



Standardisation & Conservation of Cultural Heritage



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Conservation of Cultural heritage is important for future generations. European standardization is working to achieve a common approach to the issues of preservation of cultural heritage. A specific European standardisation activity in the field of conservation of Cultural Heritage is essential to acquire a common unified scientific approach to the problems relevant to the preservation/conservation of the Cultural Heritage. Moreover, this common ap-

proach and the use of standardised methodologies and procedures would promote the exchange of information, would avoid the risk of duplication and foster synergy between the European experts and specialists involved in the preservation activity.



European Standardisation Committee CEN/TC 346

In December 2002, European Committee for Standardization (CEN) decided to create standardisation Committee 'Conservation of Cultural Heritage CEN/TC 346". The scope of CEN TC 346 is to establish standards in the field of the processes, practices, methodologies and documentation of conservation of tangible cultural heritage to support its preservation, protection and maintenance and to enhance its significance. This includes standardisation on the characterization of deterioration processes and environmental conditions for cultural heritage and the products and technologies used for the planning and execution of conservation, restoration, repair and maintenance. Standardisation and Cultural heritage are interrelated. The pro-

tection of our cultural Heritage can be ensured by involve standards which will help conservations and professionals in the conservation and restoration work. CYS is as a full member of CEN/TC 346.Furthermore a National Mirror Committee CYS MC 12/SC4 CYS has created with representatives from the Private Sector of Cyprus industry and services, as well as representatives of the Public Sector. During the Public Enquiry (prEN) status of the standards, members of Mirror Committee are able to examine the draft text of the standards and state their position and cogitation of the sequences for the Cyprus industry and economy.

CEN/TC 346: Structure

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The structure of CEN/TC 346 is constituted by Working Groups (WG's), corresponding to the different main areas for which technical development work has to be done. Under each WG the standardisation projects, called Work Items (WI's) will be developed.

- CEN TC 346/WG1: General methodologies and terminology
- CEN TC 346/WG2: Characterization and analysis of porous inorganic materials constituting heritage.
- CEN TC 346/WG3: Evaluation and analysis and products for conservation works on porous inorganic materials constituting cultural heritage

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- CEN TC 346/WG4: Protection of collections
- CEN TC 346/WG5: Packing and transport
- CEN TC 346/WG7: Specifying and measuring Indoor/outdoor climate



- CEN TC 346/WG9: Waterlogged wood
- CEN TC 346/WG10: Historic timber structures
- CEN TC 346/WG11: Conservation process
- CEN TC 346/WG12: Showcases
- **CEN TC 346/WG13**: Investigation of architectural finishes - Procedure, methodology and documentation of results



The Importance of Conservation and Heritage Preservation proves its value in the affirmation of the uniqueness of a place