heritage, Dept of Folklore UCD, Offaly County Council,
3.22	Identify key Offaly crafts and research	OHAS, local groups, Offaly County Council, Craft groups
3.23	Promote auditing of agencies' property to analyse their heritage responsibility	Offaly County Council, all relevant agencies
3.24	Baseline survey of cutover and cutaway bogs to determine ecological value	Dúchas, IPCC, Bord na Mona, BSBI
3.25	Carry out monument watch to monitor condition of archaeological sites	Dúchas

4. Objective - Promoting Awareness and Enjoyment of Our Heritage

Heritage is there is be enjoyed and is a valuable indicator when looking at our quality of life. This sections focuses on ways to bring awareness and enjoyment of our heritage through specific actions.

	Action	Proposed Partners
4.1	Parks project, introducing wildlife zones	Offaly County Council, Local Schools
4.2	Develop code of practice / leaflet/ seminar for managing the wildlife of the canal corridor	Local Communities, Waterways Ireland, Duchas, Offaly Kildare Waterways Committee
4.3	Develop Golden Mile competition to develop hedges and verges	Teagasc, Crann, Offaly County Council, LEADER
4.4	Demonstration of hedge laying	Crann, Teagasc, Conservation Vol. of Ireland. Local Communities
4.5	Arrange talks / support material on how to identify monuments for hill walkers / interested groups	Offaly County Council, Duchas, OHAS, Slieve Bloom Rural Dev, Walking Clubs
4.6	Run an awareness series on monument types	Local newspapers, radio, Interest Groups, Offaly County Council, OHAS
4.7	Information workshop on insurance and access	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council
4.8	Highlight and list artifacts from Offaly in National Museum	National Museum, Offaly County Council
4.9	Erect information plaques where appropriate marking events and sites of interest	Offaly County Council, Local Groups
4.10	Promote Heritage In Schools programme	Offaly County Council, Teachers, Schools

4.11	Explore options for developing a greenway route for non motorised traffic	Offaly County Council, Heritage Council
4.12	Annual seminar on best practice and project case studies with newsletter / web updates for exchanges of view points	All agencies and communities
4.13	Promote the recording and documentation of Offaly's Heritage	All partners

Statement of Strategy

This section addresses how the plan will be delivered. It is a countywide plan with many partners responsible for implementing it. The County Council is a key partner and the heritage officer will in many cases act as co-ordinator for projects. It is important to recognize that this is a new approach and this is the first time that a County Heritage Plan has been developed. Therefore there will have to be a certain amount of flexibility in the implementation as the new structure evolves.

Timeframe

Each year a detailed work programme will be drawn up from the actions in this Plan, with the projects proposed for the year, the partners, timeframe and the body responsible for delivery. This will be subject to the budget available for each year. The Heritage Forum will propose the programme, which will need agreement from all key partners.

Finance

A budget of £500,000.00 is estimated for the delivery of the actions over the five years, excluding staff costs. It is unlikely that 1/5 of this will be available in 2002 but the aim is to build up to an annual budget of £100,000.00. The realisation of the Plan will be dependent on the annual funding allocations of each partner and their remit.

Partners

The partners listed are proposed partners. As the time frame is not confirmed, many organisations cannot be sure if they will have funding to participate at a certain time. As the programme for each coming year is agreed, commitments will be obtained from relevant partners. The lead partner will be highlighted in each project when the priorities are agreed.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Offaly Heritage Plan lays out the framework of actions for the 5 year period. The annual work programme will detail the projects agreed to by the partners for the coming year. Both the Offaly Heritage Plan and the annual work programme will be monitored by the Offaly Heritage Forum and its progress and evaluated at regular intervals. Indicators will be developed once the Plan has been adopted. The primary indicator will be the completion of the actions and the extent to which they contribute to the achievement of the related objective. The evaluation of the Plan will, therefore, be expressed in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

Process of Formulating the Plan

The Offaly Heritage Forum, facilitated by the Heritage Officer from Offaly County Council, has developed the Offaly Heritage Plan. Input was sought from the public at three stages; the initial advertisement for submission; draft actions presented at four electoral area meetings; and for 6 weeks consultation after the draft Offaly Heritage Plan was approved by Offaly County Council. As heritage impacts on many areas, all four SPCs discussed and approved the draft Plan before it was brought to Offaly County Council. In a parallel process the County Development Board is considering the Offaly Heritage Plan as part of the County Strategy currently being prepared.

28 March 2001

Offaly Heritage Forum met in Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre, Tullamore. The County Manager launched the work of the Forum and this was followed by a presentation from Paddy Matthews, Heritage Council, on the new concept of County Heritage Plans. The Forum discussed what the term 'heritage' covers and agreed the aim and initial process of consultation. Following the meeting, advertisements were placed seeking submissions for the Heritage Plan and 42 were received.

16 May 2001

A day meeting was held at Lough Boora Parklands. Presentation of the results of consultation and submissions were made. The Forum divided into three working groups to look at the issues and to begin to formulate policies and actions. The three groups addressed,

- Archaeology, Architectural Heritage, Archaeological and Heritage Objects
- Flora, Fauna, Wildlife Habitats
- Landscape, Geology, Wrecks, Inland Waterways, Folklore, Folklife

22 June 2001

A day meeting was held in Kinnitty Castle. Presentations were made on the Heritage Appraisal of the Offaly County Development Plan, Landscape Character Assessment and Conservation Plans. The forum discussed all of the workings of the groups at the May meeting and it was agreed that each group should meet to sign off on policies and actions.

