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The German National Committee of the Blue Shield is a registered association located in Berlin. Our members belong to varying professional disciplines, but are united in their great motivation to further the protection of cultural property in Germany and world-wide. The association's board reflects this interdisciplinary approach. The board not only consists of individual members, but also of representatives of our six constituting members.



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Title image: Graffiti of the 1954 Hague Convention's emblem on the remains of the Berlin Wall, Berlin (© Anne Lindemann, CC-BY-SA 3.0)



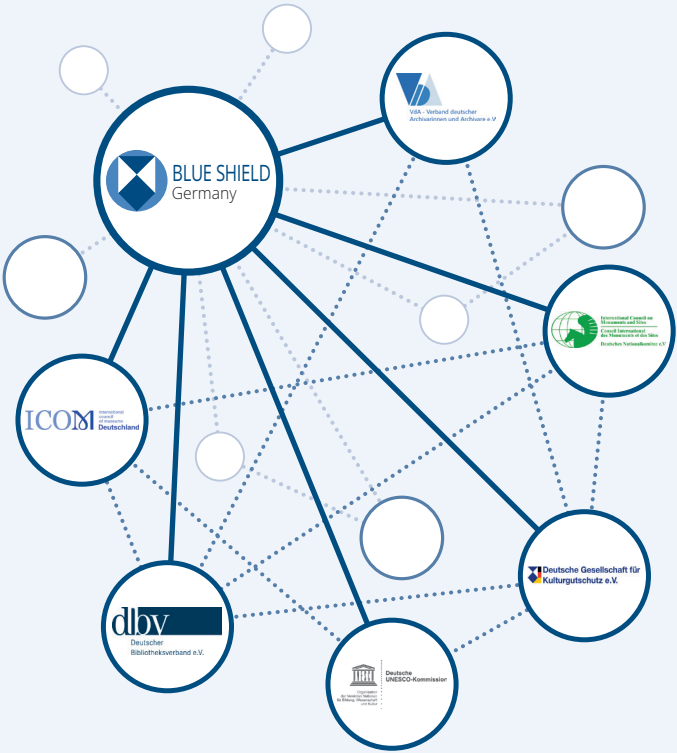
PARTICIPATE

Blue Shield Germany forms a network of different competences in the field of cultural property protection. You would like to get involved in cultural property protection and you are interested to support the work of the association with your professional expertise? Then you are kindly invited to apply for membership with Blue Shield Germany.

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WHO WE ARE

Blue Shield Germany is the German national committee of Blue Shield International. We support the protection of tangible and the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage during conflicts, disasters and emergencies, both on the national and international level.

OUR AIMS

Armed conflicts, disasters and looting are among a multitude of dangers which cultural heritage faces all over the world. Our association aims to build a professional network in order to bring national actors from the field of cultural heritage preservation together with experts specialised in disaster and risk management, and then connect them internationally. In the framework of this network, we want to support regional, national as well as international efforts to protect cultural heritage and to contribute to the improvement of rescue mechanisms during conflicts, disasters and emergencies.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- ♦ Cooperation
- ♦ Independence
- ♦ Neutrality
- ♦ Professionalism
- ♦ Respect for cultural identity
- ♦ Work on a non-profit basis

OUR INTERNATIONAL ROOF ORGANISATION

Blue Shield International was founded in 1996 by the Founding Four, i.e. four major international organisations for archives (ICA), libraries (IFLA), monuments and sites (ICOMOS) and museums (ICOM). Initially founded as International Committee of the Blue Shield / ICBS, the new organisation took its seat at the Hague. Joining forces with its national committees, one of them being Blue Shield Germany, Blue Shield International supports and coordinates cooperation in the field of cultural property protection world-wide.

The issue at the heart of Blue Shield International is the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict as well as its two protocols adopted in 1954 and 1999, respectively.



Aerial view of the Baal Temple in Palmyra, Syria, which was destroyed by the IS in 2015 (men@work Media Services, 2016)



Fire damage in the Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek in Weimar, Germany (Klassik Stiftung Weimar, Fotothek, Foto: Maik Schuck)