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**Studies and Diagnostics on Cultural Policies
of the Eastern Partnership Countries**

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I Policy and legal framework for culture

1. List of ratified international conventions

- Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention 1954 http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13637&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=17716&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13055&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31038&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- European Cultural Convention <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/018.htm>
- European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/143.htm>
- Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/121.htm>
- European Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/147.htm>
- Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/199.htm>
- Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=12074&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2. National culture legislation (laws; regulative acts, sector specific regulations)

- Об охране и использовании недвижимых памятников истории и культуры и исторической среды <http://www.arlis.am/DocumentView.aspx?docid=62014>
- Об основах культурного законодательства http://www.unesco.org/culture/natlaws/media/pdf/armenia/armenia_law1054_2002_rusorof.pdf
- О недвижимых памятниках истории и культуры, считающихся государственной собственностью Республики Армения и не подлежащих отчуждению <http://www.parliament.am/legislation.php?sel=show&ID=1351&lang=rus>
- О вывозе и ввозе культурных ценностей <http://parliament.am/legislation.php?sel=show&ID=2117&lang=rus>
- О нематериальном культурном наследии http://www.unesco.org/culture/natlaws/media/pdf/armenia/arm_lawintangibleheritage_entof
- Armenian Law on Libraries <http://parliament.am/legislation.php?sel=show&ID=4500&lang=arm>

3. Overall culture policies and/or sectoral strategies (i.e. film, heritage, etc)

- National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: State Programme for Preservation and Development of Culture. Yerevan, 2004 a
- Government Decree on Creation of Electronic Database of Cultural Values <https://www.e-gov.am/gov-decrees/item/24809/>

II Existing analytic documents (reports, research, reviews, etc.) assessing national cultural policy

1. Prepared by national experts

- Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe. Cultural Policy Profile of Armenia: <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/armenia.php>
- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, Armenia, Country Strategy Paper, 2007-2013, http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/pdf/country/enpi_csp_armenia_en.pdf
- Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia: The First International Conference: Traditional Oral Heritage, Intangible Culture. Collection of Essays. Yerevan, 2006.
- Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, UNESCO Moscow Office for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation: The Second International Conference: Traditional Oral Heritage, Intangible Culture. Collection of Essays. Yerevan, 2007.
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: 2008-2012 Strategy for Development of Culture. Yerevan, 2007.
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: Annual Report 2006. Yerevan, 2007
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: Annual Report 2008. Yerevan, 2009
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: Annual Report 2009. Yerevan, 2010
- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia: Annual Report 2010. Yerevan, 2011
- Художественное образование в Армении (Art Education in Armenia), 2009, research report of the Armenian Sociological Association
- Arts Education in CIS Countries: Building Creative Capacities for 21st Century, UNESCO-sponsored programmes and publications, Yerevan, Armenian Sociological Association, 2010, Armenia <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0019/001932/193233e.pdf>
- Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage in Historic Towns. Heritage Assessment Report of Armenia. 2010 http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/kyiv/pp2/KI_2010_065-PP2ArmeniaHAR.pdf

2. Prepared by external experts

- Analyse prospective de la politique culturelle en Arménie: rapport d'un groupe d'experts européens. Jean Petaux, Strasbourg: Conseil de l'Europe, 2003 (STAGE Project) European Programme of Cultural Policy Reviews. Country reviews: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/culture/reviews/DGIV_CULT_STAGE-2003-10_FR.pdf
- ARMENIA: Analytical Base-line Report on the Culture Sector and Cultural Policy, 2013 <http://www.euroeastculture.eu/en/database-of-materials/view-armenia-analytical-base-line-reports-on-the-culture-sector-and-cultural-policy.html>

III Sector structure

1. Authorities

- a. National Authorities (Ministries involved in culture, including structure and distribution of responsibilities – organogram) See Attachment 1
 - Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Armenia
- b. Parliament (commissions)
 - Standing Committee on Science, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- c. Provincial/Local authorities
 - Marzpetarans (regional administrations) of the Republic of Armenia
 - Local Self-Government Authorities of the Republic of Armenia

All the authorities are well shown and drawn in the Compendium, on pages 5 and 6
<http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/armenia.php?aid=31>

2. Public cultural institutions

a. Public Museums (per sector)

