

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Centre of Prague

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

•Czech Republic

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

616bis

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1992


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Historic Centre of Prague , Prague , Central Bohemia	50.09 / 14.419	894.94	9015.89	9910.83	1992
Průhonice Park , Průhonice , Central Bohemia	49.989 / 14.55	211.42	871.2	1082.62	1992
Total (ha)		1106.36	9887.09	10993.45	

Comment

Correct data: Historic Centre of Prague longitude: 14°25´ E latitude: 50°5´N Průhonice Park longitude: 14°33´E latitude: 50°0´N

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Historic Centre of Prague - Map of the World Heritage property	01/02/2012	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

•Robert Gája
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Responsible for annual reporting (Historic Centre of Prague)

Comment

An employee of the National Heritage Institute is responsible for the periodic reporting. The e-mail address of Mr. R. Gája is changed, the new one is: gaja.robert@npu.cz. SMSs of component parts are: 616-001:Municipality Capital City of Prague, Tomáš Hudeček, Mayor of Prague, Mariánské náměstí 2, CZ 110 01 Praha 1, info@praha.eu; 616-002: Institute of Botany of the Academy of Science Czech Republic, Miroslav Vosátka, Director, Zámek 1, CZ 252 43 Průhonice, ibot@ibot.cas.cz

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- www.pis.cz

Comment

www.praha.eu; www.parkpruhonice.cz;
www.praguewelcom.cz; http://pamatky.praha.eu;
http://stovezata.praha.eu

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

Comment

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict; Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict; Second Protocol to the Hague Convention; Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe; Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; European Convention on the Protection of the Archeological Heritage; European Landscape Convention

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance

Prague is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe in terms of its setting on both banks of the Vltava River, its townscape of burger houses and palaces punctuated by towers, and its individual buildings.

The Historic Centre represents a supreme manifestation of Medieval urbanism (the New Town of Emperor Charles IV built as the New Jerusalem). The Prague architectural works of the Gothic Period (14th and 15th centuries), of the High Baroque of the 1st half of the 18th century and of the rising modernism after the year 1900, influenced the development of Central Europe, perhaps even all European architecture. Prague represents one of the most prominent world centres of creative life in the field of urbanism and architecture across generations, human mentality and beliefs.

Prague belongs to the group of historic cities which have preserved the structure of their development until the present times. Within the core of Prague, successive stages of growth and changes have respected the original grand-scale urban structure of the Early Middle Ages. This structure was essentially and greatly enlarged with urban activities in the

High Gothic period with more additions during the High Baroque period and in the 19th century. It has been saved from any large-scale urban renewal or massive demolitions and thus preserves its overall configuration, pattern and spatial composition.

In the course of the 1100 years of its existence, Prague's development can be documented in the architectural expression of many historical periods and their styles. The city is rich in outstanding monuments from all periods of its history. Of particular importance are Prague Castle, the Cathedral of St Vitus, Hradčany Square in front of the Castle, the Valdštejn Palace on the left bank of the river, the Gothic Charles Bridge, the Romanesque Rotunda of the Holy Rood, the Gothic arcaded houses round the Old Town Square, the High Gothic Minorite Church of St James in the Stark Město, the late 19th century buildings and town plan of the Nave Město.

As early as the Middle Ages, Prague became one of the leading cultural centres of Christian Europe. The Prague University, founded in 1348, is one of the earliest in Europe. The milieu of the University in the last quarter of the 14th century and the first years of the 15th century contributed among other things to the formation of ideas of the Hussite Movement which represented in fact the first steps of the European Reformation. As a metropolis of culture, Prague is connected with prominent names in art, science and politics, such as Charles IV, Petr Parléř, Jan Hus, Johannes Kepler, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Kafka, Antonín Dvořák, Albert Einstein, Edvard Beneš (co-founder of the League of Nations) and Václav Havel.

Criterion (ii): The historic centre of Prague admirably illustrates the process of continuous urban growth from the Middle Ages to the present day. Its important role in the political, economic, social, and cultural evolution of central Europe from the 14th century onwards and the richness of its architectural and artistic traditions meant that it served as a major model for urban development for much of central and eastern Europe.

Criterion (iv): Prague is an urban architectural ensemble of outstanding quality, in terms of both its individual monuments and its townscape, and one that is deservedly world-famous.

