

Serbian Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Western Balkans: Perils and Prospects of Inclusive Research and Safeguarding (SICHWEB)

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Policy analyses and recommendations

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4 M122 Reaffirming and Integrating Nationally and Regionally Oriented SSH Research into School Curricula and State Research Agendas in Western Balkan States

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6 M122 Proposal for the Reconciliation of Ethnology and Anthropology in the Western Balkans: Aims over Methods

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8 M122 *Analysis and Conclusion on Cultural Heritage Debates in Montenegro*

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