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**THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN EUROPE:
A COMPARATIVE LEGAL AND POLICY AGENDA – WG1 WORKSHOP
Call for Abstracts – 14 May 2026, Warsaw (Poland)**

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OBJECTIVE, SCOPE AND PARTICIPATION

This workshop contributes to the work of WG1 on methodology and comparative law analysis within COST Action CA24119. Building on the adoption of the Common Core methodology of comparative law, the workshop will advance a comparative legal and policy agenda through the development of case-based scenarios and the analysis of how legal systems respond in practice to shared challenges in the protection of cultural heritage. WG1 will undertake case-based comparative analysis using a limited set of hypothetical scenarios (approximately 8–10). The workshop will therefore contribute to the preparation of a common set of such scenarios and a standardised response template, enabling the structured development of national inputs and their comparative analysis across jurisdictions. Particular attention should be given to the appropriate level of detail in scenario design, differences between law in theory and law in practice, cross-border movements of cultural property (within and beyond the EU), the role of intermediaries and transactional stages, and limitations arising from the lack of case law or practical experience in certain jurisdictions. Contributions are therefore invited to support the development and refinement of scenarios addressing illicit excavations and illicit trafficking, including issues of provenance and traceability, across a broad range of cultural property categories. Submissions should engage with both legal frameworks and their practical application (courts, prosecutors, law enforcement authorities), support comparative analysis, and contribute to identifying gaps, divergences, and convergences in law and practice; proposals focusing on the design and refinement of scenarios, including those adopting interdisciplinary approaches, are particularly encouraged.

Selected contributions will support the development of WG1 scenarios, structured national inputs, and the identification of gaps, good practices, and policy recommendations.

The workshop is open to all members of WGs 1-3.

Participation costs are financed in accordance with the e-COST regulations.

SUBMISSION

Abstracts: 200–250 words

Language: English

Deadline: 10 April 2026

Notification: 13 April 2026

Bio note: 120-150 words, including affiliation(s), and relevance to WG1 themes.

Please send your abstracts through direct message to WG1 Chair (andrzejjak) at <https://forum.cpp4all.eu/>.



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