Criterion (vi): The role of Prague in the medieval development of Christianity in central Europe was an outstanding one, as was its formative influence in the evolution of towns. By virtue of its political significance in the later Middle Ages and after, it attracted architects and artists from all over Europe, who contributed to its wealth of architectural and artistic treasures. The 14th century foundation of Charles University made Prague a renowned seat of learning, a reputation that it has preserved up to the present day. Since the reign of Charles IV, Prague has also been the intellectual and cultural centre of central Europe, and is indelibly associated with such world-famous names as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Kafka.

Comment

The statement is under the review of advisory bodies and State Party.

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

(ii)(iv)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

(ii) continuous urban growth from the middle ages; valuable architecture and its ensembles; (iv) arrangement of the historic urban landscape with favourable natural conditions; roofscape with its historic height landmarks; evidence of medieval urban

structure, street network and plots; preserved historical stratigraphy in the cores of burgher houses, evidence of continuous architectural development; high proportion of green areas; (vi) relationship of Prague and world-renowned persons

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)

Increased degree of the land use in the city centre (increased number of floors and height level of the buildings in the city centre and also new construction on so far vacant land /green areas, inner courtyards/, increased density of buildings). In addition to the exceeded limits for air pollution in city centres, hygienic limits for noise pollution caused, as in the previous case, by motor transport are also exceeded along the Eastern Highway.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin	
		+	-	!	!	!	!	!	!
3.1	Buildings and Development								
3.1.1	Housing	+	-	!				!	
3.1.2	Commercial development		-	!				!	!
3.1.3	Industrial areas		-		!				!
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		-	!				!	
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	+		!				!	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	+	-	!				!	
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure		-	!				!	
3.2.5	Underground transport infrastructure	+		!				!	
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities		-		!			!	
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities		-		!				!
3.3.4	Localised utilities		-		!			!	!
3.3.5	Major linear utilities		-		!			!	
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.2	Ground water pollution		-		!				!
3.4.3	Surface water pollution		-	!	!				!
3.4.4	Air pollution		-	!				!	!
3.4.5	Solid waste		-		!			!	
3.5	Biological resource use/modification								
3.5.3	Land conversion	+	-		!				!
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.1	Wind		-	!				!	
3.7.3	Temperature		-	!					!
3.7.5	Dust		-	!				!	
3.7.7	Pests		-	!				!	
3.7.8	Micro-organisms		-	!				!	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	+		!				!	
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	+	-	!	!			!	
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system		-		!			!	
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community		-	!				!	
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation		-	!				!	
3.9	Other human activities								
3.9.1	Illegal activities		-	!				!	
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage		-	!				!	
3.9.5	Terrorism		-		!				!
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events								
3.10.1	Storms		-		!				!
3.10.2	Flooding		-		!			!	
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events								
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)		-		!			!	
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species								

	Name	Impact				Origin	
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species						
3.13	Management and institutional factors						
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3	Management activities						
Legend	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	
3.1 Buildings and Development						
3.1.1	Housing	extensive	on-going	minor	low capacity	static
3.1.2	Commercial development	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	static
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.4 Pollution						
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.4.4	Air pollution	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	widespread	one off or rare	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.5	Dust	localised	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
3.7.7	Pests	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	widespread	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.9 Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	extensive	on-going	significant	low 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 are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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 the management authority but are **not known by local residents / communities/landowners**.

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

It is necessary to raise public awareness of the property boundaries and of the boundaries of the buffer zones and on the cultural heritage protection status that they enjoy. In some places, new signs will be added to the signs indicating the boundaries of the Historic Centre of Prague.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The draft of a new Law on National Heritage Conservation which should replace the existing Act No. 20 of 1987 Coll. has been finalized by the Czech Ministry of Culture. This proposal takes in account the World Heritage and defines principles and mechanisms in relation to it.

On 20 July 2011 the government of the Czech Republic approved the "Concept of monument care in the Czech Republic for 2011-2016". The concept is based on a joint general conceptual material of the resort called "State Culture Policy", and it also follows up on conceptual materials about

protection of other elements of cultural heritage, i.e. the "Concept of more effective care of movable cultural heritage in the Czech Republic for 2010-2014", which was acknowledged by the government of the Czech Republic on 1 December 2010, and the "Concept of more effective care of traditional folk culture in the Czech Republic for 2011 – 2015", which was approved by the government of the Czech Republic on 5 January 2011.

