### 1. Administrative Details

1.1 - **Name of National Committee**: German National Committee of the Blue Shield

1.2 - **Date Report Completed**: 25.2.23

1.3 - **Reporting period covered**: January 2022 – December 2022

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:

- Susann Harder, President, E-Mail: [Elisabeth Korinth, Vice-President, E-Mail:](mailto:Elisabeth.Korinth@blue-shield.de)
- Dr Klaus Weschenfelder, Treasurer, E-Mail: [Dr.Klaus.Weschenfelder@blue-shield.de]

1.5 - **Address of the main office**:

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1.6 - **Website and social media (if applicable)**:

- [www.blue-shield.de](http://www.blue-shield.de)
- Twitter: @BlueShield_GER
- Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHAOYonBQzRAfMjZOdgb9w/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHAOYonBQzRAfMjZOdgb9w/featured)

1.7 – **Email the Blue Shield email should forward to**:

[info@blue-shield.de](mailto:info@blue-shield.de)
2. Income

The primary income of our committee are membership fees and donations. In 2022, Blue Shield Germany generated a revenue of 2.225,00 with member fees. Donations amounted to 11.109,56 Euro, of which 10.609.56 Euros were specifically dedicated to the support of cultural institutions in Ukraine. Furthermore, Blue Shield Germany received €12,525.53 in donations from the Cultural Emergency Response Project (CER) of the Prins Claus Fund (The Hague), as well as from private donations for the support of Emergency response activities of Blue Shield international (BSI) were received.


3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

Annual General Assembly of Blue Shield Germany and meetings of the board

In accordance with the statues of Blue Shield Germany, the board met for two formal board meetings in 2022. The first board meeting was held on June 08, 2022, and the second on November 17, 2022. Both meetings were held as online conferences. In the first quarter of the year, the national committee prepared the annual report for 2021 including a Strategic Plan.

The annual General Assembly was organised on September 11 in the new building of the Historical Archive of Cologne. The day started with a public panel “Lessons from the Flood Disaster - How Do We Strengthen Cultural Property Protection?” and was followed General Assembly. As part of the meeting, the board reported to the general meeting about its work, as well as ongoing and completed projects. A particular focus was put on activities in connection with the war in Ukraine.

In addition to the mandatory board and assembly meetings, the board continued to meet in monthly virtual meetings to exchange on current political developments and develop projects and new initiatives. Topics that were discussed during the monthly meetings included the war in Ukraine, the energy crisis as well as membership applications amongst others.

Working groups

The working group “Concept for Civil Defense” analysed the lists of cultural property under protection according to the 1954 Hague Convention, which were partly set up by the monument protection authorities of the German federal states in the 1980ies. Furthermore, Blue Shield Germany reached out to the ministries of all 16 federal states to request information about the handling of these lists and any plans for evaluating them.

In 2022, two working groups were launched:

A working group for communication seeks to develop a holistic strategy for PR. The group started by developing core messages of BS Germany and identify target groups.
The working group for Military CPP has set itself tasks for protecting cultural property in the event of armed conflicts. Its main focus will be awareness raising among politicians, civil society and the military as well as mediation between the cultural sciences, humanities and the armed forces.

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

**Emergency Response Seminar**

On June 30th and July 1st, Blue Shield Germany was able to organize its first Emergency Response workshop in close cooperation with the Technical University and Historic Archive in Cologne. The days were organized in thematic blocks focusing on e.g. risk analysis and emergency planning, operational framework and deployment scenarios of the fire brigades as well as practical exercises and lessons learnt from the 2021 floods in Germany and the 2004 fire at the Herzogin Anna Amalia library.

**Seminar on expert advice for cultural property protection**

Blue Shield Germany supported the conception and implementation of a seminar on cultural property protection, organized by the Federal Academy for Civil Protection and Civil Defense (BABZ) in Ahrweiler. The aim of the seminar was to provide capacity building in cultural property protection for regional crisis management teams. The seminar took place September 26 – 28, 2022.

**Survey on Prevention and Mitigation efforts in Germany with regards to cultural property protection**

Within the framework of a cooperation with the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (BBK), the SicherheitsLeitfaden Kulturgut (SiLK) and the National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Blue Shield Germany supported data collection on the quality of prevention and mitigation efforts in Germany with regards to CPP. For this purpose, a survey was conducted on June 15th, 2022 among German emergency associations, from which more than 50 associations participated. The evaluation of the survey took place in 2022; publication of the results is planned for 2023. Lessons learnt for Blue Shield Germany will be to improve the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention and raise awareness on the obligation to safeguard. BSG seeks to use the data to improve its strategic objectives for its future work.

### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

No proactive protection and risk preparedness measures conducted

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

**Ukraine Monitor**

In response to the war of Russia in Ukraine, Blue Shield Germany started a Ukraine Monitoring group in March 2022 with the aim to document damages and destruction of CPP in Ukraine and assess the damage. Over the course of the year, the working group was able to document destructions in 15 of the 24 regions in Ukraine on the basis of data published by the Ukrainian...
government. In cooperation with the Bildarchiv Marburg and the Leibniz Institute in Hannover, documented damages were categorized according to the Arts & Architecture Thesaurus of the Getty Research Institute and provided with Geo data were possible in autumn 2022. Furthermore, the Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Planning and Construction has approved funding for the development of recommendations for actions with regards to rebuilding efforts in the field of architectural heritage and its urban context. The project will be undertaken in 2023 and will be involved in the planning of a rebuilding conference taking place in Germany in the second half of the year 2023.

**Collection of first aid materials for Ukraine**

Together with the German Archaeological Institute and the KulturGutRetter project, the SicherheitsLeitfaden Kulturgut (SiLK) and the emergency associations as well as the German Society for the Protection of Cultural Property, Blue Shield Germany supported a large-scale fundraising campaign for the protection of Ukrainian cultural property.

| 3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support: |
| No measures conducted |

| 3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations): |
| Blue Shield Germany supported BSI in banking matters by providing an account to handle funds and donations dedicated to BSI. |

### 4. Main issues faced:
- limited funds available due to lack of institutional funding

### 5. Future goals

See Strategic Plan for 2023

### 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.*