## 1. Administrative Details

### 1.1 - Name of National Committee: Hellenic Committee of Blue Shield (HCBS)

### 1.2 - Date Report Completed: 23/04/2023

### 1.3 - Reporting period covered: 01 January 2022 – 31 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:

**Full members of the Board**

- Elena Korka, Chairperson,
- Irini Stamatoudi, Vice-chair,
- Antonia Zervaki, Secretary,
- Sofia Spyropoulou, Treasurer,
- Lila de Chaves, Director of activities,

**Alternate members of the Board**

- Vasileios Lambrinoudakis,
- Konstantinos Lagos
- Nikolaos Minos

**Members of the HCBS involved in Working Groups during 2022**

- Katerina Dimitriadi,
- Sofia Stavrianopoulou,
1.5 - Address of the main office: 29th Archimidous St, 11636 Athens Greece

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

https://hellenicblueshield.com/en/home/
https://www.facebook.com/bshellenic

1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to:

BlueShield.Greece@gmail.com

2. Income:

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

The only financial source during 2022 has been the donation of AIGEAS AMKE Foundation (Legal Entity of Private Law) which amounts to 5,000,00€. HCBS also participates in a Horizon Project (see Section 3) which funds specific Working Packages implemented by HCBS.


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.

Acknowledging the importance of the role of International Blue Shield’s network in regard to the protection of cultural property not only during warfare, but also in the event of natural disasters, an effort was initiated in 2018 to establish a Hellenic Committee of the International Blue Shield, a process which has been successfully completed in January 2020. The statutory
objectives of the Blue Shield Hellenic National Committee correspond to the global demand for action in order to develop and coordinate knowledge and measures, wherever possible, that prevent or mitigate damage before it can occur. The founding members of the Committee are prominent experts from various disciplines (lawyers, archaeologists, academics, architects, conservators, civil engineers, officers of armed forces and defence etc.), who are already involved in actions aiming at raising awareness, educating and building capacities in terms of risk mapping and prevention, as well as disaster management.

During 2022 HCBS has been able to accomplish significant initiatives and activities, which are briefly presented hereby:

1. Participation of HCBS in the European Days of Archaeology (6/2022). The President addressed a speech for the students of the 7th High School of the Municipality of Acharnon, Athens, regarding the history of the Parthenon marbles, the importance of protecting cultural heritage and the role of Blue Shield.

2. Speech of the President of HCBS at the Embassy of Brazil (5/2022) with the title "The protection of antiquities in World War II and current international efforts to preserve them.

3. Presentation of Blue Shield Hellenic at the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Greece (NRDC-GR) School of the 3rd Army Corps (9/2022), Kilkis-Greece

4. Speech of the President of HCBS entitled "The role of international organisations and Blue Shield in the protection of cultural heritage" at the seminar "NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Greece - Cross Cutting Topics in Armed Conflicts" (October 2022, Thessaloniki)

5. Cooperation with the Legal Review of the Armed Forces and participation in a publication with an introductory greeting signed by Mrs. Korka and an article on the Hellenic Blue Shield by Mrs. Zervaki

3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:

Describe

The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield is a non-governmental, non-profit organization with full legal competence under the Hellenic Law. The statute of the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield has been approved by its General Assembly on April 19th, 2019, and legally established with the Decision no 199/12-06-2019 of the Court of First Instance of Athens and was registered to the List of Associations under the number 32575.

In order to address some comments of the Blue Shield Internationals regarding the statute of HCBS, an effort was undertaken starting from 2021 to amend the Statute of the Hellenic Committee so as to be in full accordance with the Rules, Principles and Ethics of a Blue Shield National Committee. The amendments were approved by the General Assembly and the national legal documents have been submitted and we are expecting the publication of the decision of the District Court in order to proceed with the enforcement of the amended statute.
### 3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Describe

### 3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

Describe

HCBS participates since 2021 in the initiative of Unitwin Chairs of UNESCO that deal with the issues of natural disasters. The goal of this initiative is to compile an index of natural and manmade dangers regarding Greek World Heritage monuments. HCBS co-assists the work of the scientific experts of the chairs, by providing information regarding the dangers and the corresponding sites. The goal is to provide specific instructions in a Manual Guide to contribute to the protection both of monuments and visitors significantly.

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

Describe

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

Describe

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

HCBS has established a network of collaboration with national and international cultural organizations. In particular HCBS is collaborating with Hellenic Ministries of Culture and Sports and of Defence, Heritage & Museums, ICOMOS Hellenic and ICOM Hellenic, the National Kapodistrian University of Athens, the University of Nicosia - Cyprus (which is the leader partner in the ReInHerit project mentioned above) and the Unitwin Chairs of UNESCO in Greece.

### 4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

### 5. Future goals

Describe future plans to achieve strategic goals

- To broaden the collaboration network already established during the first two years of HCBS
function.

- To continue on an annual basis the webinars regarding issues relevant to the Blue Shield.

- To increase the number of the HCBS members and to encourage their involvement in the activities of the Committee.

- To undertake initiatives and educational activities in collaboration with state organizations, NGOs, and universities

## 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.*