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Following promising results, the project is extended until 30 November 2013 to allow for follow-up activities to the 13 technical assistance missions in developing countries

The missions have produced a wide range of results in all the beneficiary countries: Argentina (Buenos Aires), Barbados, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Niger, Seychelles and Viet Nam.

Coordinated by UNESCO with funding from the European Union, internationally recognised experts from a tailor-made *Expert Facility in cultural governance and cultural industries* have carried out technical assistance missions in **13 developing countries** between November 2011 and December 2012. Their high-level expertise assisted these countries in their ongoing efforts to strengthen human and institutional capacities to develop policies that support the emergence of dynamic cultural and creative industries.

Drawing on the missions' results, the project's extension enables UNESCO to carry out:

- **in-the-field follow-up missions** in Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Niger and Viet Nam;
- **remote follow-up activities** for the missions that took place in Argentina, Barbados, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius and the Seychelles.

Furthermore, as a part of this extension, the experts from the **Expert Facility met in Paris on 23-24 May 2013** in order to share their experiences of the project over the last two years, with a view of critically assessing the implementation of the project and of the technical assistance missions. While aiming to define the future of the project and of the Expert Facility, as well as to finalise a methodological guide on technical assistance, this collective effort set out a clear road map that offers better responses to the realities of working in the field and of implementing the UNESCO 2005 Convention in developing countries.

Finally, a publication in English and French on the project and its results is currently being finalised and will be published before the end of the year. It will be made available on the project's website.

Through the European Union's financial support and UNESCO's expertise, this Expert Facility project has dedicated 1.2 million euro since 2010 towards creating a pool of 30 experts and implementing 13 technical assistance missions in developing countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. This example of the implementation of the UNESCO 2005 Convention (Diversity of Cultural Expressions) at national and local levels demonstrates the importance given by both the European Union and UNESCO to promoting culture as a key factor of sustainable development.



Find out more about the technical assistance missions, the follow-up activities and the expert workshop on the project's website: www.unesco.org/culture/en/culturegov