

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessalonika

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

- Greece

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

456

#### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1988

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
City Walls	40.639 / 22.97	?	?	0	
Rotunda	40.641 / 22.97	0.587	?	0.587	
Church of Acheiropoietos	40.643 / 22.963	0.375	?	0.375	
Church of St. Demetrios	40.647 / 22.963	1.16	?	1.16	
Latomou Monastery	40.651 / 22.968	0.058	?	0.058	
Church of St. Sophia	40.64 / 22.962	0.82	?	0.82	
Church of Panagia Chalkeon	40.644 / 22.958	0.249	?	0.249	
Church of St. Panteleimon	40.641 / 22.968	0.174	?	0.174	
Church of the Holy Apostles	40.651 / 22.949	0.16	?	0.16	
Church of St. Nicholas Orphanos	40.647 / 22.973	0.227	?	0.227	
Church of St. Catherine	40.652 / 22.957	0.083	?	0.083	
Church of Christ Saviour	40.64 / 22.967	0.027	?	0.027	
Blatades Monastery	40.652 / 22.971	1.16	?	1.16	
Church of Prophet Elijah	40.65 / 22.963	0.198	?	0.198	
Byzantine Bath	40.649 / 22.969	0.049	?	0.049	
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>5.327</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.327</b>	

#### Comment

The correct coordinates are: City Walls N40°38'39".752 E 22°57'35".648 Rotunda N40°38'00".012 E 22°57'10".851 Church of Acheiropoietos N40°38'05".921 E 22°56'52".522 Church of St. Demetrios N40°38'19".794 E22°56'52".531 Latomou Monastery N40°38'30".175 E22°57'08".353 Church of St. Sophia N40°37'58".111 E22°56'49".054 Church of Panagia Chalkeon N40°38'12".407 E22°56'37".261 Church of St. Panteleimon N40°37'59".201 E22°57'04".333 Church of the Holy Apostles N40°38'33".972 E22°56'15".068 Church of St. Nicholas Orphanos N40°38'16".134 E22°57'22".242 Church of St. Catherine N40°38'35".341 E22°56'39".475 Church of Christ Saviour N40°37'55".631 E22°57'03".194

Blatades Monastery N40°38'35".342 E22°56'39".472 Church of Prophet Elijah N40°38'27".201 E22°56'54".865 Byzantine Bath N40°38'22".511 E22°57'09".436

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Thessalonika - City Walls and Monuments	20/04/2009	
Thessalonika - Monuments	20/04/2009	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities

### 1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Despoina Makropoulou  
Hellenic Ministry of Culture  
Head of the Ephorate, Archaeologist  
9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities

#### Comment

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### 1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [Hellenic Ministry of Culture](#)

### 1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

#### Comment

The draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted to the WHC for evaluation.

### 2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(i)(ii)(iv)

### 2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (i): The mosaics of the Rotunda, Saint Demetrios and Saint David's (Latomou Monastery) are among the great masterpieces of Early Christian art. Criterion (ii): The influence of the Thessalonian churches on the development of the monumental arts was considerable first in the Byzantine and later the Serbian world, whether in the Early Christian period, the Middle Byzantine era or the Palaeologan Renaissance. The monuments of Thessalonika reveal a continuous artistic exchange with the greatest cultural centers of each era (Rome, Constantinople). The city itself was an important artistic center, from its foundation and throughout the Byzantine period. Wall painting ensembles, mosaics and frescoes, preserved in Thessalonika's monuments, represent

some of the major artistic trends, that have been developed in Byzantine monumental painting from its beginnings (the Rotunda, Saint Demetrius, Hosios David), through the first period after iconoclasm (Saint Sophia) and the Comnenian period (Hosios David frescoes) to its culmination known as Palaeologan Renaissance (late Byzantine period). The significant surviving late Byzantine monuments of Thessalonika (the Holy Apostles, chapel of Saint Euthymios in the Church of Saint Demetrius, Saint Nikolaos Orphanos, Saint Panteleimon, the Transfiguration of the Saviour, Saint Aikaterini, Prophitis Ilias, katholikon of the Vlatadon Monastery), reflect all the tendencies of the Palaeologan Renaissance, originating either in Constantinople or in Thessalonika itself and spread further north in the Balkans. Criterion (iv): The Christian monuments of Thessalonika are outstanding examples of churches built according to central, basilical and transitional architectural types over a period going from the 4th to the 15th century. For this reason they constitute a series which is a typological point of reference.

