

# *1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Associations of World Heritage properties in Europe*

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*„UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“  
CZECH REPUBLIC*



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# 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



# World heritage *in Czech Republic*

## ➔ Description of the national management of WH

- National level: Ministry of Culture, National Heritage Institut
- **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 **voluntary association** of municipalities and cities with listed monument 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



# The association „UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“

## ■ 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

# The association „UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“

- Running of the association:
  - 2 salaried workers: 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

# The association „UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“

- 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



# The association „UNESCO CZECH HERITAGE“

- 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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