



CONFERENCE

# Cultural Heritage and Security

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Venue: The Baltic Hall, the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 6/8, Riga

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The conference will gather policy makers and culture heritage and defence experts from Latvia and abroad to raise and strengthen awareness of the value of cultural heritage for the society and to promote the cooperation of culture and defence sectors in saving and preserving cultural values in times of crisis.

The conference is organised by the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO, the Latvian Parliament, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of Defence in cooperation with ICOMOS Latvia, the French Institute in Latvia, the Embassy of Canada to Latvia, and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Latvia.

## Agenda

Moderator: Kārlis Roķis

**9:30–10:00** Registration, coffee

**10:00–10:30** Conference Opening

**Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica**, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Latvia

**Agnese Lāce**, Minister of Culture of Latvia

**Andris Sprūds**, Minister of Defence of Latvia

**Baiba Moļņika**, Secretary General of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO

**10:30–11:10** Introduction: Importance of Heritage Protection in Maintaining Peace

### Implementation of the UNESCO 1954 Hague Convention and Its Two Protocols (1954 and 1999)

**Krista Pikkat**, Secretary of the 1954 Hague Convention and its two Protocols (1954 and 1999), UNESCO

### Cultural Heritage Protection. Perspective of the Canadian Armed Forces

**Cdr Marc-André Vary**, Assistant Deputy Judge Advocate General – International and Operational Law, Task Force Latvia, Canadian Armed Forces

**11:10–11:25** Coffee break



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## 11:25–12:55 Protection of Heritage Objects

### Marking 70 Years of the Hague Convention and the Way Forward. Outcomes and Follow-up Activities of the International Conference on Cultural Heritage and Peace: Building on 70 Years of the UNESCO Hague Convention (13–15 May 2024)

Jhr. drs. R. J. Quarles van Ufford, Coordinator of the International Cultural Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

### Implementation of the Hague Convention and Its Protocols in Estonia

Janika Turu, Head of the Art Heritage Department, National Heritage Board of Estonia

### Cultural Property Protection during the Armed Conflict in Ukraine. Tasks and Solutions

Kyrylo Kobtsev, Registered Representative of Blue Shield International in Ukraine with the right to form a national Blue Shield Committee

### Civil and Military Cooperation

Ričards Batarags, Senior Expert in Civil and Military Cooperation, Joint Headquarters of the National Armed Forces of Latvia

### Instruments Available for Culture Institutions to Prepare for Crisis at Peacetime

Katrīna Kukaine, Strategic Development Specialist at the National Library of Latvia, Member Coordinator at ICOMOS Latvia

## 12:55–13:40 Lunch break

## 13:40–14:50 Heritage Protection, Local Communities, and Preservation of Peace

### Heritage as an Agent of Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, and Peacebuilding: Annex 8 of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Amra Hadzimuhamedovic, Director of the Centre for Cultural Heritage, International Forum Bosnia

### ALIPH and the Protection of Heritage for Peacebuilding

Alexandra Fiebig, Project Manager, ALIPH

### The Blue Shield's Involvement in Safeguarding Heritage in Conflict Zones

Claire Léger, Emergency Response Director, Blue Shield France

### Latvian Cultural Heritage for Uniting the Society

Zane Grīnvalde, Head of the Latvian Museum Association

## 14:50–15:05 Coffee break

## 15:05–15:55 Discussion. Observations and Notes for Latvia

Agita Zariņa-Stūre, Chair of the Education, Culture and Science Committee of the Parliament of Latvia

Raimonds Bergmanis, Chair of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Parliament of Latvia

Signe Grūbe, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Culture of Latvia

Atis Švinka, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Latvia

Moderator: Uldis Zariņš

## 15:55–16:00 Closing of the Conference