



Annual Report: 2020

1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee:

Polish National Committee of the Blue Shield

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 30.03.2021

1.3 - Reporting period covered: Annual Report 2020

1.4 - Names, positions and emails of all those who were the governing body/ trustees / principal officers on the date the report was approved or who served during in the reporting period:

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Lidia Klupsz, Secretary, l.k.kobidz@gmail.com

1.5 - Address of the main office:

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1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

website: blekitnatarcza.org

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1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to:

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2. Income:

What is the total income of your committee? What are the primary sources? (Donations, grants, etc?)

The Committee has no income. The committee's activities are based on cooperation and collaboration with government and local government partners and non-governmental organizations, as well as participation in projects related to the security of cultural heritage.

The Committee has no bank account.

3. Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance

Explain the activities & projects carried out over the year under the Areas of Activity

The annual report should tell the story of the organisation and put into context what was achieved in the reporting year against the achievement of its longer-term strategy. The annual report under this section should Provide a clear review of the organisation's performance for the relevant year as well showing how the current year's strategic performance links to the achievement of the longer-term strategy of the organisation.

These could include: grants applied for; talks given; conferences held; training courses run; work to support new legislation; working groups attended, etc.

Please provide as much detail as possible – for example, length of event, audience, and so on.

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

Describe: Legal compliance, policy, and their implementation

3.1.1] Encourage and support better implementation in Poland of 1954 HC and the two protocols of 1954 and 1999.

- Participation in the works of the Polish Advisory Committee, which is an auxiliary body of the Council of Ministers competent in matters of coordination of activities related to the protection of monuments in the event of an armed conflict, in accordance with the Hague Convention of 1954. Meeting on December 17, 2020.

3.1.2] Promoting the person of Professor Jan Zachwatowicz, the author of the blue shield sign, the distinctive emblem of the Hague Convention of 1954, the Polish conservator of monuments, a participant in the International Conference in The Hague in 1954, during which the Hague Convention was adopted.

- Request to BSI to include information in the publication prepared by the Blue Shield for

UNSECO on the role of Professor Jan Zachwatowicz as the author of the blue shield sign, the distinctive emblem of the 1954 Hague Convention, second half of 2020.

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Describe: Capacity building activities, education and training

3.2.1] Support the Ministry of National Defence in the development of the Poland's Cultural Properties Protection (CPP) capability.

- Co-organization with the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the International Center for Training and Research on Cultural Heritage in Danger.

3.2.2] Host/co-host at least one conference/workshop/event per annum with identified key partner/s

- Co-organizing workshops and trainings with the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage:
 - Training of experts in the protection of cultural heritage as part of the implementation by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Objective L 3110 N, on November 27, 2020.
 - Defense training for representatives of Provincial Monuments Protection Offices responsible for the protection of monuments in the event of an armed conflict and crisis situations, December 14, 2020.

3.2.3] Develop training opportunities with the Ministry of National Defence

- Continuation of cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce - two officers from the Center gave lectures on the protection of cultural heritage in the event of an armed conflict and during stabilization missions during the Training of experts for the protection of cultural heritage carried out by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage under Objective L 3110 N, on November 27, 2020.

3.2.4] Deliver at least four public lectures

Four lectures were conducted:

- Activity of the Blue Shield Committee for the benefit of endangered cultural heritage, L. Klupsz, speech presented during the training of experts for the protection of cultural heritage as part of the implementation by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of the Objective L 3110 N, on November 27, 2020.
- Protection of cultural heritage in the event of crisis and armed conflict and the practical implementation of the above-mentioned tasks in cultural institutions, K Sałaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, speech presented within the project "Cross-sectoral challenges: specialist in the protection of cultural properties in the event

of a crisis and war - development of a postgraduate study program, dedicated to employees operating on the borderline of fields" - financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism for 2014-2021, November 2020.

- The activities of the Blue Shield Committee for the benefit of endangered cultural heritage, new initiatives, areas of possible cooperation with representatives of Provincial Monuments Protection Offices in the implementation of cultural heritage protection tasks in the event of threats, L. Klupsz, speech presented during the defense training of representatives of Provincial Offices for the Protection of Monuments responsible for the protection of monuments in the event of armed conflict and crisis situations, December 14, 2020.
- Initiatives taken at the international forum in 2020 for endangered cultural heritage, selected issues, L. Klupsz, speech presented at the meeting of the Polish Advisory Committee, an auxiliary body of the Council of Ministers, December 17, 2020

3.2.5] Participation in research projects and programs

- Participation in the project "Cross-sectoral challenges: specialist in the protection of cultural properties in the event of a crisis and war - development of a postgraduate study program, dedicated to employees operating on the borderline of fields" - financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism for 2014-2021.

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

Describe: Proactive protection and risk preparedness

3.3.1] Supporting the work of the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage in the development and delivery of training and educational materials for the heritage sector and the armed forces.

- Consultation on the content of information and training materials for soldiers of the armed forces. Work in progress.

