UNITWIN Network

“Protection of Cultural Property Against Illicit Trafficking in the MENA Region” (ProCult)
National Research Alliance ILLICID: Fact Sheet

✓ Alliance of **leading research institutions** in Germany
✓ Innovative research design combining **academic and non-academic expertise** (trans-disciplinary, trans-sectoral)
✓ Systematic analysis of illicit traffic in archaeological objects mainly from Iraq and Syria (**explorative study**)
✓ **Associated partners** include UNESCO, ICOM, Federal Criminal Police Office, Federal Foreign Office, Federal Commissioner for Culture and Media, German Commission for UNESCO
✓ **Initial funding 1,2 Mio. € (2015-2018)** by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research
National Research Alliance ILLICID: Lessons Learned (1)

Cross-sectoral Cooperation

Research on Methods / Instruments

ICT Support

Monitoring Objects

Surveying Stakeholders
National Research Alliance ILLICID: Lessons Learned (2)

Strategic action?

Int. cooperation?

Capacity building?

University programs?

Training?

Education?
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Short-term Objectives

1. Support the creation of the required knowledge base on an international level by linking pertinent research capacities and expert institutions.

2. Establish sustainable, research-based (ICT) tools for a substantial reduction of illicit trafficking in cultural objects on an international level.

3. Promote the development of university programs and/or teaching modules on illicit trafficking in cultural objects at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, with special attention to universities and research centers in the MENA region.

4. Serve as an incubator for short term research and training projects, strategic action, and civil society capacity building on local, regional, national and international levels, with a particular focus on the strengthening of infrastructures and capacities in the countries of the MENA region.
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Long-term Objectives

1. **Combat organized crime** in the area of illicit trafficking in cultural objects.
2. **Reduce significantly financial flows** generated through illicit trafficking in cultural objects.
3. **Add to the existing knowledge base** for the implementation of the UNESCO 1970 “Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property”.
4. **Prepare the ground for a strong, sustainable cooperation between the academic world, civil society, local communities, research and policy making** in countering illicit trafficking of cultural objects in particular from the MENA region.
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Main Tasks

- Carry out and promote interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research.
- Develop and support school curricula and university study programs or courses.
- Create and disseminate formats and tools for awareness raising, education and training.
- Support the development of new or improved capacities among the implementing partners by assessing existing infrastructures and drawing up recommendations for future action.
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Formats of Activity

- research projects
- graduate academies
- visiting fellowships
- short-term training
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<td>twice annually (Spring + Fall)</td>
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<td>ProCult Advisory Board Meeting</td>
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<td>monitoring, reviewing ProCult’s activities</td>
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<td>ProCult Graduate Academy</td>
<td>annually (Summer)</td>
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<td>biannually (Fall)</td>
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UNITWIN Network ProCult: Required Expertise (1)

Implementing Partners (Universities)

- Humanities (especially Archaeology, Ancient Studies, Art History, History of Architecture, Area Studies)
- Heritage Studies
- Conservation Studies
- Law (international, penal, cultural property)
- Social Sciences
- Information Science
- Media and Communication Studies
- Education Studies
- etc.
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Required Expertise (2)

Associated Partners

- Law enforcement
- Customs authorities
- International bodies on organized crime, fight against illicit trafficking and terrorism financing
- Ministries of Education / Research
- NGOs
- Cultural property repositories (in particular museums, archives, libraries)
- etc.
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Implementing Partners (Core Group)

- Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg Center for Cultural Heritage (*host institution*)
- University of Dresden, UNESCO-Chair in International Relations
- Université de Genève, Faculté de droit, UNESCO Chair in International Law and Cultural Property Protection
- Koç University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities
- University of Oxford, School of Archaeology
- Yale University, Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Partner Institutions (Core Group)

- UNESCO
- UNIDROIT
UNITWIN Network ProCult: Way Forward

✓ Expand core groups
✓ Consolidate funding
✓ 1st ProCult Round Table in Fall/Winter 2017
  ▪ Short-term priorities (research, education, training, exchange)
  ▪ Fundraising strategies
✓ Create ProCult online platform
✓ Launch events at partner institutions
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