



Challenges of addressing CBD Article 8(j) and IP&LC issues in Europe – intro

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historic agreement that permanently elevated the role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities

Convention on Biological Diversity

National Focal Point for Article 8(j) and related provisions
(Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use)

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Traditional Knowledge NFP

Armenia

Belgium (“Enhance and encourage farmers' role as biodiversity stakeholders” / NR7)

European Union

Finland – Norway – Sweden

France (“French national parks give local communities a significant say in their management and permit traditional activities” / NR6)

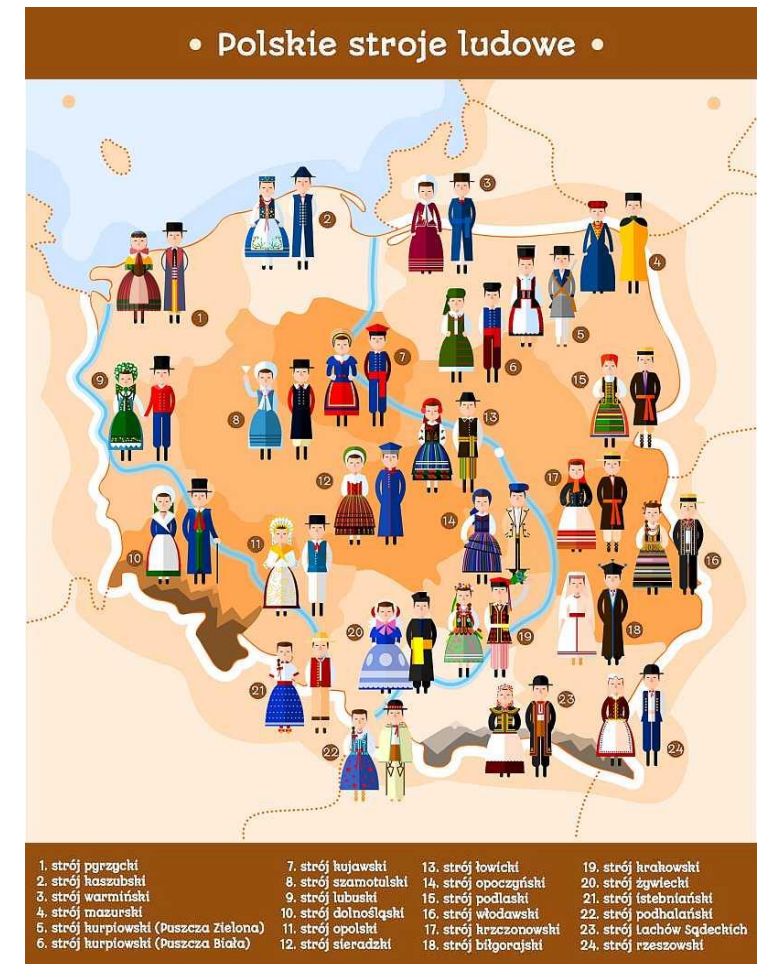
Germany (2 persons)

Ireland

Malta

Montenegro (“Traditional knowledge in Montenegro is reflected through traditional land use practices, primarily in: - use of mountain pastures through seasonal/nomadic grazing (transhumance) and haying ...” / NR6)

The Netherlands



Armenia's responsibility for the Incoming Presidency

Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on Biological Diversity
Seventeenth meeting
Yerevan, 19–30 October 2026

Provisional agenda



Key negotiation areas – Article 8(j)

- ✓ Modus Operandi
- ✓ Programme of work
 - ✓ Guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for the implementation of Targets 2 and 3 of the KMGBF... (Task 1.1); and guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2);
 - ✓ Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4);
- ✓ In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention;
- ✓ Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.



*Biodiversity-rich
cultural landscapes
(often protected areas,
ex. Natura 2000 sites)
**maintained by local
communities***

"Not relevant"

