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Commission pour
l'indemnisation des
victimes de spoliations
intervenues du fait des
législations antisémites
en vigueur pendant
l'Occupation

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Establishment of a Network of European Restitution Committees

On 1 January, a network was created linking five committees in Europe working on the research and restitution of cultural property looted by the Nazis : the *Kommission für Provenienzforschung* (Austria), the *Commission pour l'indemnisation des victimes de spoliations* (France), the *Spoliation Advisory Panel* (Great Britain), the *Beratende Kommission im Zusammenhang mit der Rückgabe NS-verfolgungsbedingt entzogenen Kulturguts, insbesondere aus jüdischem Besitz* (Germany) and the *Restitutiecommissie* (Netherlands) will, via the Network, collaborate on joint projects and share information.

Research on Nazi-looted art is a particularly difficult task and greater international cooperation is an essential requirement in responding to this challenge. This principle was established at the International Conference held in London in September 2017. A year later, the five committees have underlined their commitment to this idea and have agreed a basis for wider cooperation whilst continuing to work within their own governing rules and structures.

The *Commission pour l'indemnisation des victimes de spoliations* (CIVS), which celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2019, will manage the Network during its first year. The work plan includes looking at what information is to be shared and how, the publication of a guide to the work of the five committees, in particular for heirs and claimants, the meeting of a working group in the spring and the organization of an international conference at the end of the year.

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