## 1. Administrative Details

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<td>1.1 - Name of National Committee</td>
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| 1.4 - Names, positions and emails of all those who were the governing body/trustees/principal officers | Krzysztof Sałaciński, President, salacinskikrzysztof@gmail.com, ksalacinski@kultura.gov.pl  
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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.


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 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Describe: Capacity building activities, education and training

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

- Continuing of cooperation in 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. Organization of trainings for the beneficiaries of the civil society dealing with the protection of cultural property.

3.1.2] 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, School of Aspirants of the State Fire Service in Krakow and the National Library in Warsaw:
- 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, carried out jointly with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce, April 10 – 12, 2022, Kielce.

- 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, December, 2022, International Center for Training and Research on Cultural Heritage in Danger, December 2 - 3, 2022, Wrocław.

- Preparations in the event of sudden threats to library collections and archives, session of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield co-organized with the National Library, December 12, 2022, Warsaw.

3.1.3] Develop training opportunities with the Ministry of National Defence

- Training of soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces in the area of protection of cultural property in the event of an armed conflict and catastrophe, carried out jointly with the Military Center for Civic Education, May 18, 2022 and September 21 – 22, 2022, Warsaw

- Training of experts for the protection of cultural heritage carried out by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage under Objective L 3110 N, carried out jointly with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce, April 10 – 12, 2022, Kielce

- Continuation of cooperation with the International Center for Training and Research on Cultural Heritage in Danger

   - Conducting lectures by Blue Shield experts as part of trainings for various components of the armed forces in the field of protection of cultural property as part of the activities of the International Center for Training and Research on Endangered Cultural Heritage.

3.1.4] Ten lectures were conducted:

- Cultural heritage in danger from the global, European and Polish perspective, Miroslaw Olbrys, expert of the Blue Shield, lecture for UNESCO Associated Schools, May 16, 2022.

- Contemporary threats to cultural property in areas affected by armed conflicts, Krzysztof Salacinski, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, lecture presented during the 24th edition of the School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, May 19, 2022.

- Safe Harvest - Safe Heritage. An attempt to respond to current challenges, Krzysztof Salacinski, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, lecture given lecture presented at the scientific conference entitled “Protection of cultural property in crisis situations and armed conflicts”, Polish Naval Academy of the Heroes of Westerplatte, June 10, 2022, Gdynia.

- How to protect monuments during the war? Theory and reality, interview with Krzysztof Salacinski, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield conducted by a journalist Urszula Pieczek from a newspaper “Gazeta Wyborcza”, available as a podcast, September 14, 2022.

• Protection of monuments and collections in the provisions of international law, lecture given for participants of the training “Protection of monuments, museum, library and archival collections in the event of war and crisis threats – practical aspects”, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, November 28, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

• Practical aspects of preparing planning documentation in the protection of collections, lecture given for participants of the training “Protection of monuments, museum, library and archival collections in the event of war and crisis threats – practical aspects”, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, November 28, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

• Preparing and conducting evacuation exercises in cultural facilities - good practices and recommendations, lecture given for participants of the training “Protection of monuments, museum, library and archival collections in the event of war and crisis threats – practical aspects”, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, November 28, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

• New challenges in the protection of cultural heritage in the event of specific threats in the light of legal changes and the experience of the war in Ukraine lecture given for participants of the training “Protection of monuments, museum, library and archival collections in the event of war and crisis threats – practical aspects”, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, November 28, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

• Activities of the Polish Blue Shield Committee for the protection of library and archival collections, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, December 12, 2022, National Library, Warsaw.

3.1.6] 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.

• Organizing a meeting with Krystyna Zachwatowicz, daughter of Professor Jan Zachwatowicz, in order to determine further actions, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, May 9, 2022, Krakow.

• Reminder of the person of Professor Jan Zachwatowicz as an author of the blue shield sign, the distinctive emblem of the Hague Convention of 1954, and his work for the endangered cultural heritage - Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, Lidia Klupsz, Board Member of the Blue Shield, during the international conference „1972-2022. World Heritage in transition. About management, protection and sustainability” in a lecture entitled „Management and protection strategies to preserve World Heritage properties endangered of armed conflicts”, November 19, 2022, Florence.
3.2 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

Describe: Proactive protection and risk preparedness

3.2.1] 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.

