# 1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: **Norwegian National Blue Shield Committee**

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 20 February 2023

1.4 - Reporting period covered: 2022

1.4 - Names, positions and emails (pr. 1.1.2023):

Håkon Roland (Chair); Axel Mykleby (vice-chair); Kjetil Landrog (treasurer); Gaute Jacobsen; Ann Tove Manshaus; Atle Ove Martinussen; Kirsti Gulowsen; Vidar Lund.

1.5 - Address of the main office: ICOM Norway, Universitetsg. 14, N-0164 Oslo, Norway

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

[http://www.icom-norway.org/blueshieldeng.html](http://www.icom-norway.org/blueshieldeng.html)  [https://blueshieldnorway.wordpress.com](https://blueshieldnorway.wordpress.com)

1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to: post@blueshield.no

## 2. Income:

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

1000 Euros, 250 Euros from each founding national organisations (Norwegian ICOM; IFLA; ICA; ICOMOS Norway)

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 long-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:

BSN is an active driving force to change policy and regulations for the import and export of cultural objects to and from Norway. This is to ensure more consistent CHM, better cooperation with law enforcement and prevent Norway from becoming a transit country for laundering of illegal/plundered cultural objects from war and conflict areas. BSN has participated in the Ministry of Culture’s Cultural Crime Group, and continued cooperation with the authorities to make national import/export regulations more coherent and in line with international commitments. The work will continue in 2023.

After Norwegian ratification of the 2. Protocol of the Hague Convention in 2016, the implementation has been included into the National Document for Heritage Protection. The implementation of the protocol has since been paused.

BSN has cooperated with The National Heritage Board to resume the implementation of the Hague Convention and its protocols. Two BS representatives attended a first meeting with the Heritage Board 7 December. The work will continue as a formalised cooperation and as one of our main activities in 2023.

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Axel Mykleby: Participated in the podcast TidsforDRIV (Vestfoldmuseene) on Cultural Heritage and War, 10.3.2022

Håkon Roland: Participated in the biannual Nordic Cultural Heritage Crime Meeting (where Nordic law enforcement agencies, ministries, heritage boards, directorates etc. meet), and delivered a paper on Nordic research initiatives. He arranged a workshop 10.-11-1.2022 to prepare Horizon Europe-proposal. 18 participants from seven countries. Roland was PI for the HEU-proposal ANTHROPIC – Anthropogenic Threats to Portable Heritage Objects, submitted 22.4.2022. Favorable assessment, but not funding. Roland co-arranged the LUXCORE Conference (Oslo, 5-6.12.2022) and delivered a paper critically assessing two Norwegian police operations and the return of the seizures
to Peru. Roland gave a public talk on Oslo Peace Days (8.12.2022) on Fridtjof Nansen and his humanitarian work in Russia and Ukraine after WW1. Attended Conference at Cambridge University with paper on illicit metal detector activity in Norway 15.1.2022

Mykleby and Roland attended the Norwegian Heritage Board’s input meeting on implementation of HS4, 7.12.2022

BSN continues the work to include CPP in the national conference on risk preparedness. Participation from BSN is planned in 2023.

BSN representatives have frequently appeared in national media concerning the situation in Ukraine.

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<th>3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:</th>
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<td>BSN provided resources for inventories with specific location data on protected sites for Northern Norway for exercise purposes in connection with upcoming NATO exercise (to BSI and EXCON personnel).</td>
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<th>3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:</th>
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<td>BSN gathered information on fire protection of wooden buildings for a coordinated information package delivered by Norwegian cultural institutions to Ukraine.</td>
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<td>BSN contributed to approx. 20 national media interviews, comments, and articles/podcasts on the war in Ukraine, emphasizing critical comments to Norwegian authorities for lack of initiatives, contact points and information to relevant institutions in Norway.</td>
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<td>BSN has not been able to resume the regular dialog with The Norwegian Defence Estate Agency, Cultural Heritage Department, and the Ethical Council on Military Affairs. The Corona pandemic stopped this development in 2021, and a lack of activity lasted also through 2022.</td>
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<td>BSN continues to survey resources on securing museum buildings from damage caused by climate change. Addressing the issue with the state to secure more funds for the maintenance of museum buildings will be prioritized as the work progresses. BSN will also address the lack of national coordination between different museum owners (state, counties, private etc.).</td>
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BS-Norway has previously established contact with FORK, The Forum for Risk Preparedness, management and securing remaining values (consisting of 7 national organisations). The working group will resume their activities (after the pandemic) in 2023.

- Participation in the Working group on the prevention of Cultural crime, Norwegian Ministry of Culture.
- Two BSN representatives attended the ICOM General Conference in Prague 22-28.8.2022
- ICOM NORD
- The Directorate for Cultural Heritage
- Arts Council, Norway (on import/export of cultural goods)

### 4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

The Nordic countries and their BS committees are small. We do have some collaboration, but this could be developed further. We are very much depending on the strong public agencies and institutions as partners.

Lack of capacity to assist, and missing information on the situation in Ukraine.

### 5. Future goals

- Activate network on illicit trade and protection of cultural property in conflict areas (in progress).
- Climate changes and develop a systematic dialog with the governmental agencies and NGOs on risk preparedness.
- Better cooperation between the Norwegian UNESCO Commission and BSN.

### 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._

University of Oslo, ICOM Norway, Ministry of Culture, Arts Council Norway, ICOM NORD, Økokrim, Norwegian Customs, BS Denmark, Nordic Center for Cultural Heritage & Armed Conflict (Copenhagen), OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University.