

Dear,

Hereby we submit our feedback for the “Committees Journey”, convened by ICOM France and ICOM Germany, with the support of ICOFOM and ICOM Europe, relating the reflection on the adaptation of a new museum definition.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE of ICOM BELGIUM:

We decided to split the discussion into a methodological and a conceptual session.

Methodological session

The first session is needed to know what kind of input has to be gathered and how it should be processed

On 15/01 we organized an ICOM BELGIUM CONVENTION. Our recommendations were:

- Who is this definition addressing? Is it the public outside, governments or is it the museum community itself or the members of ICOM? This needs to be mandated in consensus
- There is a need for measuring the impact of any new definition to different regions and institutions. We demand an impact study from ICOM.
- We need transparency on what the `contribution from NC's and IC's is to the new MDPP2 committee. For Belgium this workgroup has no free mandate.
- We need transparency on how the gathered information is synthesized. We have to put clear what methodology is followed
- Additionally, we still want to know what the original 5 propositions were and how they came about

Conceptual sessions

On 15-16 June 2020

- Flemish, Brussels and Walloon associations will follow the ICOFOM survey
- Additional sessions will be organized, for instance on 5 June , Bruno Brulon Soares is invited by the Universite de Liege together with ICOM Bruxelles Wallonie

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