The material is divided into two main parts. Firstly, it analyzes outputs of monument care in the previous years and in the second part it proposes relevant precautions. The proposal part stresses mainly the necessity for legislative changes in the monument care domain, putting great emphasis on improving the descriptive qualities of the Central Register of Cultural Monuments established by the law and simplifying and improving the quality of performance of the public administration in monument care sector. The concept reflects the current trends of electronization of state administration and digitization of analogue data, including documentation registers.

In the Historic Centre of Prague territory in 2011, based on the decision of the Ministry of Culture no. MK 52173/2011 OPP from 10 October 2011, a group of Gothic cellars below the former houses no. 69 and no. 70 on Spálená Street on plots no. 2387/1 and 725/1, cadastral area New Town, Prague 1, was declared a cultural monument. (The mentioned houses no. 69 and no.70 were already demolished in 1960s-70s.) This Decision will enable their preservation in the future. Then in 2011 the following properties were declared national monuments in the Historic Centre of Prague territory: apartment house no. 33 Na Výtoni and Kořán's villa no. 266 in Hradčany.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Tuesday, November 29, 2005

• Question 6.02

Law No. 20/1987 Coll., on the state monuments care that codifies the care for cultural monuments and conservation areas.

Decree of the government of the Czech Socialist Republic No.66/1971 Coll., on the conservation area in the capital of Prague.

Decision of the Department of Culture of the National Committee of the Capital of Prague No. kul/5 – 932/81 of May 19, 1981 by which the buffer zone is determined of the conservation area in the capital of Prague and 4 conditions are determined for the protection of the horizons of the city in the historic centre of the city.

Decree of the government on the declaration of some cultural monuments national cultural monuments, including 26 most significant cultural monuments that are located in the territory of the estate.

Decrees of the government No.182/1993 Coll. and 182/1996 Coll. on the conditions of protection of the national cultural monument of the seat of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Prague.

Decree of the government No.55/1954 Coll., on protected area of the Prague Castle.

The town-planning plan of the settlement formation of the capital of Prague in the scale 1:10 000, approved on September 9, 1999. The updating of the town-planning study of the estate as the concept for the prepared Town-planning Plan was completed in September, 2000, not yet approved. The Strategic Plan of the Capital of Prague of May 25, 2003 for the period 1999-2006.

The town-planning plan of the zone Anenská in the territory of the Old Town approved of July 16, 2001.

The statute of the capital of Prague of 2003 – transfer of

decision-making competences to the individual municipal parts, especially in the field of town-planning decision-making.
 Regulation No.26/1999 of the Capital of Prague on common technical requirements for the construction in the capital of Prague.
 Regulation No.6/2004 of the Capital of Prague by which regulation No.27/1998 is amended by which the market regulations are issued.

Comment

The last 2 Paragraphs of the Introductions aren't important. Overview of the legislation can be supplemented by the following: - Act No. 183/2006 Coll., on Land Use Planning and on the Building Procedure Code (the Building Act) <http://portal.uur.cz/pravni-predpisy/stavebni-zakon-a-provadedi-predpisy.asp>, EN and FR versions; - Decision of the District National Com. in Prague - West No. 21 of 12 February 1981, on the declaration of a protective zone around the country house and park in Průhonice

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?

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**

4.2.3 - 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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

At the legislative level, protective measures are sufficient, but it would be desirable if the protection of the Historic Centre of Prague was enhanced in particular by a detailed zoning regulation plan.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The improvement the preservation and conservation of WH properties is encouraged by Management Plans which have been prepared and updated for each World Heritage property, mainly with a support of the ministerial programme (about the programme see above and below as well).
 Drafting of the new Land Use Plan continued in 2011. Following Prague City Council's Resolution no. 15 from 11 November 2011, there was a change in the organizational structure of the Prague City Hall. The Culture, Monument Care and Tourism Department of the Prague City Hall was disbanded and replaced by a new Monument Care Department of the Prague City Hall with three sections: State Administration of Monument Care Section, Monument Care Support Section and Secretariat Section.
 The activities are implemented by the so-called Coordination committee of the working group of the Mayor of the City of Prague to arrange revitalization of the Old Town Hall and its surroundings, established by the resolution of the Prague City Council no. 768 from 7 June 2011. The activity of the committee follows up on the work done by the former working group of the Mayor of the City of Prague from 2008 and the results of an international conference from 2009. Main tasks of this committee include development of a sociological survey among a wider field of experts in the matter of finding a functional use for this area, particularly for the gap site that resulted from the bombing of the neo Gothic wing of the Old Town Hall in 1945. Based on the results of this survey, the parameters for a public idea bid for revitalization of the Old Town Hall and its surroundings can be developed.
 On 30 August 2011 Prague City Council passed resolution no.1262 and approved the intent to do an architectural and urban planning analysis of the Historic Centre of Prague (search and classification system) with the aim of deepening the methodology for more effective monument care in the city of Prague.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Tuesday, November 29, 2005