**2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised**

**2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

### **3. Factors Affecting the Property**

#### **3.14. Other factor(s)**

##### **3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

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	Name	Impact						Origin
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>							
3.1.1	Housing							
3.1.2	Commercial development							
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities							
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure							
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure							
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure							
3.2.5	Underground transport infrastructure							
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>							
3.3.1	Water infrastructure							
3.3.5	Major linear utilities							
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>							
3.4.4	Air pollution							
3.4.5	Solid waste							
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>							
3.7.2	Relative humidity							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)							
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>							
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage							
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>							
3.11.2	Earthquake							
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>							
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities							
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities							
3.13.3	Management activities							
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside		

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

#### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.1</b>	<b>Housing</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
<b>3.2.4</b>	<b>Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure</b>	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
<b>3.3.5</b>	<b>Major linear utilities</b>	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
<b>3.4.4</b>	<b>Air pollution</b>	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static

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<b>3.4.5 Solid waste</b>	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
<b>3.7.2 Relative humidity</b>	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
<b>3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)</b>	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
<b>3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	extensive	frequent	minor	high capacity	static
3.9 Other human activities					
<b>3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage</b>	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static

### 3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

## 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

#### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

#### 4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value **but they could be improved**

#### 4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

Concerning 4.1.1.: Since the monuments are situated within the urban tissue of Thessalonika not all of them have a buffer zone. However, they are very well protected by the Archaeological Law 3028/2002.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

#### 4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

Archaeological legislation, individual designations, exercising of town planning control in areas directly neighbouring the listed monuments. This is of particular importance for Heptapyrgio and the City Walls that are surrounded by a buffer zone of 10-20 meters.

Furthermore, in some parts around Heptapyrgio, there are areas that have not been built and where building is either restricted or expropriations take place in consultation with the Municipal Authorities.

The new archaeological law 3028/2002 «On the protection of the Antiquities and cultural heritage in general» was voted and implemented, replacing the previous law 5351/32 «On Antiquities». Delimitation of the buffer zone for Heptapyrgio: Ministry of Culture Decision 54867/1777/17-10-2001 (Government Gazette 1468/B/26-10-2001).

Following the advice expressed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise, the boundaries of the site were clarified, as per World Heritage Committee Decision 34COM 8D.

The protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

#### Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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Archaeological legislation, individual designations (see 03.04), exercising of town planning control in areas directly neighboring the listed monuments. This is of particular importance for Heptapyrgio and the City Walls that are surrounded by a buffer zone of 10-20 meters. Furthermore, in some parts around Heptapyrgio, there are areas that have not been built and where building is either restricted or expropriations take place in consultation with the Municipal Authorities. (Attached designations)

#### 4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

#### 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

#### 4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

**4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures**

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

There is no Steering group at this time. The Site Manager responsibilities have been added to an existing job, and both national and ecclesiastic authorities are involved in the management of the property.  
The current management system is considered sufficiently effective.  
The management and protection of monuments and archaeological sites in Greece is not based on an actual management plan. Greece has a system of protection, which is administered centrally by the Ministry of Culture through its regional services. The Ministry of Culture is the competent body supervising the sites and overseeing all works carried out. As far as the safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage is concerned, there are cases where other competent bodies besides the Ministry of Culture are involved. The Ministry of Culture sets out the guidelines and the general policy for the management of the monuments and sites, which is then implemented by the competent Ephorates.

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- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group:  
There is no such planning for the time being
- **Question 5.05**  
Overall management system of the site
  - Management by the State Party
  - Management under protective legislation

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?**

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

**4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?**

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

**4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following**

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair

Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Poor

**4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

**No indigenous peoples** are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

**4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?**

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

**4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

**4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report**

**4.4. Financial and Human Resources**

**4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)**

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	70%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	30%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

**4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)**

**4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?**

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

**4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?**

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

**4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?**

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

**4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?**

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

**4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?**

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

**4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure**

4.4.1: refers to the budget of the Ministry of Culture and Sports and to European funds managed by the Ministry. 4.4.1.8: Revenues from commercial operator payments are collected by the Archaeological Receipts Fund (T.A.P.), a public jurisdiction legal entity under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture & Sports, and they are redistributed to the archaeological sites and museums of the country according to their needs. Therefore, such revenues are subject to centralized administration and for that reason it is not possible to estimate their contribution to the total funding of each property.

**4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

**4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Permanent	70%
Seasonal	30%

**4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

**4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?**

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

**4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Good
Visitor management	Poor
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

**4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

**4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?**

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

**4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

4.4.10: The distribution of the staff refers only to the Ministry of Culture and Sports. Concerning 4.4.15: None of the 4 answers fully reflects the property's current situation. However, 4.4.15.4 is closer to the current status since constant care for transferring technical skills among the personnel exists at a permanent basis although there is no specific capacity development plan or programme.

