

Conference: Heritage and Security

ALIPH and the protection of heritage for peacebuilding

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ALIPH

What is ALIPH?

- Created in March 2017, based in Geneva
- Initially dedicated to the protection of heritage in conflict and post-conflict areas. Now also climate change

- A public-private partnership: donors include 8 Member States (France, United Arab Emirates, China, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Morocco), 7 Foundations, the European Union, United States, Monaco, Oman, Romania, and Switzerland as host country
- A scientific and financial instrument, supporting and accompanying heritage protection projects



How do we protect heritage?

• When

BEFORE : preventive measures DURING : active and fast response AFTER : rebuilding, peacebuilding

- All forms of heritage
- Varied operators: Civil society, Humanitarian, peacebuilding, mediation
- Neutrality of action



ALIPH : results

- Concrete projets : « Action, Action, Action »
 - Concrete result in the field
 - Capacity-building and employment of local population
 - Heritage outreach with communities
 - Implication of local actors
- Impact-oriented: « To protect cultural heritage to build peace »
 - Social and economic development
 - Sustainable development and fight against climate change
 - Intercultural and interreligious dialogue
 - Peacebuilding
- One principle : the promotion of women-men equality







Prevention

Art. 3 of the 1954 Convention: to prepare in time of peace for the safeguarding of cultural property against the foreseeable effects of an armed conflict.

Planning for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage of Gori

Operator: Georgian National Committee of the Blue Shield with Gori Sergi Makalatia Historical and Ethnographic Museum

- Disaster Risk Management (DRM) plan for the Sergi Makalatia Historical and Ethnographic Museum
- Digitization of 10,000 museum objects
- Improvement of storage conditions for 5,000 objects (storage materials and preventive conservation and monitoring equipment)
- Theoretical and practical training for 30 workers of 12 regional museums of Shida Kartli:
- Preventive Conservation
- Packing and moving collections
- First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis
- Protection of Cultural Heritage in Times of Armed Conflict







Restoration

Restoration of the Tsiskarauli Tower (Khevsureti region, Georgia)

Operators: International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) in collaboration with the National Trust of Georgia and Rempart

- 16th and 17th century Tsiskarauli Tower hit by missile in 2001
- Restored during working holidays by 46 young volunteers, local and international experts (Georgians, French, Polish, and British):
 "To the mortar that unites us!"

- First Grand Prix during the 2024 Europa Nostra Award.





Protection during active war

ALIPH Ukraine Action Plan:

- 225 projects
- 179 projects completed
- More than **445** organizations supported
- USD 7.75 M committed











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Protection during active war

1. Museums, libraries, and archives

a. Inventories and protective measures for cultural institutions and collections

b. Improvement and securing of storage spaces for collections in-country

2. Sites and monuments

a. 3D documentation of monuments

b. Concrete protection measures of monuments and sites, and stabilization

3. Support to heritage professionals

a. Financial support allowing Ukrainian professionals to continue their work on the ground









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