- Abovian Museum of Armenian-Russian Friendship, Abovyan
- Academician Victor Hambartzumyan House-Museum
Byurakan Observatory, Ashtarak
- "Agarak" Cultural and Historical Reserve, Aragatsotn Marz, village Agarak
- Aram Khachatryan House-Museum, Yerevan
www.akhachaturianmuseum.am
- Aksel Bakunts House-Museum, Goris
- Alaverdi Branch of National Art Gallery, Alaverdi
- Ara Sargsyan and Hakob Kojoian House-Museum, Yerevan
- Architect Alexander Tamanyan Research Institute-Museum, Yerevan
- Avetik Isahakyan House-Museum, Gyumri
- Avetik Isahakyan House-Museum, Yerevan
www.isahakyanmuseum.am
- Composer Alexander Spendiaryan House-Museum, Yerevan
www.spendiaryanmuseum.am
- Composer Aram Kachaturyan House-Museum, Yerevan
- Derenik Demirchyan House-Museum, Yerevan
- Dilijan Branch of National Museum of Folk Art after V. Sharambeyan, Dilijan
- Dilijan Local Tradition Museum, Dilijan
- Echmiadzin Art Gallery, Vagharshapat
- Echmiadzin Historical & Ethnographic Museum, Vagharshapat
- Echmiadzin Museum, Vagharshapat
- Erebouni: Museum of the Establishment of Yerevan, Yerevan
www.erebuni.am
- Esayan Museum, Dilijan
- Exhibition Centre, Yerevan
- Gavar Local Tradition Museum, Gavar
- Geology Museum, Yerevan
- Gevorg Grigoryan Museum (Joto), Yerevan
- Goris Branch of National Art Gallery, Goris
- Goris Local Tradition Museum, Goris
- Goris Museum of Children's Art, Goris
- Gyumri Branch of National Aesthetic Center, Gyumri
- Museum of Poet-Writer Hovhannes Tumanian, Yerevan
www.toumanian.am
- Hovannes Shiraz House-Museum, Gyumri
- Hovhannes Hovhannisyan House-Museum, Vagharshapat
- Hovhannes Tumanyan House-Museum, Dsegh
- Hrazdan Museum of History & Local Tradition, Hrazdan
www.hrazdanmuseum.am
- Kapan Local Tradition Museum, Kapan
- Karen Demirchyan Museum, Yerevan
- Khachatour Abovyan House-Museum, Yerevan
- Khndzoresk Local Tradition Museum, Goris
- Khoren Ter-Harutyan Museum, Vagharshapat
- Koghb Museum of History, Noyemberyan
- Lori Local Tradition Museum, Vanadzor
- Martiros Saryan House-Museum, Yerevan
www.saryan.am
- Martuni Art Gallery, Martuni
- Matenadaran-Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, Yerevan
- Metsamor Historical-Archeological Museum, Metzamor
- Mher Abeghyan Museum, Vagharshapat
- Mher Mkrtchyan House-Museum, Gyumri
- Middle East Museum, Yerevan
- Mikoyan Brother's Museum, Alaverdi
- Minas Avetisyan House-Museum, Gyumri
- Mother Armenia Military Museum, Yerevan