**4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

**4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-**

**making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

**4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?**

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

**4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report**

E. Kourkoutidou-Nikolaïdou, The Church of Christ the Saviour, Athens 2008. Ch. Bakirtzis, E. Kourkoutidou - Nikolaïdou, Ch. Mavropoulou - Tsioumi , Mosaics of Thessaloniki : 4th-14th Century , Athens 2012.

**4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects**

The answer 4.5.2.3 does not fully reflect the current situation since research is partially directed towards management needs.

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In **one location and easily visible** to visitors

**4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups**

Local communities / residents	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

**4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?**

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

**4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?**

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

**4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?**

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

**4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property**

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Poor
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Adequate

**4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building**

**4.7. Visitor Management**

**4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years**

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

**4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?**

Visitor surveys
Other

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

**4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?**

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

**4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?**

**No fees are collected**

**4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property**

**4.8. Monitoring**

**4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?**

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

**4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups**

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

**4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?**

**No relevant** Committee recommendations to implement

**4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee**

**4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring**

Concerning 4.8.1: The monitoring programme is partially directed towards management needs. 4.8.3.3: The religious authorities are involved in the monitoring of the churches.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2

## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

#### 5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>						
<b>3.2.4</b>	<b>Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure</b>	The use of transportation infrastructure does not affect negatively the criteria according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Measures for the control of the traffic are being implemented.	Supervision of the current situation by the responsible authorities	On going	Police authority of Thessalonika, Port authority of Thessalonika	-
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>						
<b>3.4.4</b>	<b>Air pollution</b>	Air pollution might create smoke deposits on the exterior surfaces of the churches and on the mosaics.	Cleaning works and proactive conservation	Systematic monitoring of the monuments by conservators	Periodically	9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities	-
<b>3.4.5</b>	<b>Solid waste</b>	Solid waste does not affect the attributes of the property.	Regular collection of solid waste	Continuous monitoring and control	On going	Municipality of Thessalonika	-
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
<b>3.7.2</b>	<b>Relative humidity</b>	Insignificant impact on the property's attributes	Constant conservation of the monuments	Continuous measuring of the humidity with specific instruments	On going	9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities	Relative humidity is a standard characteristic of Thessalonika
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	Insignificant impact on the property's attributes	There is a system of channels for collecting and flowing out the rain water.	Continuous maintenance of the existing system	On going	9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities	Rain is a standard characteristic of Thessalonika's climate
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
<b>3.8.6</b>	<b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	Only few of the inscribed monuments receive a number of tourists so, there is no negative impact on the criteria according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Until now, no specific measures have been taken since Thessalonika is a large city (the second in population city in Greece) with many monuments and a rich cultural life. The churches do not attract large numbers of tourists simultaneously.	Constant supervision of the situation of the monuments	On going	9th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities Religious authorities of Thessalonika	-

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

### 5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

#### 5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

#### 5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

#### 5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

### 5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

### 6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

#### 6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	No impact
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

#### 6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

#### 6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

#### 6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

#### 6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

#### 6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

#### 6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

All required information was accessible

#### 6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

#### 6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Excellent
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

#### 6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

##### • Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Reason for update: The draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted to the WHC for evaluation.

##### • Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: The correct coordinates are: City Walls N40°38'39".752 E 22°57'35".648 Rotunda N40°38'00".012 E 22°57'10".851 Church of Acheiropoietos N40°38'05".921 E 22°56'52".522 Church of St. Demetrios N40°38'19".794 E22°56'52".531 Latomou Monastery N40°38'30".175 E22°57'08".353 Church of St. Sophia N40°37'58".111 E22°56'49".054 Church of Panagia Chalkeon N40°38'12".407 E22°56'37".261 Church of St. Panteleimon N40°37'59".201 E22°57'04".333 Church of the Holy Apostles N40°38'33".972 E22°56'15".068 Church of St. Nicholas Orphanos N40°38'16".134 E22°57'22".242 Church of St. Catherine N40°38'35".341 E22°56'39".475 Church of Christ Saviour N40°37'55".631 E22°57'03".194 Blatades Monastery N40°38'35".342 E22°56'39".472 Church of Prophet Elijah N40°38'27".201 E22°56'54".865 Byzantine Bath N40°38'22".511 E22°57'09".436

#### 6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise