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Session Title:

Archaeological Information Systems in Europe and their impact on the management of the heritage

Abstract:

The Valletta Convention requires signatories to establish and maintain inventories of archaeological sites for the management of the archaeological heritage. Across Europe, there are now a whole range of such systems, operating at different levels, national, regional and local. Moreover, in the last few years there have been a number of trans-national projects that have tried to bring some of these systems together. Projects such as Planarch (www.planarch.org) and Mapping the Future of the Past have looked at how these record systems can work together at an international level. Other projects have sought to develop the systems further, in particular with the use of characterisation and the examination of historic landscapes, linked to the European Landscape Convention. The session will look at some of the results of these projects and also developments at particular records. It will also look at the potential for future, perhaps more broadly based projects at the European level.

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