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The role of the MIPAAF Inventories for the safeguarding of Unesco heritage

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The Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies is the competent national authority for the implementation of several UNESCO Programs and Conventions with specific regard to wine and agro-sylvo-pastoral landscapes, agro-food traditions and practices, and UNESCO Creative Cities of gastronomy.

Two inventories are operating at the Ministry of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies for the implementation of the main conventions of UNESCO's Culture Sector:

- the World Heritage Convention
- the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention

The MIPAAF inventories

The Register of historic rural landscapes, agricultural practices and traditional knowledge

Established with Decree no. 17070 of November 19, 2012 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies, that is the Responsible body.

The National Inventory of Italian Agri-food Heritage

Established with Decree no. 3424 of September 15, 2017 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies, that is the Responsible body.

The Register of historic rural landscapes, agricultural practices and traditional knowledge

The Ministerial Decree 17070/2012 established at the Ministry a specific Register of the intangible cultural heritage to identify and record "*the traditional rural landscapes or those of historical interest, and traditional practices and knowledge*," giving to a "*National Observatory*" the role of evaluating nomination form for the inclusion in the Register.

This responsibility is also in order to select, within the framework of the work of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO, the nomination for the national Tentative List for the submission in the World heritage and Intangible cultural heritage Lists.

This decree No. 17070 applies also for the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program.

Link: <https://www.reterurale.it/registropaesaggi>

The Register of historic rural landscapes, agricultural practices and traditional knowledge

The application process involves 3 steps:

- pre-selection application
- arrangement of the application
- inclusion in the Inventory

The Number of elements included are now 31.



The Register of historic rural landscapes, agricultural practices and traditional knowledge

As established by the Ministerial Decree, the Register is **updated every year** upon request of local communities within September 30, by the submission of a specific form.

The inscription process is shared by the local communities and experts through technical meetings, interviews with the bearers and with the support of the high-level expertise of the **National Observatory** established by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies in accordance with Regions.

The evaluation process lasts approximately **two years**.

If some elements have lost their original characteristics, the National Observatory arranges for **deletion** of the elements from the register.

The role of the Register for the UNESCO Heritage

Art of dry stone walling, knowledge and techniques:

inscribed in 2018 (13.COM) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (multinational file submitted by Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland).

Link: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/art-of-dry-stone-walling-knowledge-and-techniques-01393>

In Italy the element is identified and included, with the Ministerial **decree n. 12869 of May 2, 2017**, in the MIPAAF Register of historic rural landscapes, agricultural practices and traditional knowledge in conformity with Articles 11.b and 12 of the ICH UNESCO Convention.



OLIVETI TERRAZZATI DI VALLECORSIA – COMUNE DI VALLECORSIA

The Municipality of Vallecorsa, in the Lazio Region, has submitted the nomination for the inscription of the terraced olive groves of Vallecorsa.

The nomination area is located in the ancient **Castrum Valis Cursae**, on the southwestern slopes of the Ausoni Mountains.

The Observatory has unanimously inscribed this groove in the inventory because defines a rural landscape of historical interest that is among the most impressive in the Lazio region.

Link:

<https://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17433>



The role of the Register for the UNESCO Heritage

Tanshumance, the seasonal droving of livestock along migratory routes in the Mediterranean and in the Alps: inscribed in 2019 (14.COM) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (multinational file submitted by Italy, Austria and Greece).

Link: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/transhumance-the-seasonal-droving-of-livestock-along-migratory-routes-in-the-mediterranean-and-in-the-alps-01470>

In Italy the element is identified and included, with a Ministerial **decree n. 24493 of September 18, 2017**, in the MIPAAF Register with this reason:



LA TRANSUMANZA - A.SVI.R. MOLIGAL

The concept of Transhumance is very complex and applies the knowledge and culture of using natural resources in a sustainable way with respect for the environment, nature, and animal and human wellbeing.

The inscription process, after technical meetings and interviews to the bearers during 2016, ended then in 2017 with the inscription of the element with an official ceremony held at the Ministry with the participation of communities and local bearers and practitioners.

Link:

<https://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17434>



LE COLLINE DI CONEGLIANO VALDOBBIADENE

PAESAGGIO DEL PROSECCO SUPERIORE

Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2019.

Link: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1571/>

Located in north-eastern Italy, the property includes part of the winegrowing landscape of the Prosecco wine production area. The landscape is characterized by 'hogback' hills, called ciglioni – small plots of vines on narrow grassy terraces – forests, small villages and farmland.

Link of the MIPAAF Register:
<https://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/17432>



The National Inventory of Italian Agri-food Heritage (INPAI)

The MIPAAF **decree No. 3424 of 2017** establishing the INPAI Inventory and applies to the ICH Convention.

As established by the Ministerial Decree, the Inventory is updated **every year** upon request of local communities.

By **March 15** of each year, communities may apply the nomination form to the MIPAAF Department of Competitive Policies, Agri-food Quality, Fisheries and Horse for the inscription in the inventory according to the **Annex A** of the decree.

On the basis of a proposal from the Department, with the support of the MIPAAF Unesco Working Group, the Minister, by decree, inscribes in the inventory the elements positively evaluated.

The National Inventory of Italian Agri-food Heritage (INPAI)

The Minister could also decide on the **deletion** of elements already inscribed if the Department establishes the conditions for remaining in the Inventory no longer exist.

Furthermore, the Minister, by July 30 of each year, shall identify the **"Agri-food Heritage of the Year"** among the elements inscribed in the Inventory.

Link:

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/11667>

The role of the INPAI Inventory for the UNESCO ICH

Art of Neapolitan 'Pizzaiuolo'

Inscribed in 2017 (12.COM) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Link: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/art-of-neapolitan-pizzaiuolo-00722>

The element was inscribed in the Inventory of Italian Agri-food Heritage by **decree n. 3527 of September, 9 2017**.





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Thanks for the attention

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