• **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group:
 The steering group will be established following up with the establishment of the function of the coordinator in 2006. At present its function is fulfilled partially by the Commission of the Board of the Capital of Prague for the monuments care in the territory of the Capital of Prague.

• **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Other effective management system

The city, including the territory of the estate, is managed at the level of the whole city by the elected board of representatives of the Capital of Prague and the management is performed by the authority – the Municipal Authority of the Capital of Prague that is also the executive authority of the state monuments care.

The professional organization providing professional opinions and background materials is the National Institute for the Protection and Conservation of Monuments and Sites, territorial professional place of work in the capital of Prague. For the cultural monuments declared national cultural monuments professional service is performed by the central place of work of the National Institute for the Protection and Conservation of Monuments and Sites.

A separate position in this system is the position of the area of the Prague Castle where the management, including the monuments care, is performed by the Management of the Prague Castle.

Comment

The Steering Group was established in 2012. The "World Heritage Site Office" to coordinate management activities in the Historic Centre of Prague /HCP/ (616-001), especially Management Plan was established in 2012 as well. The office has been attached to the Heritage Preservation Department of the Prague City Hall since 2013. Detailed information are reported in the State Party's report on the state of conservation of the HCP 2012-2013.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The Municipal Authority of the Capital City of Prague performs the Strategic Plan of the Capital City, updated in 2008, that covers the whole territory of the capital city, which also includes the cultural heritage preservation in the historic centre - see <http://www.iprpraha.cz/en/strategy-of-development> (eng. ver.). The completion of the Management Plan (MP) of component part /CP/ 616-001 is planned in 2014. The MP of the CP 616-002 has been in a preparatory analytical phase (2012-2013).

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 **not adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system **is not being implemented**

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

No annual work / action plan exists

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

Local communities / residents	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Poor
Researchers	Poor
Tourism industry	Poor
Industry	Not applicable

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 **little or no contact** 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

Co-operation with the agricultural and food sectors would be desirable in case of the Průhonice Park (616-002) to prevent the property from the contamination of waterways. In case of the Historic Centre of Prague (616-001), co-operation would be desirable above all with permanent residents' and citizens' associations in the planning of new constructions.

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

There are no significant changes in the legal status and management arrangements for the World Heritage property.

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)	10%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	40%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	40%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	10%
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)

Comment

The World Heritage property has not received any Assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

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 a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

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

Multilateral funding also includes EU funds. The indicated percentage refers to heritage sites owned by the state or the city. In addition to that, there exists a significant share of private owners in the territory of the property. In some cases, repairs are also supported by grants from the Municipal Authority of the Capital City of Prague or of the city districts.

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	100%
Seasonal	0%

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?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

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
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Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Poor
Interpretation	Poor
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
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	Medium
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

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** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

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 with local partners** but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies

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

Architecture: KALINA, P.; KOŤÁTKO, J. Praha 1437-1610. Prague 2011. The Judith and Charles Bridge: STÁTNÍKOVÁ, P.; ŠEFCŮ, O.; DRAGOŮN, Z. Kamenný most v Praze/The Stone Bridge in Prague. Prague 2013. The latest archaeological findings are published in a paper of the Prague Museum: <http://www.muzeumprahy.cz/archaeologica-pragensia/> or by the National Heritage Institute: <http://www.staletapraha.cz>

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

There are research projects focused on a specific research of buildings, on an archaeological research or on methods of preservation, but they are very little focused on the evaluation of the overall development of the Historic Centre of Prague (HCP). Archaeological excavations in the HCP are mainly so-called rescue.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

In many locations, but not 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	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Poor
Tourism industry	Poor
Local businesses and industries	Poor

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 limited and *ad hoc* education and awareness programme

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?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted

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

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	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Currently, no such documents exist.

