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

„UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“
CZECH REPUBLIC
World heritage in Czech Republic

- Year of ratification of the WH Convention: WH Convention was ratified in **1990**

- Czech Republic indiscribed **12 properties**
  - 1992 Prague, Český Krumlov, Telč
  - 2003 Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč

- Types of properties:
  - Whole 12 properties are **cultural**
  - Types of cultural properties: historical cities and village, single monuments – castles, church, column, 1 cultural landscape
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Description of the national management of WH

- National level: Ministry of Culture, National Heritage Institute

- Heritage Law (20/1987 Coll. ACT of the Czech National Council of 30 March 1987 on state monument care). UNESCO Sites have the highest protection and they are protected as a Nation Monuments

- Grant Program „Support of World Heritage Sites“
  - Set up by Ministry of Culture since 2008.
  - Focused on monuments inscribed on the World Heritage and National Tentative List
  - 3 categories
  - Financial resources are more or less downward in recent years. They have stabilized at the amount of rounds 6 miles CZK (about 214 000 EUR)
The association „UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“

- **Legal status:** UNESCO Czech Heritage is a voluntary association of municipalities and cities with listed monuments on their territories.

- **Year of creation:** The association was created in 2001

- **Objectives:** The association wants to be a sort of lobby group representing the interests of "UNESCO places/cities", jointly promote all of the monuments; educate and enlightenment
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- **Members:**
  - Number of members: 12
  - Status of members: Statutory representatives of the cities
  - Types of members:
    - 2 different groups:
      » **General Assembly** - Group of statutory representatives of the cities
      » **Executive Committee** = Working group - nominated representatives from member cities
        - usually from the department of culture or heritage preservation of the town hall

- **Budget:**
  - Annual budget – **52 200 EUR**
  - Resources
    - 40 800 EUR - membership fee - permanent budget item
    - 11 400 EUR – grants, sells – goods/services - volatile item budget
Running of the association:

- 2 salaried works: Executive director, web master
- Twice pre year meeting of General Assembly and Working Group
- Collaboration with the State party
  - Applications for grants
  - Comments of the new heritage law
  - Promoting support
  - Cooperation in special events
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- Working areas:
  - **Awareness-raising** about Czech UNESCO Heritage - information brochures (10 language versions), websites, competition UNES&CO, etc.
  
  - **Cultural events** – e.g. Celebrations of anniversary of inscription on the World Heritage List
  
  - **Tourism/promotion** - presentation at tourism fairs, support of infocentres
European/international co-operation programmes:

- Czech Heritage UNESCO would like to more develop cooperation with **Slovak Republic**

- We are at the beginning of creating cooperation with **Poland**
Thank you!

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