- Museum of Folk Art, Yerevan
 - Museum of friendship of the Armenian and Russian peoples
www.armrusmuseum.am
 - Museum of Literature and Art after Yeghishe Charents, Yerevan
www.gatmuseum.am
 - Museum of Modern Art, Yerevan
www.mamy.am
 - Museum of Russian Art, Yerevan
www.musrussart.am
 - Museum of Wood Carving, Yerevan
www.artwood.am
 - Museum-Institute of the Armenian Genocide, Yerevan
 - National Gallery of Armenia, Yerevan
www.gallery.am
 - National Museum-Institute of Architecture, Yerevan
 - Orbeli Brothers Museum, Tsakhkadzor
 - Paruyr Sevak House-Museum, Ararat
 - Poet-Writer Avetik Issahakian House-Museum, Yerevan
 - Saint Mesrop Mashtots Book Depository, Ashtarak
 - Sardarapat Memorial, Armavir
 - Sergey Parajanov House-Museum, Yerevan
 - Sevan Museum of Environment, Sevan
 - Shirak Local Traditional Museum, Gyumri
 - Sisian Art Gallery, Sisian
 - Sisian Museum of History after N. Adonts, Sisian
 - State History Museum of Armenia, Yerevan
www.historymuseum.am
 - State Museum of Nature, Yerevan
 - Stepan Shahumyan House-Museum, Stepanavan
 - Stepan Zoryan House-Museum, Vanadzor
 - Tavush Historical and Ethnographic Museum
 - Vanadzorn Museum of Fine Arts, Vanadzor
 - Vazgen Sargsyan House-Museum, Ararat
 - Yeghegnadzor Local Tradition Museum, Yeghegnadzor
 - Yeghishe Charents House- Museum, Yerevan
www.charents.am
 - Yerevan History Museum, Yerevan
 - Yervand Kochar Museum, Yerevan
www.kochar.am
 - Zvartnots Historical-Architectural Reserve & Museum
- b. Public Sites (per sector)
Most of the public sites are listed under museums
- c. Public Theatres, Opera Houses & Concert Halls
- Alexander Spendiaryan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre, Yerevan
www.opera.am
 - Aram Khachatryan Concert Hall, Yerevan
 - Arno Babajanyan Concert Hall, Yerevan
 - Artashat Drama Theater after Hamo Gharazyan, Artashat
 - Conservatory Concert Hall, Yerevan
 - Drama Theatre of Goris after Vagharshyan, Goris
 - Karen Demirchyan Sport-Concert Complex, Yerevan
 - Komitas Chamber Music Hall, Yerevan
 - National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia, Yerevan
 - "Art Center of Aesthetics" Small Theatre, Yerevan
 - "Goy" Experimental Theatre, Yerevan
 - Agulis Theatre, Yerevan
 - Ajemyan State Drama Theater, Gyumri
 - Artashat State Drama Theater, Artashat
 - G. Sundukian National Academic Theatre, Yerevan

- Gyumri Drama Theatre after Vardan Achemyan, Gyumri
 - www.nationaltheater.am
 - H. Ghaplanyan Drama Theatre, Yerevan
 - H. Paronyan State Theatre of Musical Comedy, Yerevan
 - H. Tumanyan State Puppet Theatre, Yerevan
 - www.arpuppet.am
 - Hamazgayin Theatre, Yerevan
 - www.sostheatre.am
 - Henrik Malian Theatre of ArmenFilm Studio, Yerevan
 - K. Stanislavski State Russian Drama Theatre, Yerevan
 - Metro Theatre, Yerevan
 - Mher Mkrtchyan Artistic Theatre, Yerevan
 - State Marionette Theatre, Yerevan
 - State Musical Chamber Theatre, Yerevan
 - State Pantomime Theatre, Yerevan
 - www.pantomimefest.com
 - State Song Theatre of Armenia, Yerevan
 - State Youth Theater, Yerevan
 - Vanadzor (Kirovakan) Drama Theater after Abelyan, Vanadzor
 - Yerevan Chamber Theatre, Yerevan
 - www.erkat.am
 - Yerevan State Circus, Yerevan
 - Yerevan State Theatre of the Young Spectator, Yerevan
- d. Public Cinemas
- "Hoktember" Cinema, Gyumri
 - Cinema Moscow, Yerevan
 - Cinema Nairi, Yerevan
 - Cinema Star Armenia, Yerevan
- e. Public Film distributors
- National Cinema Center of Armenia
 - www.ncca.am
- f. Public Broadcasters
- Public TV and Radio company of Armenia
- g. Public Culture Houses
- Post-soviet cultural buildings spread all over the country, mostly out of the capital, in the regional centers or big towns*
- h. Public Book Publishers
- National Association of Publishers of Armenia
- i. Public Libraries (per sector)
- Ararat Regional Library named after O. Chubaryan, Artapat
 - Art Library
 - Kotayk Regional Library, Hrazdan
 - Musicological library, Yerevan
 - National Library of Armenia
 - www.nla.am
 - Regional Library Gegharquniq after V. Petrosyan
 - Regional Library Lori, Vanadzor
 - Regional Library of Aragatsotn after V. Petrosyan, Ashtarak

- Regional library of Armavir, Armavir
- Republican Children's Library after Khnko Aper
www.natchildlib.org
- Shirak Regional Library, Gyumri
- Syunik Regional Library, Kapan
- Tavush Regional Library, Idjevan
- Vayots Dzor Regional Library, Eghegnadzor

There are no specialized libraries per cultural sector in Armenia, there's only one in Yerevan which is Art Library and all others just have departments for Art/Culture books which are not given out, but are meant to be read on the spot.

