1st meeting of Associations of World Heritage properties in Europe

Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2015

Stichting Werelderfgoed.nl
The Netherlands











World Heritage in 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, Curação (1997)





Molencomplex Kinderdijk-Elshout / Mill Network at Kinderdijk-Elshout (1997)





Ir. D.F. Woudagemaal / D.F. Wouda Steam Pumping Station (1998)





Droogmakerij De Beemster / Beemster Polder (1999)





Grachtengordel Amsterdam / Canal Ring Amsterdam (2010)





Rietveld Schröderhuis / Rietveld Schröder House (2000)





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.



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'



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



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



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 cooperation programmes, though we do organise meetings together with the Belgian World Heritage properties.



Thank you!