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 not being actively managed despite an identified need

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

Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is little or no contact between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property

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

The fee is collected, but it makes no contribution to the management of the World Heritage property

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

Admission is charged only at the entrance to the Průhonice Park 616-002; otherwise, admission fee is charged in various heritage sites in the Historic Centre of Prague 616-001. A number of accessible sites are in private hands or in the hands of state-funded agencies and agencies established by the Municipal Authority.

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 considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards 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 and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

Implementation is **underway**

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

Following recommendations have not been implemented yet: 1) the downgrading of the Eastern Highway; 2) to minimize the demands on vehicle access to the property; 3) high-rise limitations plan in the centre and in the buffer zone (especially on the Pankrác Plane); 4) to adopt the conservation plan in order to provide an effective zoning and planning tool

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

We have not succeeded in setting up the monitoring system in such a way that its conclusions and recommendations encourage the site managers to take any practical measures contributing to the preservation of OUV and thus to manage the property more effectively.

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 management 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

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.2	Commercial development	(ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) historic urban landscape; roofscape with its historic height landmarks; medieval urban structure, street network and plots; historical stratigraphy in the cores of houses; green areas	Preparation of the Metropolitan Land Use Plan of the Capital City of Prague and related strategic and regulatory documents. The Průhonice Park has been managed by the land use plan since 2012. It limits urban development around the park.	A detailed evaluation of the impact of existing construction interventions on the OUV since the inscription on the WH List and the subsequent definition of negative interventions for preventing their recurrence.	2-3 years	MACP (Municipal Authority of the Capital City of Prague), PIPD (Prague Institute of Planning and Development)	Criteria are affected by the increasing degree of land use inside HCP (616-001), by elimination of historic plots and archaeological heritage, oversized new buildings, increased density of buildings, loft apartments and by the rebuilding objects.
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	(ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) historic urban landscape; roofscape with its historic height landmarks; medieval urban structure, street network and plots; historical stratigraphy in the cores of burgher houses; green areas	The new Metropolitan Land Use Plan will include guide lines on functional use of the territory in order to regulate transformations of houses to hotel, administrative and other facilities. It is also based on the strategic plan.	To monitor the number of hotels and the types of structural alterations associated with their constructions.	2-3 years	MACP (Municipal Authority of the Capital City of Prague), PIPD (Prague Institute of Planning and Development)	In a number of buildings, it is not possible to build new rooms and adequate hotel facilities without drastic interventions in historic structures or elimination of archaeological terrain or, alternatively, without building inner courtyards
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	(ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) medieval urban structure, street network and plots; historical stratigraphy in the cores of burgher houses; green areas (garden, parks and inner courtyards)	Regulation of the urban development by the Land Use Plan and Decree on general technical requirements for construction to reduce a car parking requirements in HCP (616-001).	Monitoring needs and building of new structures, effects of the current car traffic, as well as construction of a new transport infrastructure in the territory of the property or in its buffer zone.	On-going	MACP, PIPD (abbreviation see above)	Archaeological terrains and courtyards are affected by construction of car parks. Public space are also formed by entrances to underground car parks. The Eastern Highway forms an urbanistic barrier, concentrates traffic and makes excessive noise.
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.4	Air pollution	(ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) historic urban landscape; medieval urban structure, street network and plots	The Integrated Regional Programme for Emission Reduction and Improving Air Quality in the Capital City of Prague (effective since 2011) is focused on urban development and its regulation and reduction of traffic.	Monitoring needs and emergence of new traffic destinations. Furthermore, monitoring impacts and increase of the car traffic in the HCP (616-001).	2-3 years	MACP, PIPD (abbreviation see above)	Exceeding air pollution has a negative impact on the environment of inhabitants and the WH property as well. It affects its state of conservation e.g. damages of facades or sculpture decoration, etc.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	(ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) historic urban landscape; medieval urban structure, street network and plots; historical stratigraphy in the cores of burgher houses; green areas (garden, parks and inner courtyards)	New Metropolitan Land Use Plan of Prague with conditions of functional use of the HCP (616-001). The preservation of cultural values and identity of the territory includes the preservation of the residential function against commercial.	Monitoring the number of permanent residents and situation concerning the residential function of houses in the HCP (616-001).	in 2-3 years	MACP, PIPD (abbreviation see above)	HCP 616-001: The decline in the number of permanent residents is mainly caused by economic pressure, environmental pollution and access to services; there is also a lack of interest of the residents in the public control over urban development.