- j. Archives (per sector)
 - National Film Archive

3. Civil society participation

a. GONGO's (government owned NGO)

- "One Nation, One Culture" Foundation
"One Nation, One Culture" Foundation is the best known one, there are also others, which act as NGOs trying to realize the plans of State Cultural Policy.

b. Professional Unions, Guilds & Associations related to culture (per sector)

- National Association of Art Critics
www.aica.am
- Union of Journalists of Armenia
- Union of Writers of Armenia
<http://www.wua.am/index-english.htm>
- Union of Composers and Musicologists
www.composers.am
- Union of Architects of Armenia
www.uaa.am
- Union of Cinema workers of Armenia
www.unikino.am
- Artists' Union of Armenia
- Armenian Center of International Union of Puppeteers
- Armenian Association of Film-Critics and Cinema Journalists
- Union of Designers of Armenia
- Union of National Art of Dancing of Armenia
- Theater Workers' Union of Armenia
www.theatersunion.am

c. Outstanding personalities active in culture, active artists (per sector)

- Meliq Karapetyan – independent producer, cultural operator engaged in film industry
- Vahan Badalyan – young theater director, the artistic director of "Small theater"
- Susanna Harutyunyan – the Artistic director of Golden Apricot International Film festival
- Aghasi Tadevosyan – cultural anthropologist, researcher
- Sona Harutyunyan – President of "Cultures in Dialogue" foundation
- Arthur Ghukasyan – the president of HighFest international performing arts festival
- Violet Grigoryan – contemporary writer
- Karen Andreassian – contemporary artist
- Nazareth Karoyan – the head of AICA Armenia, curator
- Lilit Pipoyan – author-musician, singer
- Anahit Hayrapetyan – young photographer, photo-journalist

d. Private foundations, donors, sponsors

- Civilitas Foundation
www.civilitasfoundation.org/cf/
- Jinishian Memorial Foundation
www.jinishian.org
- Simonian Educational Foundation
- AYB educational Foundation
www.foundation.ayb.am
- Izmirlian Foundation
www.izmirlianfoundation.am
- French Armenian Development Foundation
- IDEA foundation
- Urbanlab Yerevan
www.urbanlab.am

e. International donors, sponsors

- OSF Armenia
www.osi.am
- Eurasia Partnership Foundation – Armenia
www.epfound.am
- Counterpart International Armenia
www.counterpart.am
- Konrad Adenauer Foundation
www.kas.de/suedkaukasus
- Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets
www.fpwc.org

4. Business related to culture

a. Private Museums

- The Cafesjian Center for the Arts
<http://www.cmf.am>

b. Private Art Galleries

- Arame Art Gallery
- Abrahamyan Art Centre
- Dalan Art Gallery
www.dalangallery.com
- Armenian Center For Contemporary Experimental Art
www.accea.info
- Gala Art Gallery
www.gala-artgallery.am
- Naregatsi Art Institute
www.naregatsi.org
- Valmar Art Gallery
- "Art-Mane" Art Gallery

IV Regional/national/local policy initiatives focusing on inter-/intraregional aspects

1. Major cultural events at regional/national/local level (per sector)

- International Mime Festival
- “National Gallery” international music festival
- “CONVERGENCE” international festival
- International Biennial of Gyumri
- “Golden Apricot” international film festival
www.gaiff.am
- “Reanimania” international animation film festival
www.reanimania.com
- “A day of Tumanyan fairytale” international puppet festival
- Rolan International festival of children and youth films
- “Highfest” international performing arts festival
www.highfest.am
- ArmMono festival of mono theaters
www.armmono.com
- “Kin” (“Woman”) International film festival
www.kinfestival.com
- “Return” classical music festival
- Sunchild Festival
www.sunchild.org
- Yerevan International Music festival
- “Yerevan Perspectives” international music festival
www.yerevanfestival.am/

2. International cooperation

- a. Participation in international networks, programmes, projects, with EU, EU-members, international organizations, like UNESCO, UN, USAID
 - EU program «Culture 2000»
http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/culture/l29006_en.htm
 - Eastern Partnership Culture Program
<http://www.euroeastculture.eu/>
 - Bilateral Cooperation (a detailed document in the AM version)
<http://mincult.am/bilateral.html>
- b. Cross-border culture cooperation with neighbor countries or EaP countries, without any further international involvement (per sector)
 - «Kyiv Initiative»
http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/cooperation/Kyiv/default_en.asp
 - Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform
<http://www.cinemaplatform.org/en>

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