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*Territorial information systems for the conservation, preservation and management of
Cultural Heritage*

Workshop I : Plurality of the documentary and cartographic sources
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Conclusions

The representatives of the Member States of European Union and the representatives of Observing States, under the chairmanship of Prof. Paolo Sommella, agreed upon the following items.

Considering the need to use common standards for the collection for the information for the SIT. We suggest some guides lines to ensure the conservation and management of monuments and archaeological sites in order to be conduct with principles and good practices of integrated conservation and planning and to guarantee a better access to cultural heritage, protection of the values and public interest, and a sustainable lay term use for society
They agree the following items:

- The necessity to create a better plafond with homogenisation of methodologies referred to the collection of the data present on territory of the various European States: opportunity of connection with systems (geo-referencing on geographic coordinates).
- The creation of an inventory of geographical coordinated data with the possibility of access to information for all competent institutions and for private users in respect of single country security limits.
- The collaboration and cooperation between the institutions operating on the territory on cultural heritage census in order to avoid duplication and in the light to favour the technical-scientific improvement of applied methodologies.
- The interconnection of research, study and protection of the cultural heritage: the institutions have to operate in autonomy but also with the politic institutions of various country.
- The mode acquisition of data referred the territory must be as complete as possible and must include specialist levels (archaeological, monumental, etc.), also the levels related the reconstruction of the antique landscape (e.g. "the soil use"). As foreseen in the European Conception on landscape (Florence, 20 October 2000)
- The necessity to report on European SIT the technical and scientific data consisting in historical cartographic and aerial, satellite photos, photographic reproduction and any other iconographic and thematic material (toponomastic etc.) related to the richness of the cultural evidence of the landscapes in the framework of the different and peculiar territorial realities.
- The opportunity for the European Institution to promote the training of experts in the light of specialized staff employment in the use of new information technologies for research and management in the field of cultural heritage.
- The adequate sharing of the funds devoted to the research and the funds allocated for the implementation of the systems.