1st meeting of Associations of World Heritage properties in Europe
Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2015

Stichting Werelderfgoed.nl
The Netherlands
1992

10 World Heritage properties; the first one in 1996 and the last one in 2014

Types of properties:
- 9 cultural and 1 natural World Heritage properties; of which the natural one is a transboundary property
- The cultural properties are urban centers and monuments
Schokland en Omgeving / Schokland and Surroundings (1995)
Stelling van Amsterdam / Defence Line of Amsterdam (1996)
Willemstad, Curaçao (1997)
Molencomplex Kinderdijk-Elshout / Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout (1997)
Droogmakerij De Beemster / Beemster Polder (1999)
Grachtengordel Amsterdam / Canal Ring Amsterdam (2010)
Waddenzee / Wadden Sea (2009)
Van Nellefabriek / Van Nelle Factory (2014)
World Heritage in the Netherlands

Brief description of the national management of WH

- National level (Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment)
- Cultural Heritage Agency (focal point)
- No special World Heritage Laws, though there is a supplement in a recent new law regarding spatial planning
- Other parties involved: Stichting Werelderfgoed.nl and National UNESCO Commission.
The association *Stichting Werelderfgoed.nl*

- Legal status: Foundation
- Year of creation: 2000
- ‘Creating sustainable and broad support for World Heritage at local, regional and national level; and to exchange information and share experiences between de site holders and with the Government’
The association *Stichting Werelderfgoed.nl*

- **Members:**
  - All 10 World Heritage properties; a project manager and a representative from the government
  - This are public structures – local authorities, public establishment, etc.–, consultant
  - The World Heritage properties are active members, the representative from the government is an observer

- **Criteria and modalities of appliance:**
  - Criteria: being a World Heritage property
  - Modalities: automatic membership for listed properties
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- **Budget:**
  - € 200,000
  - Grants, fundraising and dedicated time World Heritage properties

- **Running of the association:**
  - 3 Salaried workers, all part time (Chair, project leader and communication officer)
  - Annually: 2 General Board meetings, 8 Management Board meetings, 3 meetings of the project team and several meetings on a specific topic.
  - Website: [www.werelderfgoed.nl](http://www.werelderfgoed.nl)
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- **Working areas:**
  - Education,
  - Marketing and communication,
  - Knowledge sharing,
  - Awareness-raising,
  - Tourism / promotion, etc.
European/international co-operation programmes:

So far we have no structural European / international co-operation programmes, though we do organise meetings together with the Belgian World Heritage properties.
Thank you!