# Annual Report: 2022

## 1) Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Blue Shield Netherlands

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 25 January 2023

1.3 - Reporting period covered: January 2022 – December 2022

1.4 - Names, positions
- Mrs. Andrea Kieskamp Chair (ICOM);
- Mr. Jesper de Raad, vice Chair (ICOMOS);
- Mr. Gerrit de Bruin, contactpoint resatuation&conservation issues (ICA);
- Mr. Jeroen Vervliet, boardmember representing IFLA;
- Mrs. Angela Dellebeke, secretary general (ICA).

1.5 - Address of the main office:
Postal address: Prins Willem Alexanderhof 20 /2595BE/ The Hague/ Netherlands

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):
- LinkedIn BS NL: [https://www.linkedin.comn/groups/12602074/](https://www.linkedin.comn/groups/12602074/)
- FB [https://www.facebook.com/BlueShieldNL/](https://www.facebook.com/BlueShieldNL/)
- LinkedIn BSi [https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4666157/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4666157/)

1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to:
info@blueshield.nl and/or blueshield.netherlands@gmail.com

## 2) Income
The BS NL account has been cancelled as had earlier been decided by the board. Having the account was too costly as no funds were coming in. The amount that was left has been donated to the Blue Shield committee in Curacao.

## 3) Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance
### 3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

No activities

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

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<td><strong>a)</strong></td>
<td>Attended online lecture <em>Education, skills and jobs: reimagining the future of the cultural sector for youth</em> during Africa-Europe Week organized by the European Commission</td>
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<td><strong>b)</strong></td>
<td>See 3.4 (2)</td>
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<td><strong>c)</strong></td>
<td>Attended CER celebration at the Peace Palace: launch of CER as an independent organization.</td>
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<td><strong>d)</strong></td>
<td>NGO informal meeting at Leiden University: international relations &amp; negotiations</td>
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### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

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<td><strong>a)</strong></td>
<td>Table top exercise with a variety of (heritage) institutions in The Hague in the vicinity of the Central Station. Goal was to discuss roles, responsibilities and ways of communication and sharing of relevant information with each other in different emergency situations (fire, demonstrations with a threat of escalating violence).</td>
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<td><strong>b)</strong></td>
<td>Support for creating a CARBICA-CER hub in the Caribbean. BS NL takes part in CHEN via Gerrit de Bruin and he has worked with CHEN to create a CARBICA-CER hub on Curacao. The National Archives Curacao will act as secretary. It will also be home to the mobile preservation lab that will be available for the whole region. On the CHEN GA in March 2023 things will be finalized.</td>
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### 3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict

**A variety of actions due to the war in Ukraine:**

1. Liaise between various groups to help assess damages to cultural property;
2. Taking part in online meetings with other experts to answer questions from heritage workers in Ukraine on salvage and conservation, packing etc. of all types of collections, materials, buildings;
3. Raising funds for the purchase of materials in collaboration with various Dutch institutions attached to or part of the cultural sector;
4. Collecting materials for heritage institutions in Ukraine and have them transported to assigned hubs in Poland (also in collaboration with various Dutch institutions attached to or part of the cultural sector);
5. Participation in a wants and needs meeting organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in view of ‘winterisation’

**Exploratory meetings with interest groups to discuss ideas for an integrated approach to heritage protection in the Netherlands**

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

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<td>BS NL is since long represented in the meetings on heritage protection in the Netherlands hosted by the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands.</td>
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b) Blue Shield network (collaboration and support when needed/possible).
c) Participation in meeting organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss post-disaster and recovery strategies for (heritage in) Ukraine and possibilities for longer-term support.

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

a) Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO (NatCom)
b) Cultural Emergency Response (CER)
c) Collaboration with Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands
d) CHEN: Caribbean Heritage Emergency Network: member of Advisory Board
e) Ministry of Defence: section Cultural Affairs and Information
f) Ministry of Foreign Affairs

4) Main issues faced:

1. Jeroen Vervliet has left BS NL as rep of IFLA in November, we hope to start with a new IFLA representative in 2023.
2. In 2022 we had no planning for board meetings so it was a little haphazard; for 2023 there will be a meeting every 3 months (three online, one live).
3. Coordination in the event of a crisis (see 5).

Future goals

There are two main goals which are also part of the strategic plan:
1. Help set up a national contact point of contact for support and consultation on emergency preparedness and hazard mitigation in the Netherlands.
2. National recognition for the protection of cultural heritage: safety of cultural heritage as part of the National Safety Strategy (6th vital/crucial interest)

5) Other

BS NL would like to discuss the role of BS international in the event of a crisis (criteria for taking action) and how national committees and BSi relate to each other in those situations. The reason behind this is to discuss possibilities of coordination of activities/information. E.g. in the early months of 2022 a lot of us were busy with doing something for colleagues in Ukraine without any sense of what others were doing. Could we – when we act on behalf of the BS family – perhaps do it in a more centralized way? We would like to address this at the next General Assembly.