9, 16, 17 July 2001

Each sub group met and agreed policies and actions for their area

August 2001

14/8/01 Management Team in Offaly County Council reviewed Draft Offaly Heritage Plan

17/8/01 Forum meeting agreed actions.

Draft was reviewed by County Development Board

September 2001

10 – 13 September. The draft actions were presented at public meetings in each electoral area for open discussion. The draft plan was amended accordingly.

September / October - All four SPC's of Offaly County Council to review the Draft Offaly Heritage Plan

October 2001

Following SPC approval, the draft Offaly Heritage Plan was approved at the October Offaly County Council meeting. The draft Offaly Heritage Plan underwent 6 weeks public consultation.

December 2001

Final amendments were made and the final Offaly Heritage Plan was presented to Offaly County Council.

Spring

Launch of the Offaly Heritage Plan

Membership of Offaly Heritage Forum

1	Derval Dolan	Cathaoirleach Housing, Social & Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, Offaly County Council
2	Tom Roche	Member of Community Forum, Offaly County Development Board
3	Kevin O'Dwyer	Member of Arts and Culture Group Offaly County Development Board
4	Vincent Hussey/ Debbie Grey	Forward Planning, Offaly County Council
5	William Wall	County Engineer, Offaly County Council
6	Catherine Casey	Birdwatch Ireland
7	Roisin Lennon	LEADER
8	Steve McNeill	Offaly Historical & Archaeological Society
9	Christine Byrne	Slieve Bloom Rural Development
10	Sharon Parr	Lough Boora Parklands
11	Edward Delahunt	Farming Representative, IFA
12	Tom Egan	Bord na Mona Energy Ltd
13	John Prior	Coillte
14	William Dooley	Teagasc
15	Val Swan	Duchas -National Parks and Wildlife
16	Caimin O'Brien	Duchas - Built Heritage
17	Amanda Pedlow	Heritage Officer, Offaly & Laois County Councils

Consultee List

Through Membership of Forum

OHAS
Birdwatch Ireland
Slieve Bloom Rural Development
IFA
LEADER
Lough Boora Parklands
Community Forum / Just Forests
County Development Board
Teagasc
Bord na Mona
Coillte
Duchas – Built Heritage
Duchas – Wildlife
Offaly County Council through

- Housing and Culture SPC
- Planning
- Engineering
- Heritage Office

Meetings Held With

Community Forum,
of County Development Board
Birr Urban District Council
Edenderry Urban District Council
Offaly County Council
Birr Historical Society
Irish Georgian Society, Birr Chapter
Offaly Historical and Arch. Society
All Saints Bog Group
Irish Peatlands Conservation Council
An Taisce
Crann
BSBI recorder (County Botany
Recorder)
Inland Waterways Association of Ireland
– Tullamore Branch
3 Offaly Duchas Rangers
West Offaly Partnership
Ferbane Folklife Project
Patricia Keenan – Canal Regeneration
Officer

Public Submissions Invited.

Received from

An Taisce
Barna Development Association
Belmont / Highstreet. Moystown
Development Group.
Birr Castle and Gardens
Birr Historical Society
B.O.L.D. Ballycommon Organisation for
Local Development.
Charleville Castle Heritage Trust
Clonbullogue Dev. Assoc. Ltd
Clonsast Sod Peat Story Group
Dúchas
Durrow High Cross Committee
Edenderry Historical Society
Eglish Restoration Group
Ely O’Carroll Tourism
Focus on Ferbane
Geashill Assoc. for Rural Development
Geological Survey of Ireland
Heritage Council
Irish Georgian Society, Birr Chapter
Irish Peatland Conservation Council
Kilbride Preservation Group
Little Brosna and Camcor Fishing Club
Mucklagh Residents Association
Offaly Hist & Arch Society
Portarlington Angling Club
Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre

20 Private Individuals

Phone Discussions

National Association Regional Game
Council of Ireland
Irish Museums Association
Dr Brendan Kavanagh, Royal College of
Surgeons
Kilbeggan Canal Group

Glossary

BSBI	Botanical Society of the British Isles
SAC	Special Area Conservation
SPA	Special Protection Area
NHA	National Heritage Area
OHAS	Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society
SPC	Strategic Policy Committees, Offaly County Council

List of Relevant Heritage Legislation

Heritage and Planning Legislation

The Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-2000).
The Heritage Act, 1995.

European Planning Legislation

EC Directive 85/337/EEC - re EIS.

Archaeology and archaeological objects

National Monuments Act 1930 and subsequent amendments of 1954, 1987 and 1994.
National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997.

Built Heritage

The Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-2000).
The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Act (NIAH), 1999.

Natural Heritage

The Wildlife Act, 1976.
Wildlife Amendment Bill, 2000.
EU Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC), 1979 (ratified 1985).
EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), 1992 (ratified 1997).

Heritage Objects / Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997.

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens and Parks.

The Local Government (Planning and Development Acts, 1963-1999).
Planning and Development Bill 2000.

International Conventions

Unesco Convention for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified 1992).

Archaeology

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention), 1997.

Architecture

European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention), 1997.

Burra Charter

Natural

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention), 1979.

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), 1979.
Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention), 1993.
Conservation of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971.
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992.
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), 1974.
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (Bonn Convention), 1996.
International Tropical Timber Agreement 1994, (1996).
Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, 1995.