

Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value: **Process and Timeline**

Meeting for the Focal Points from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe,

Baku, Azerbaijan 29-31 October 2013

29 October 10:45-11:15



Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (rSOUV)

World Heritage properties EUR/NA	470
Retrospective SOUVs expected	372
Retrospective SOUVs received	354
Retrospective SOUVs not received	21
Retrospective SOUVs incomplete	10
Retrospective SOUVs presented to 37COM	65

28 draft Statements evaluated by Advisory Bodies by 31 October 2013

World Heritage properties in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

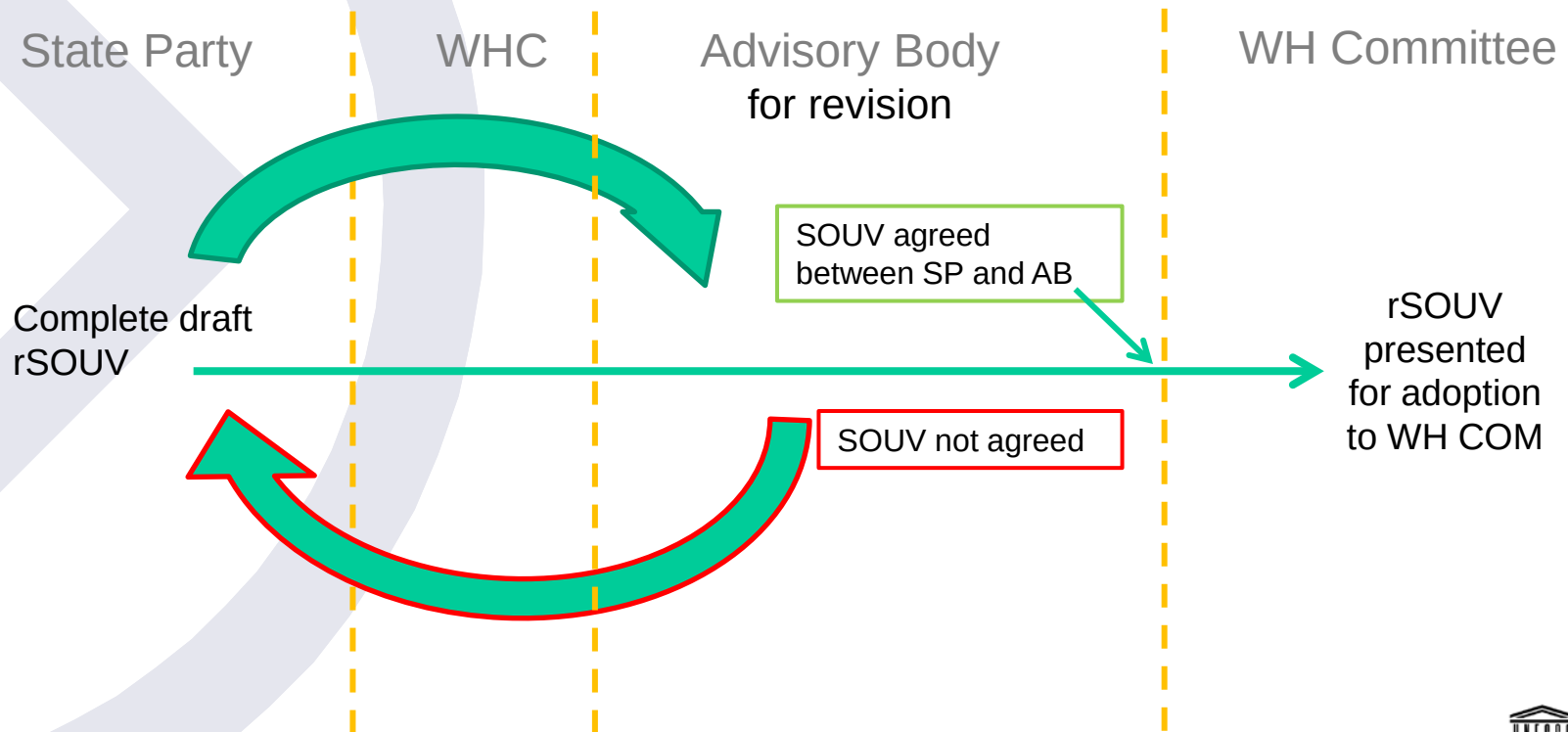
State Party	World Heritage Property
Albania	Butrint
Belarus/Estonia/Finland/Latvia/Lithuania/Moldova/Norway/Russian Federation/Sweden/Ukraine	Struve Geodetic Arc
Belarus - Poland	Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest *
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar
Croatia	Plitvice Lakes National Park #
Czech Republic	Gardens and Castle at Kroměříž
Czech Republic	Historic Centre of Český Krumlov (1992)
Czech Republic	Historic Centre of Prague (1992)
Czech Republic	Historic Centre of Telč (1992)
Czech Republic	Holašovice Historical Village Reservation
Czech Republic	Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc
Czech Republic	Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč
Czech Republic	Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec
Czech Republic	Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape
Czech Republic	Litomyšl Castle
Czech Republic	Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora
Czech Republic	Tugendhat Villa in Brno

Georgia	Historical Monuments of Mtskheta
Montenegro	Durmitor National Park
Poland	Centennial Hall in Wrocław
Poland	Historic Centre of Warsaw
Russian Federation	Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl
Russian Federation - Mongolia	Uvs Nuur Basin *
Slovakia	Bardejov Town Conservation Reserve (2000)
Slovakia	Historic Town of Banská Štiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity (1993)
Slovakia	Vlkolínec (1993)
Slovenia	Škocjan Caves #

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Lessons learned

- ✓ Timely submission of revisions of draft Statements



- ✓ New deadline for agreed and finalised drafts between States Parties and Advisory Bodies for 38 COM:

1 March 2014

✓ Time-bound references

Avoid all unnecessary time-bound references, keeping in mind that the Statement should still be valid for the long term, should be relevant for at least the next 10 years

Example :

“Management Plan will be adopted at the end of 2013”

could be replaced by

“An adopted management plan is an essential requirement”

✓ Level of Detail

- o **too much detail:** references to Capitals of Culture, long lists of local stakeholders;
- o **not sufficient detail:** same phrase for integrity section in several draft rSOUV's

“[The property X] contains all the elements necessary to express the Outstanding Universal Value and is of appropriate size. All features and structures to convey its significance are present.”

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Lessons learned

✓ Acronyms

Do not leave in acronyms, but **spell out the full name** once (at first occurrence) for ease of **comprehension**.

✓ Clarity

Make sure that no part of the text **is ambiguous, unclear, leaves room to interpretation**.

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- ✓ **Gender-neutral language** in the framework of the Gender Equality Priority of UNESCO

*“The **Man’s** victorious struggle against the elements”.*

replaced by

*“The **people’s** victorious struggle against the elements”.*

Decision: 37.COM.8E [link](#)

Questions?

**Thank you for your
cooperation!**