### Wiki-Inventory of Living Heritage

### The UNESCO 2003 Convention in Finland

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# The Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (UNESCO 2003)



- 172 countries have ratified
- Safeguarding as the key concept
- Communities in the heart of the process
- Inventorying: "To ensure identification with a view to safeguarding, each State Party shall draw up, in a manner geared to its own situation, one or more inventories of the intangible cultural heritage present in its territory. These inventories shall be regularly updated." (UNESCO 2003)

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Wiki-inventory for Living Heritage <a href="https://wiki.aineetonkulttuuriperinto.fi/">https://wiki.aineetonkulttuuriperinto.fi/</a>

#### Wiki-inventory for Living Heritage

- Opened in February 2016 with 20 examples
- So far 120 examples from over 150 communities around the country
- 1-2 page texts, gateway to other information
- Map regions and municipalities
- MediaWiki
- Multilingualism: basic texts in Fin, Swe, Engl –
  possibility to contribute even in other languages (so
  far also Northern Sámi and Romani language)



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#### Categories (and entries)

- Festivities and practices (38)
- Music and dance (22)
- Performing arts (16)
- Oral traditions (12)
- Crafts (21)
- Food traditions (13)
- Games and playing (9)
- Nature and the universe (29)
- Good practices (16)









#### Wiki-inventory

- All content by various communities
- Moderated by the National Board of Antiquities
- Content is available under CC BY 4.0 unless otherwise noted
- For photos a choice between four different licenses (All rights reserved... CC BY 4.0)
- Videos are linked from other websites (Youtube most commonly used)
- Standard questions community point of view
- Updating every 3 years
- Possibility to apply fo the National inventory (first round in 2017 with 95 applications) and from there to international ICH lists under UNESCO



## UNESCO 2003 Convention and the indigenous Sámi people in Finland

- One member from the Sámi parliament in the National ICH advisory group
- Stakeholder workshop in January 2015
- Seminar on Sámi ICH in October 2016 in Inari (with 60 +120 online participants)
- Min Árbi-discussions by Samediggi in 4 villages
- One example in the Wiki on Sámi handicrafts tradition



#### Wiki-inventory as a tool for the Sámi?

- The ICH Convention goal "to ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of the communities, groups and individuals concerned"
  - indigenous communities may have sensitivities with their ICH
- How to modify or build such a tool that is suitable for the needs of the Sámi community
  - build up a knowledge base on the national level
  - Bring together information from multiple sources
  - Raise awareness
- TCEs specifically from indigenous communities' point of view
  - What and how to present? Level of presentation?
  - What is emphasized? Secret or sacred knowledge?
  - Who is the community behind the submission? Who is moderating?
  - Correct attribution
- Transparent norms on respectful use
  - Ethical guidelines
- A WORK IN PROGRESS



#### Kiitos! Thank you! Merci!



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