



NORDIC WORLD HERITAGE FOUNDATION



The Nordic World Heritage Foundation is an international Centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

NWHF'S NORDIC-BALTIC PRIORITIES

NWHF is as a competence and resource centre (Focal Point) for the States Parties in the Nordic-Baltic region and the Nordic World Heritage networks, and collaborates closely with these actors. Under the NWHF Strategy 2010-2014, the Foundation has strengthened its Nordic-Baltic activities considerably through giving priority to the following initiatives in the strategy period:

1. Periodic Reporting

The Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting (PR) under the World Heritage Convention is a main activity for NWHF. The Foundation has facilitated and organised three international meetings and workshops in the sub-region as part of the capacity-building and preparation for the Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe, and has developed an implementation plan with the States Parties for this purpose. NWHF will contribute to a fourth international meeting to be held in Berlin in October 2012.

Further, NWHF has contributed to three national capacity-building meetings/workshops in Sweden, one in Finland and one in Norway, on the request of the States Parties. Iceland and Sweden have further asked for capacity-building assistance at national workshops in 2012. Finally, the Foundation has contributed at the annual meetings of the national and Nordic networks of Site Managers.

NWHF will contribute with analysis and input to the overall Periodic Report for Europe, to be presented to the World Heritage Committee in 2015, which provides the basis for preparation of the future six-year Action Plan(s) for the Nordic-Baltic sub-region, where NWHF can continue its efforts to facilitate capacity building.

2. Sustainable development through tourism

NWHF has a formalised role in the development of the new UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme, which will be presented for adoption at the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2012.

NWHF has given several presentations on the topics sustainable development/local communities/tourism for the Norwegian and Nordic networks of Site Managers. Further, NWHF will continue developing the "3 Is": Inclusion, Information and Incentives, a result of the Nordic-Baltic workshop organised by NWHF in Visby, Sweden, October 2010, as a framework for identification and dissemination of good practice examples. The results of the Røros conference "Living with World Heritage" will play an important role in this regard. NWHF will also strengthen the analysis of tourism in the Periodic Reporting in the Nordic-Baltic sub-region.

3. NWHF - a regional resource as a UNESCO Category 2 Centre

NWHF has been an active supporter and advisor to Nordic countries in the World Heritage Committee. NWHF participates in the Nordic working group and supported Sweden as a Committee member through participation in the Swedish reference group; preparation of interventions and statements; and assistance on technical and substantial matters. NWHF supported Denmark as a candidate to the World Heritage Committee in 2011 through its network providing access to relevant stakeholders and in development of relevant initiatives to promote Denmark's candidature.

NWHF is an observer in the steering group for the ongoing transnational serial nomination project "Viking Age Monuments and Sites", and given a formal role as technical partner/advisor. NWHF liaises with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS to support the project.

NWHF further participates as an observer in the Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO, and provides professional inputs upon request in the meetings of the Commission.