

The Blue Shield's involvement in safeguarding heritage in conflict zones



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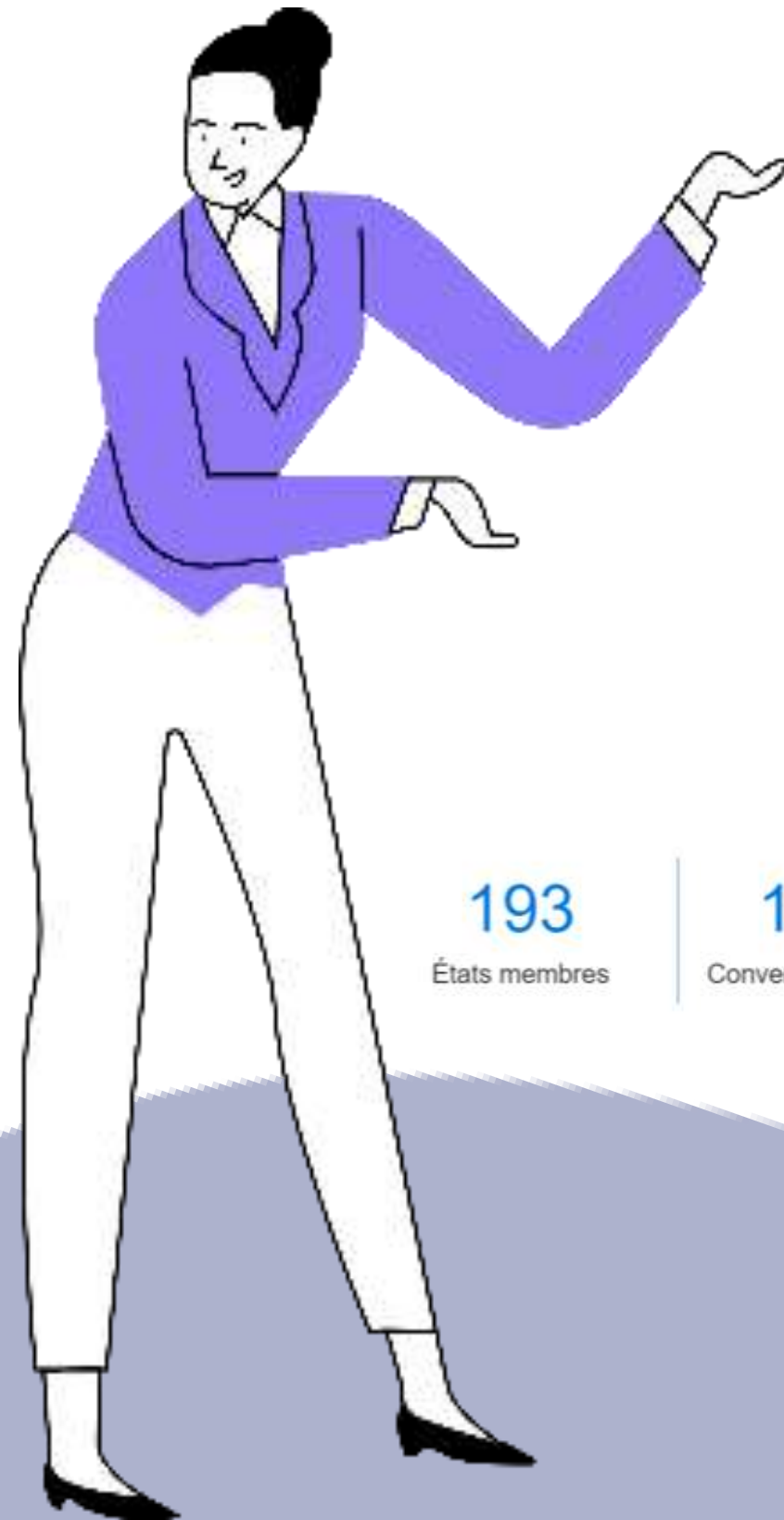


A story who beginning at the end of world war two



14 février 1954 – Dresde (Allemagne)

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193
États membres

133*
Convention de 1954

110*
Premier Protocole de
1954

86*
Deuxième Protocole
de 1999





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It gave rise to the creation of the **blue shield emblem**: a distinctive emblem affixed to certain buildings to protect them from destruction and military exactions.





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Bombardement de Dubrovnik (Croatie) – 1991-1992

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- but the convention is struggling to be respected.....
- at the end of the war in ex-Yugoslavia: in **1996**: creation of the **ICBS** (International Committee of the Blue Shield) which will become the current BSI (Blue Shield International) in 2018.

Membres fondateurs : ICA, IFLA, ICOM, ICOMOS

- Internationally recognised as an organisation authorised to contribute, in an advisory capacity, to the work of the intergovernmental committee that oversees the implementation of the Hague Convention.