3.3.2] Participation in projects aimed at providing training and educational materials for specialists and students.

- Participation in the project "Cross-sectoral challenges: specialist in the protection of cultural properties in the event of a crisis and war - development of a postgraduate study program, dedicated to employees operating on the borderline of fields" - financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism for 2014-2021

3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:

Describe: Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict

3.4.1] Cooperation with the School of Aspirants of the State Fire Service in Krakow

- Cooperation in the co-organization of the international conference planned in 2021 entitled "Protection of cultural heritage in the event of special threats - climatic, environmental, pandemic and fire threats. Directions of activities."

3.4.2] Cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce

- Continuing cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce the field of training experts in the protection of cultural heritage co-organized with the Minister of Culture and National Heritage under Objective L 3110 N, on November 27, 2020.

3.4.3] Keeping contact and information points, which could help in the crisis response in case of disasters and domestic emergencies.

- Continuation of the activities of two contact and information points in Warsaw and in Krakow

3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:

Describe: Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, & long-term /ongoing activities

3.5.1] Cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce

- Continuation of cooperation with the Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce. Inviting officers from the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce to conduct two lectures during the Training of experts for the protection of cultural heritage co-organized with the Minister of Culture and National Heritage under Objective L 3110 N, on November 27, 2020.

3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):

Describe: Co-ordination – of Blue Shield members and with partner organisations

3.6.1] Maintain quarterly meetings of Polish Committee of Blue Shield.

- The planned quarterly meetings of the Polish Blue Shield Committee were held remotely due to the coronavirus epidemic.

3.6.2] Attend Blue Shield Assemblies, and other Blue Shield events as the opportunity arises

- Participation in the General Assembly of the Blue Shield on August 28, 2020 in the form of a verbarium and in cyclical meetings of national committees organized on -line and in the in the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of Blue Shield.

3.6.3] Investigate the potential to partner, or work with more closely, the Polish Red Cross and Polish National Commission for UNESCO.

- Continuing cooperation with the Polish Red Cross
 - Participation in the meeting of the commission for the dissemination of international humanitarian law at the Main Board of the Polish Red Cross, K. Sałaciński, President of Blue Shield Poland, December 2020.

3.6.4] Continue building relationships and cooperation with heritage institutions in Poland and with other partners depending on the needs and opportunities.

- Continuing cooperation with non-governmental organizations operating in Poland in the field of cultural heritage protection: Polish National Committee of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Polish National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), The Polish Librarians Association a Member of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Association of Polish Archivists a Member of International Council on Archives (ICA), Polish Red Cross and with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, National Headquarters of the State Fire Service of Poland, School of Aspirants of the State Fire Service in Krakow, The International Cultural Center in Krakow.

3.6.5] Review the membership of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield to cover all aspects of heritage.

- Work in progress.

4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

The main problem that hindered the Committee's activities in 2020 was the coronavirus pandemic, which made it impossible to organize many planned meetings or forced changes in the form of the organization of meetings.

5. Future goals

Describe future plans to achieve strategic goals

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

- Encourage Government to adopt Council of Europe Nicosia Convention
- Encourage Government to adopt UNIDROIT Convention on stolen or illegally exported cultural objects (Rome, 1995)

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

- Continuation develop training opportunities with the Ministry of National Defence,

Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sport and other partners as opportunities arise

- Deliver at least 4 public lectures
- Cooperation with the International Center for Training and Research on Cultural Heritage in Danger in Wrocław. Signing a cooperation agreement with the International Center. Participation of experts of the Polish National Committee of the Blue Shield as lecturers in training courses organized by the Center.

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

- Continuation of participation in the project "Cross-sectoral challenges: specialist in the protection of cultural properties in the event of a crisis and war - development of a postgraduate study program, dedicated to employees operating on the borderline of fields" - financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism for 2014-2021.

3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:

- Continuation of the activities of contact and information points in Warsaw and in Krakow
- Continuation of cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce
- Co-organizing the international conference planned in November 2021 entitled "Protection of cultural heritage in the event of special threats - climatic, environmental, pandemic and fire threats. Directions of activities."

3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:

- Continuation of cooperation with the Military Training Center for Foreign Operations in Kielce in the trainings of experts for the protection of cultural heritage co-organized with the Minister of Culture and National Heritage under Objective L 3110 N.

3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):

- Continuation of the quarterly meetings of the Polish Blue Shield Committee.
- Continuation of the participation in the projects and meetings organized by BSI and in cyclical meetings of national committees.
- Continuation of the cooperation with the Polish Red Cross and
- Investigate the potential to partner, or work with more closely, the Polish National Commission for UNESCO.
- Continuation of the review the membership of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield to cover all aspects of heritage.

6. Other

Through its connection to Newcastle University, BSI is sometimes able to access funding that can be shared with research institutions to further the work of Blue Shield. Does your national committee have any connections with research institutions interested in its work (e.g. in risk management, heritage protection, etc.). If yes, please supply the names and contact details here.

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