



## Annual Report: 2021

### 1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Blue Shield Iceland

1.2 - Date Report Completed: March 4 2022

1.3 - Reporting period covered: 01 January 2021 – 31 December 2021

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:

BS Iceland National Committee

*1.1. 2021 – 29.4.2021 Main committee*

María Karen Sigurðardóttir, charman (ICOMOS)

Hulda Bjarnadóttir, secretary (IFLA)

Karen Sigurkarlsdóttir, cashier (ICA)

Anna Guðný Ásgeirsdóttir (ICOM)

*Reserve representatives*

Nathalie Jacqueminet (ICOM)

Heiðar Lind Hansson (ICA)

Hrönn Sigurðardóttir (IFLA)

*29.4.2021 – 31.12.2021 Main Committee*

Heiðar Lind Hansson, chairman (ICA)

Inga Jónsdóttir, secretary (ICOM)

Guðný Ragnarsdóttir, IFLA (IFLA)

Sólrún Inga Traustadóttir (ICOMOS)

*Reserve representatives*

Karen Sigurkarlsdóttir (ICA)

Nathalie Jacqueminet (ICOM)

Guðný Kristín Bjarnadóttir (IFLA)

Ágústa Kristófersdóttir (ICOMOS)

1.5 - Address of the main office:

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

Website: [www.blaiskjoldurinn.is](http://www.blaiskjoldurinn.is)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/blueshieldiceland>

## 2. Income:

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

### Ministry of Culture and Business Affairs

- 2021: Grant for 700.000 ISK (Part of a three year contract 2020-2022)

## 3. Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance

### 3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

Dialogue between the Ministry of Culture and Education and BS Iceland took place in 2021. BS Committee members, Nathalie Jacquiment and Karen Sigurkarlsdóttir, had a meeting with Rúnar Leifsson, senior advisor at the Ministry. The topic was the absence of a substantial Emergency policy for cultural heritage in crisis in the country. The meeting took place because of the Seyðisfjörður Landslide which took place in East-Iceland in December 2020 causing severe damage to towns museums. There has been limited response from the ministry but the government structure in Iceland undertook great restructure at the end of the year in the aftermath of General Election in September 2021. Further dialogue with the new ministry of Culture and Business Affairs, where cultural heritage is now places, is aimed to take place in 2022.

### 3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Due to the Coronavirus there was a minimal activity in the committee. Yet the committee maintained and added material to its media outlets (website and Facebook page). The main focus was on finding new date for a conference on protection of cultural heritage in Iceland (which was postponed in early 2020) but do the pandemic the planning was halted throughout the year. However, planning resumed in the fall of 2021 and the conference is planned on May 5th 2022.

### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

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

Advice and council was given due to the Seyðisfjörður landslide in December 2020. Committee member took also part in helping local museums in salvaging holdings through their jobs.

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

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

BS Iceland had seven meetings in total over the course of the year.

## 4. Main issues faced:

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What are the main issues faced by your committee?

### **5. Future goals**

The main focus of BS Iceland right now is to plan the Conference on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Reykjavik.

The aim is to stimulate the dialogue with the Ministry and other government bodies that are responsible for Emergency Planning how to best develop protection of cultural heritage in Iceland.

The aim is also to be more active in public discussion in Iceland

### **6. Other**