# Macedonian Annual Report: 2022

## 1. Administrative Details

### 1.1 - Name of National Committee: Macedonian National Committee of Blue Shield

### 1.2 - Date Report Completed: 15.03.2023

### 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:

- Olivera Djartovska Tachevska, President
- Danijela Trajkova Krstic, Secretary
- Gordan Nikolov, President of the Assembly

### 1.5 - Address of the main office:

Museum of the City of Skopje

Str. Saints Cyril and Methodius bb

1000 Skopje, North Macedonia

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

www.blueshield.org.mk

### 1.7 – Email the Blue Shield email should forward to: oljadz@yahoo.com
2. **Income:**

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

Main financial supporter is the Ministry of Culture of Republic of North Macedonia.

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<td>Explain the activities &amp; projects carried out over the year under the Areas of Activity</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>These could include: grants applied for; talks given; conferences held; training courses run; work to support new legislation; working groups attended, etc.</td>
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<th>3.1 - Law, policy development and implementation:</th>
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<td>• A meeting with the Minister of Culture was organized on May 2022 where the reports on the state of damage to the cultural heritage during the military conflicts in Ukraine were presented. The purpose of the discussion was to evaluate the situation regarding preventive conditions in our country for the protection of cultural heritage during war conflicts.</td>
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<td>During the months of August and September 2022, discussions began about cooperation with the curator historian Zoja Bogdanovska from the JU Museum of the City of Skopje, around the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the flood in Skopje on November 16, 1962. It was decided to cooperate and enrich the program so that the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield will join the event by organizing a Forum on the topic of dealing with flood situations, for cultural heritage protection.</td>
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<td>The event, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the flood in Skopje, was held on the day it occurred, on November 16, in the premises of the Museum of the Old Skopje Bazaar in Suli an. JU Museum of the City of Skopje, prepared an exhibition entitled &quot;The Beautiful Rebellious Vardar&quot; by the author curator historian Zoja Bogdanovska. After the ceremonial opening and the attention</td>
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given to the exhibition, at 1:00 p.m., the forum of Blue Shield North Macedonia, entitled "Flood Risk Management for the Protection of Cultural Heritage", began. The forum was opened and moderated by Olivera Džartovska Tachevska, who was also the first introducer and had a presentation entitled "Flood Risk Management for the Protection of Cultural Heritage". This presentation presented the risk assessment procedures from various possible situations of water intrusion in the premises where the cultural heritage is kept or exhibited, as well as dealing with them in case of crisis. The procedures for an appropriate reaction, the necessary equipment and first rehabilitation and protection in case of damage caused by moisture were indicated.

The second presenter was Ilija Vasilevski from the NU Museum of the Macedonian Struggle for Independence, who spoke about the "Plan for Protection and Rescue from Natural Disasters and Other Accidents". In this presentation, the official plan for protection and rescue from natural disasters and other accidents of the NU Museum of the Macedonian Struggle was presented, as one of the successfully implemented examples of the preparation of an evacuation projects in the museum. Vasilevski presented the assessments of water intrusion in the institution and the specific plans for response and dealing with floods of the Museum, but he also presented the plans for response to other types of disasters.

The third presenter was M.A. Naumche Rizovski, from the State Archive of the RN. Macedon - Veles department, who spoke on the topic "Moisture - the greatest enemy of archival material". He pointed out that, considering that the archives keep a cultural treasure that is particularly sensitive to moisture, first of all a special attention should be taken about a location where the archive will be positioned, and then he presented the methods of working with the archival material in order to minimize the moisture conditions, proper storage of the material, recognition and remediation of possible changes caused by the presence of moisture.

After his presentation, a discussion developed.

For the promotion of the Forum and informing the public, a poster of the event was made, the public media were informed and the information was published through the social networks of Blue Shield S. Macedonia and the JU Museum of the City of Skopje. The event was covered by the media, but it took place in front of a small auditorium.

