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Report on Awareness Raising Event for Fostering Transnational Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction

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Place: Online

The awareness raising event was organised as joint event with the Interreg Alpine Space project CHEERS, for which the Austrian Institute of Technology acted as co-organiser of the event.

The event was organised as live online discussion between distinguished experts in the topics of disaster risk reduction for cultural heritage and transnational cooperation from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, thus focussing on the German speaking part of Europe, which also had the benefit of no language barrier for the panel discussion and the following discussion with the audience of the event.

Number and categories of participants / target groups

1) Hosts:

- **Danube University Krems DUK (Host)**, Department for Building and Environment, Centre for Cultural Property Protection, Anna M. Kaiser
- **Austrian Institute of Technology (Co-Host)**, Martin Jung

2) 15 Panellists (in alphabetical order):

- Hermann Bayer, Fire Brigades Bavaria
- Christoph Hütterer, Federal Monuments Protection Authority Austria
- Robert Jandl, Bundesforschungszentrum für Wald, head of the section for climate research coordination
- Martin Jung, Austrian Institute of Technology
- Anna Kaiser, Danube University Krems
- Rosalinde Kleemaier-Wetl, ICOMOS & Europa Nostra Austria
- Clemens Rendl, SISTEMA
- Christian Resch, Disaster Competence Network Austria
- Chris Schubert, Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, Austria
- Hans Schüpbach, Federal Office for Civil Protection, Switzerland
- Hannes Schramm, Austrian Armed Forces



- Susanne Reißmann, Bayerische Verwaltung der staatlichen Schlösser, Gärten und Seen, Germany
- Robert Stocker, Austrian Federal Ministry for Interior
- Jürgen Weiß, Fire Brigades Bavaria
- Kilian Wimmer, Fire Brigades Bavaria

3) **25 Participants:**

- Josef Lang
- Daniela Vogt, THW (Federal Agency for Technical Relief), Germany
- Wolfgang Salcher, BDA
- Krämer Harald
- Carola Neugebauer - RWTH University Aachen
- Kurt Umschaden, Museum Joanneum
- Andreas Braunauer
- Elke Kellner, ICOM Austria
- Florian Dietrich, Grimaldello d.o.o.
- Brigitte Kogler, Museum Moderner Kunst Kärnten
- Tim Purbrick, British Army Cultural Property Protection Unit
- Christian Hanus, Danube University Krems
- Therese Backhausen, Verein Historische Gebäude Österreich
- Andreas Obernosterer-Rupprecht, Österreichische Galerie Belvedere
- Jutta Profanter, LMU München
- Isabelle Carhoun
- Erik Hilzensauer, BDA
- Ulrike Hohenwarter
- Gerald Steiner, Danube University Krems
- Michael Sack, Burghauptmannschaft Österreich
- Thilp Hoffmann, Fire Brigades Munich
- Martin Grüneis, Provincial Government Lower Austria
- Heinrich Speich, Cultural Property Protection Society Switzerland
- David Staebelin, Rachel Carson Center LMU München
- Zita Könczölné Egerszegi



Topics tackled & links to deliverables/outputs

After the initial presentation of the projects STRENCH and CHEERS and the exploration of the common ground and goals of both projects, the moderated discussion with the panellists began. Topic tackled were:

- What is cultural property and what is the difference to cultural heritage?
- Which legal status do both hold?
- Who decides what cultural property and heritage is?
- Which criteria should be considered when deciding on the status of cultural heritage?
- How to prepare an effective emergency plan for a cultural institution.
- Which criteria are used for prioritising objects?
- How important is the emotional and personal component in preparing cultural heritage for disastrous events?
- Which role does the civil society play in cultural heritage protection and disaster preparedness?
- How to assess threats to cultural heritage.
- Examples of cultural heritage and natural heritage monitoring using different types of satellite data?
- What will be the biggest threats related to climate change coming towards us during the next 50 years?
- What does the Group on Earth Observation Coordination contribute to the Group on Earth Cultural Heritage Initiatives?
- What role does cultural heritage protection hold in the EU Commission as research field?
- What is the importance of cultural heritage for the Austrian Ministry of the Interior? How is it reflected in the crisis preparedness plans of Austria?
- Which roles can emergency responders play in cultural heritage protection?
- How best to build bridges between the different stakeholders (academia, emergency responders, cultural heritage responsible)?
- How does the situation regarding preparedness and cultural heritage protection look like in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland?
- How to use satellite data in and for cultural heritage protection.

Expected effects and follow-up

The awareness raising event was aimed at bringing together experts and stakeholders in disaster preparedness and cultural heritage protection from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland and to



highlight current developments and situation, especially in cultural heritage protection preparedness.

Expected effects include (and have already been developed) that different stakeholders from the German speaking world connect and further exchange details and expertise and lessons learned.

The Austrian Burghauptmannschaft for example, which is responsible for the upkeep and management of inter alia the former Imperial castles in Vienna and Innsbruck, got in contact with the Fire Brigades from Bavaria, enquiring about details on how the German colleagues prepare cultural heritage for fire and water damage. As a follow up on sharing of experience and related documents, the Burghauptmannschaft Austria now develops a short training programme for their staff regarding cultural heritage protection and firefighting. Similar incentives are foreseen and expected to happen in the upcoming months and years.