

5. Task Group: **Low-Cost Standards for Architectural Heritage Recording**

Lazar Sumanov, of ICOMOS Macedonia, is chairing this task group activity (icomosmk@mt.net.mk). Referring to the list of Gaps identified in appendix A, this Task Group is addressing the following **Needs**:

- **4.a.1 - writing recoding standards**
- **3.a - promoting the benefits of low-cost recording**

Target Audience

Conservation professionals and technologists interested in acquiring basic Heritage Recording knowledge and skills.

Purpose and Objectives

One of the main objectives of this task group is to prepare conservation experts and Institutions for URGENT completion of the Cultural monuments Documentation File by using modern low cost tools and technologies such as a GIS and rectified photography to collect, store and exchange data. This would be done by adopting appropriate systems and standard to provide essential minimum information (written, technical and photographic) to satisfied the needs presented in the task group proposal at <http://extranet.getty.edu/gci/recordim/pdf/sumanov-cfhp.pdf>. This system / standards will have multipurpose possibilities (i.e. for maintenance and restoration / conservation programmes, urban planning, establishing of Monitoring short and long term programmes, etc).

Deliverables:

The output from this task group activity should be the writing of Low-Cost Recording, Documentation and Management STANDARDS for Architectural Cultural Heritage (at the National and Regional levels).

For additional information on this Task Group's plan of action and deliverables, see its web page http://extranet.getty.edu/gci/recordim/hub_sub.html#5

Seeking Help / Input / Participation / Cooperation

This group has been seeking financial assistance to develop and deliver a course that would lead to establishing a set of standards that meet Macedonia and neighboring countries needs. The efforts for funding the course have been without success to date.

It was suggested during the Paris RecorDIM Partners Meeting that a weeklong course be designed in a preliminary way by specialists from Macedonia, and enhanced with the assistance from RecorDIM Partner organizations, so as to define a level of training objectives that meet the country's requirements. This would be done with in mind to market the course within neighboring countries. The marketing would be designed to recover costs of delivering the course.

Help from training groups that are specialized in the low-cost level of recording described in the task group's proposal, would be most welcome. Those interested in discussing options for developing such a course are invited to communicate with Lazar Sumanov at the email address above.