



Cultural Heritage Awareness Webinars

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General Cultural Heritage Management

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The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield in collaboration with the University of Nicosia and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organize a series of Webinars in order to raise awareness for the protection of cultural heritage.

Organisation in charge of best practice

Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield

Location

Online

Dates

23/2/2021 - 23-3-2021 on Tuesdays

Description

The Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield in collaboration with the University of Nicosia and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens organized a series of Webinars in order to raise awareness for the protection of cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) in emergency situations, such as in cases of armed conflict and environmental disasters, in line with the objectives of the Blue Shield. The events were interdisciplinary in character and thematically focused on five issue areas that are considered critically important for the management of the evolving challenges of cultural heritage protection, namely: (a) cultural heritage and international security, (b) intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in times of crises, (c) cultural heritage and climate change, (d) return of antiquities illegally removed from their countries of origin, (e) legal and managerial issues pertaining to the collections of Museums and Cultural Institutions. The organizing institutions' initiative sought to bring together academics, students, practitioners, professionals of cultural institutions, representatives from NGOs, policy makers and representatives of the civil society from Greece, Cyprus and other countries, in order to discuss the current challenges in areas that underpin cultural heritage protection in





emergency situations. The webinars took place virtually due to the COVID-19 restrictions. At the end of each event an open discussion followed.

Links

<https://www.hellenicblueshield.com/en/webex-meeting-recording-cultural-heritage-webinars-20210223-1601-1-2/>

Resources needed

The resources required were limited to the platform hosting the webinars and mainly human resources relying on the personal effort of the BS members.

Challenges encountered

No challenges encountered

Evidence of success

The organizing institutions' initiative managed to bring together more than one hundred academics, students, practitioners, professionals of cultural institutions, representatives from NGOs, policy makers and representatives of the civil society from Greece, Cyprus and other countries, in order to discuss the current challenges in areas that underpin cultural heritage protection in emergency situations.

Potential for transfer

The webinars could be updated and customised to address and include current issues and be repeated to educate students or cultural heritage professionals.

Further Information

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