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

No activities

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

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

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

Blue Shield North Macedonia this year had a good coordination with many relevant organisations. The celebration of the Jubilee "20 years of the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield" was organized in cooperation with MNC ICOM, on 18.05.2022 in the premises of the NU Museum of the Republic of North Macedonia.

At the celebration of the International Museum Day, organized by MNC IKOM also the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Blue Shield North Macedonia was held. In front of an audience of about 80 present colleagues from the museums and other cultural heritage protection institutions, the event was opened with the discussion. The Minister of Culture Dr. Bisera Kostadinovska – Stojchevska had a first talk, then Maja Chankulovska Mihajlovsk – president of MNC ICOM, Olivera Djartovska Tachevska - president of MNC Blue Shield, MSc Kristina Biceva - president of MNC ICOMOS and Ilija Curev - acting director of NU Museum of the Republic of North Macedonia spoke. The celebration of the International Day of Museums was consisted of several events such as: opening of the exhibition "Feasts for the living, ancestors, gods and saints" by author Jovan Shurbanovski that took place in NU Museum of North Macedonia, then consultation of MNK ICOM on the topic: The power of museums, at which 4 experts from the museums of Macedonia took part, then the conference about the celebration of 20 years of the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield and at the end of the programme, MNC ICOM board gave the May 18th Awards for 2021 to the museum projects and museum workers.

At the Jubilee "20 years of the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield", the president of the Blue Shield North Macedonia, Olivera Djartovska Tachevska, made a presentation on the topic "Retrospective of the twenty-year activity of the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield". All the activities with which the committee dealt were presented, establishing itself over the years as a serious partner of state authorities and institutions working in the field of cultural heritage protection. It was emphasized that the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield has produced several decrees, draft regulations and opinions on various methodologies and strategies of a national character, several educational workshops and trainings and a large number of forums and conferences (up to that point 22) where various topics and aspects for the protection of all categories of movable and immovable cultural heritage were covered. The problems that were dealt with usually are: analysing the situation from legal aspects, protection measures in case of extraordinary circumstances and disasters, illegal trade in cultural goods, ethics and education of all types of movable and immovable cultural heritage. Among the areas of activity of MNC Blue Shield are the publications. The publication of the electronic journal E-shield, of which 6 volumes have been published so far, as well as the publication "Legal protection of the Macedonian cultural heritage – views on protective awareness in the post socialist period " by Jovan Ristov, were highlighted. Cooperation with the International Blue Shield was also emphasized, as well as the professional engagement of our representatives in the bodies of the International Blue Shield. In the end, the future commitments and challenges of the Association were presented.

The second presenter was the secretary of Blue Shield North Macedonia, MA Danijela Trajkova
Krstić, who spoke about "Contribution to the development of the Macedonian National Committee of the Blue Shield", highlighting the work of all our members who made a great and unreserved contribution to the work of MNC Blue Shield and the establishment of the organization as a serious partner of cultural institutions. At the same time, certificates of appreciation were also awarded to the most deserving members of MNK Blue Shield.

We also had very good cooperation with Public Prosecution Office, Police and Macedonian National Committee of ICOM.

4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

The biggest problem are the finances, i.e., limited funding by the Ministry of Culture of the RN Macedonia.

5. Future goals

• Preparation of a workshop and a forum where the management of earthquake risks for the protection of cultural heritage will be highlighted. This year is 60 years since the catastrophic earthquake in Skopje, and the examples of the cataclysm that happened this year in Turkey and Syria will also be taken into account.
• Organization of a conference on the topic: Cultural heritage during military conflicts - situations, obligations and protection measures
• Preparation of new edition of the electronic journal.
• Efforts to establish cooperation with all institutions for the protection of Cultural Heritage in the event of Armed conflict
• Preparation of a brochure with the Regulation on the special measures of protection of cultural heritage in the event of armed conflict and emergency

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.

No at this point.

Olivera Djartovska Tachevska
President of Macedonian National Committee of Blue Shield
15.03.2023