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Blue Shield, founded in France in **2001**, is the national branch of Blue Shield International.

ROLE OF BBF

⇒ **BSI relay**

⇒ Developing the interconnection between **risk and cultural heritage**: developing a risk culture in all sectors of cultural heritage (public/private) and **promoting the integration and knowledge of heritage** in the field of risk and emergency response..

⇒ Initiates, encourages, supports and promotes **preventive** and **emergency action** to protect cultural heritage in the event of disasters or natural catastrophes.

Working with DELPAT: a crucial partnership

Training programme

Thursday 26 September 2024: The use of cultural heritage as a tool of influence

ASP Matthieu Pepe / DELPAT

Thursday 21 November 2024: Civil-military cooperation in the protection of cultural property

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Thursday 23 January 2025: Emergency evacuation and identification of shelters/fallback sites

Romane Spirin

Thursday 27 March 2025: The use of new technologies to protect heritage in areas of armed conflict

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Le Bouclier Bleu also takes part in inter-ministerial seminars organised by the Ministry of Culture, which includes the Ministry of the Armed Forces, the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the anniversary of the 1954 Hague Convention.





Sending equipment to conflict zones

- Think about pooling.
- Include the local authority in the discussions
- Take an interest in the specific equipment held by the fire and rescue service.





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⇒ **Ukraine** (2022) : "Mission: transport of protective equipment" in association with ICOM France/Europe and the company Chenue

5 convoys / 75 tonnes of equipment transported



Matériel de protection envoyé en Ukraine pour la protection du patrimoine

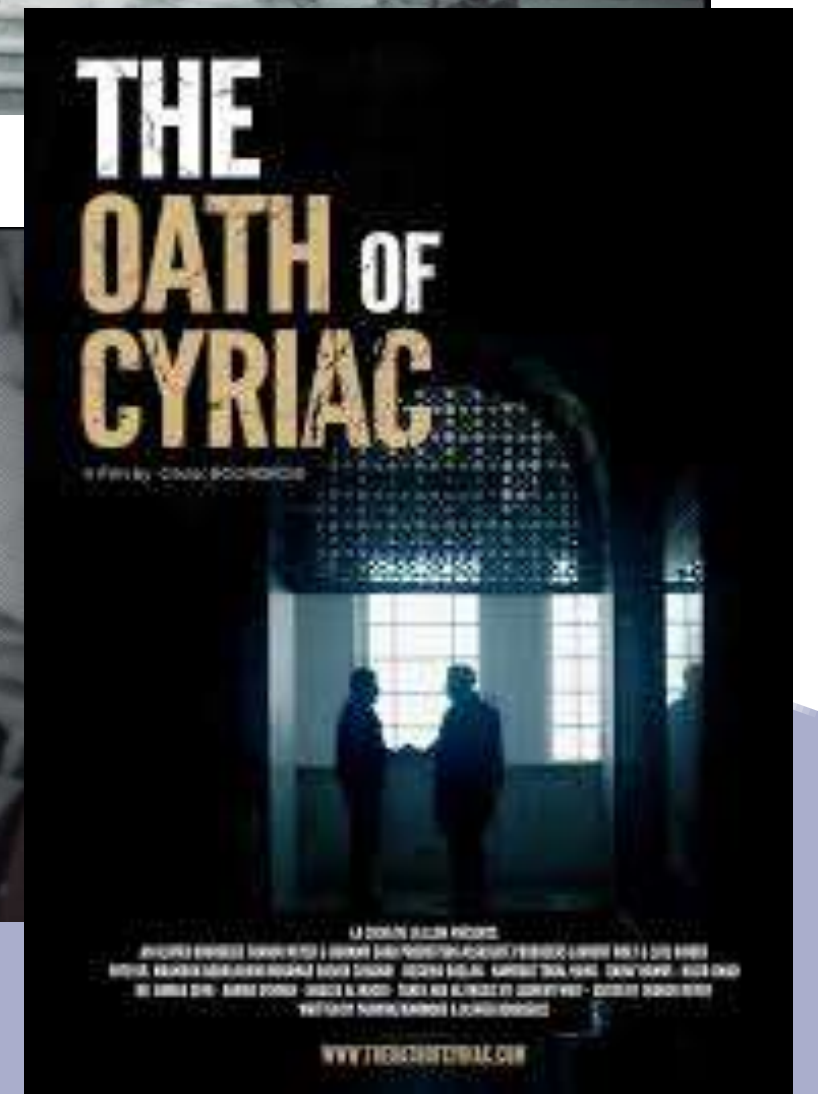
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Alep museum protection, 2017 © The Oath of Cyriac





Thank you



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