- Continuing consultations on the content of information and training materials for soldiers of the armed forces. Work in progress.
- Cooperation in this field with the Military Center for Civic Education. Work in progress.

3.3 - Law, policy development and implementation:

Describe: Legal compliance, policy, and their implementation

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

- Continuation of work in 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, Krzysztof Sałaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, Lidia Klupsz, Board Member of the Blue Shield.
- Participation in the work of the Council for the Protection of Cultural Property operating at the Commander-in-Chief of the State Fire Service, Krzysztof Sałaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield appointed as a member of the Council for the Protection of Cultural Property on September 27, 2022.
- Establishing cooperation with the Polish National Commission for UNESCO in the field of organizing open lectures in 2022 - 2023 for UNESCO Associated Schools.

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

- Continuation of cooperation with the School of Aspirants of the State Fire Service in Krakow, co-organization of the training entitled “Protection of monuments, museum, library and archival collections in the event of war and crisis threats - practical aspects” first edition: November 28 - 30, 2022, second edition: November 30 - December 2, 2022.

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

- Continuation of cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce the field of training experts in the protection of cultural heritage co-organized
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 Blue Shield contact and information points in Warsaw and Krakow. Consideration of the proposal to establish a contact point in Gdańsk.

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

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

3.5.1] 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.

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

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

- Establishing cooperation with the Polish National Commission for UNESCO
  - starting cooperation in conducting a series of open lectures entitled "Secure Harvest - Secure Heritage" for UNESCO Associated Schools
    - Cultural heritage in danger from the global, European and Polish perspective, Miroslaw Olbryś, expert of the Blue Shield, lecture for UNESCO Associated Schools, May 16, 2022.

- Continuing cooperation with the Polish Red Cross
  - Lecture on-line for the students of the 24th edition of the School of International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict, organized by the Polish Red Cross, on the contemporary threats to cultural property in areas affected by armed conflicts, Krzysztof Salaciński, President of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield, May 19, 2022.

3.5.4] 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, Polish National Commission for UNESCO 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, National Library in Warsaw.

3.5.5] 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 2021 was still 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

1 - Education, training, and capacity building:

- Continue develop training opportunities with the Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and other partners as opportunities arise

- Deliver at least 4 public lectures

- Cooperate with the International Center for Training and Research on Cultural Heritage in Danger in Wroclaw, the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations in Kielce, Polish Red Cross, Polish National Commission for UNESCO, 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, National Library in Warsaw, Head Office of State Archives.

- Developing Blue Shield Contact Points across the country

2 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

- Continuation of the participation of Polish Blue Shield experts in the project "Cross-sectoral challenges: specialist for the protection of cultural property in the event of crisis and war - development of a postgraduate program dedicated to employees operating on the borderline of fields"

3 - Law, policy development and implementation:
• Encourage and support better implementation of 1954 HC and its two Protocols in Poland

• Actively 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 and the Council for the Protection of Cultural Property and in the work of the Council for the Protection of Cultural Property operating at the Commander-in-Chief of the State Fire Service.

• Undertake new initiatives regarding legal instruments for the protection of cultural property to which Poland is currently not a party if the opportunity arises

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

• Continuate of the activities of contact and information points in Warsaw and in Krakow

• Continuate of cooperation with the Military Training Centre for Foreign Operations


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

• Continuate of the quarterly meetings of the Polish Blue Shield Committee.

• Continuate of the participation in the projects and meetings organized by BSI and in cyclical meetings of national committees.

• Continuate of the cooperation with the Polish Red Cross.

• Continuate of the cooperation with the Polish National Commission for UNESCO.

• Continuate of the review the membership of the Polish Committee of the Blue Shield to cover all aspects of heritage.

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

• Continuate 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.
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.*

The Polish National Committee of the Blue Shield will work to attract partners and research institutions interested in cooperation with BSI and with the University of Newcastle in a wide range in the field of protection of cultural heritage at risk.

The Polish National Committee of the Blue Shield will work to attract partners and research institutions interested in cooperating with BSI and the University of Newcastle in a wide range in the field of protection of cultural heritage under at risk. The basis may be the knowledge and experience of civil experts of the Polish Blue Shield Committee who participated in missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

7. Confidential Information for Blue Shield International

Please include here any confidential information you do not wish to be made public.

The Polish Blue Shield Committee does not have any confidential information for Blue Shield International, which it does not want to be made public.