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In order to make greater progress in its work in 2014, the Regional Centre Sofia would make efforts to:

- ✓ Include all the countries of South-Eastern Europe in its activities;
- ✓ Include representatives of diverse groups of stakeholders in its activities, including national and local authorities, scientific organizations and universities, civil society and private sector as well as communities and bearers;
- ✓ Promote gender equality and involve marginalized and vulnerable communities and individuals in its activities;
- ✓ Include young people in its activities;
- ✓ Collect and share up to date information on ICH related policies in SEE;
- ✓ Assess the results of the planned activities through regular monitoring and evaluation.

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ACTIVITY	VENUE	DURATION	PERIOD	INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION	WORKING LANGUAGE
1. WORKSHOP on the Implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage with the staff of the Regional Centre in Sofia	Sofia, Bulgaria	5 days	13.10.2014 – 19.10.2014	Within the framework of the Global capacity-building strategy for the Implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage 5-day workshop will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Participants: about 12-15 people, expert of Regional Centre Sofia and key cooperation partners.	English
2. WORKSHOP on the Implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for national experts from Northeast Bulgaria	town of Varna, Bulgaria	5 days	03.11.2014 – 09.11.2014	The workshop aims at reinforcing the capacities of key stakeholders from Northeast Bulgaria for the	English and Bulgarian

				<p>Implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The workshop will provide training to about 20 representatives of community centres (<i>“chitalishta”</i>), museums, specialized administrations in culture, as well as representatives of NGOs and ICH bearers from Northeast Bulgaria. The 5-day workshop will be held in the city of Varna. Two facilitators of UNESCO’s network will deliver the training.</p> <p><i>Conditions: The experts cover their transport expenses;</i></p>	
3. Eastern Europe and Central Asia Capacity Building Review Meeting	Sofia, Bulgaria	4 days	22.09.2014 – 27.09.2014	It is a follow-up to the previous review meetings for the global capacity-	English

				building strategy held in Beijing (November 2012) and in Cusco (September 2013). UNESCO trained facilitators from Europe and Central Asia, representatives of UNESCO from Field Offices and Headquarters will take part in the workshop.	
4. OBSERVATORY FOR ICH RELATED POLICIES	Sofia, Bulgaria		<i>Ongoing</i>	The main objective of the Observatory is to provide comprehensive information on ICH related policies in the countries in South-Eastern Europe. A steering committee with 6 experts established and national focal points appointed in all SEE countries.	English
5. EIGHTH ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS NETWORK ON INTANGIBLE	Limassol, Cyprus	2 days	15.05.2014 - 16.05.2014	Experts from the Regional Centre Sofia took part in the	English

CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SEE				meeting.	
<p>6. EXPERT MEETING ON ICH, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES – IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO AND WIPO</p>	<p>Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>1 day</p>	<p><i>In process</i></p>	<p>In this forum experts from the region will have the opportunity to discuss the relation between intellectual rights and copyright issues and ICH. Participants: Experts from WIPO, representatives of UNESCO, experts from the countries of SEE region.</p> <p><i>Conditions: Experts cover their transport expenses;</i></p>	<p>English</p>
<p>7. CONFERENCE ON TRADITIONAL MEDICINE</p>	<p>Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>1 day</p>	<p><i>In process</i></p>	<p><i>Conditions: Experts cover their transport expenses;</i></p>	<p>English</p>
<p>8. CONTEST AND EXHIBITION of children's drawings on the topic: "Fairyland of legends, myths and tales from my homeland"</p>	<p>Sofia, Bulgaria</p>	<p>Contest – 3 months</p>	<p>Contest 01.06.2014 - 31.08.2014</p>	<p>The contest aims to provoke participants through amateur drawings to express their vision of intangible cultural heritage, to express</p>	<p>English</p>

			Exhibition 31.11.2014 - 22.12.2014	their attitude to the inherited traditions with a look at the present and the future. A specialized jury from Bulgaria will select the best pictures in the contest which will be included in the exhibition. 3 awards will be conferred at the opening of the exhibition in Sofia.	
9. INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ETHNOLOGICAL FILM	Belgrade, Serbia		First half of October	Special Award for film best reflecting intangible cultural heritage will be conferred.	English
OTHER ACTIVITES OF THE CENTRE:					

1. Organization of the annual session of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the auspices of UNESCO – 1 April 2014, city of Sofia (Bulgaria);
2. Participation in the FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE – JUNE, 2-5, Paris (France);
3. Participation in the meeting of category 2 centres active in the field of intangible cultural heritage – 6 June 2014, Paris (France)
4. Participation in the NINTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE – 17-21 November 2014 , Paris (France);
5. Participation in expert meetings organized by UNESCO;
6. Production of promotional materials of the Regional Centre Sofia.