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	ii) valuable architecture and its ensembles (iv) historic urban landscape; roofscape with its historic height landmarks; medieval urban structure, street network and plots; historical stratigraphy in the cores of burgher houses; green areas	HCP 616-001: The new Land Use Plan will include guide lines on use of the territory in order to regulate transformations of houses to hotels. Visitors pressure will be directed to the wider city and inappropriate services will be expelled.	HCP 616-001: Monitoring the number of visitors and a range of services for them. HCP 616-002: Although there is no tourism pressure, indicators mentioned above are monitored.	in 2-3 years	MACP, PIPD (abbreviation see above)	Visitors are concentrated in the most valuable parts of the HCP (616-001). So services there are focused especially on tourism. This is accompanied by inadequate facilities such as garden restaurants and advertising in the streets.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.4	Management system / plan is inadequate	At present, the Management Plan/MP for the Historic Centre of Prague (616-001) is under preparation. Only the Strategic Plan of the Capital City of Prague, updated 2008, exists. An analytical part of the MP of Průhonice Park has been completed yet.	The delivery of the Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Prague is planned in 2014.	MACP (OPP / Department of Heritage Preservation, WHSO / World Heritage Site Office), Institute of Botany	no comment		
4.3.5	The management system is not being implemented	In 2012, the World Heritage Site Office (WHSO) was established at the Municipal Authority of the Capital City of Prague, which is responsible for coordinating all activities related to the administration of the component part 616-001 HCP.	On-going	MACP, city districts, NHI / National Heritage Institute, WHSO / World Heritage Site Office, Institute of Botany	Steering Group also has been established in 2012. Data obtained within property monitoring and research will be completely used for the management (directives, rules, regulation, etc.). Monitoring Informations of are not sufficiently used yet.		
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Preparation of series of lectures, publications, opening a visitor and educational centre and creating a dedicated website. In the Průhonice Park, the visitor centre has been opened.	On-going, maximum 3-5 years	MACP, PIS / Prague Information Service, NHI, CNC/Czech National Committee of ICOMOS, Institute of Botany	It is important to build awareness of the values already in school.		
4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted	Preparation of series of lectures, publications, opening a visitor and educational centre and creating a dedicated website. In the Průhonice Park, the visitor centre has been opened.	On-going, maximum 3-5 years	MACP, PIS / Prague Information Service, NHI, CNC/Czech National Committee of ICOMOS, Institute of Botany, Ministry of Culture	It is necessary to improve the understanding of OUV among professionals and the general public and convince private investors on the benefits derived from the preservation of OUV.		
4.7 Visitor Management							
4.7.4	Visitor use of the property is not being actively managed	The tourism strategy for the years 2015-2020 is under preparation. The requirements of tourism and its relationship to the property are also addressed by the Strategic Plan - for example: eliminate inappropriate commercial and tourism activities.	within 2 years	MACP - Department of Culture, Foreign Relations and Tourism Department, PIS / Prague Information Service, CzechTourism	The preparation of a specific visitor use management plan is highly desirable, since the use of the World Heritage property by the visitors is not actively managed and its OUV may be compromised.		
4.7.5	There is little or no contact with the tourism industry	In the tourism strategy for the years 2015-2020 under preparation, a greater degree of awareness on the part of the tourism industry about the values of property is aimed so that it becomes more interested in participating in the WH protection.	within 2 years	MACP - Department of Culture, Foreign Relations and Tourism Department, PIS / Prague Information Service, CzechTourism	Tourism industry does not contribute to maintaining the OUV; it is necessary to justify and arouse the interest of the industry in maintaining the OUV.		

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

The outstanding universal value of the Historic Centre of Prague has been still maintained, but it may be at high risk by factors affecting the property in the future. It is necessary to take preventive and regulatory measures mainly against inadequate interventions into the urban structure.

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	No impact
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	No impact
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	No impact
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

For the protection of the property, it would be desirable to enshrine the legal concept of the World Heritage property in Czech national legislation.

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
Others

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

no

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	Fair
State Party Representative	Fair
Advisory Body	Poor

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

Most of the 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	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Unsatisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Unsatisfactory

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 statement is under the review of advisory bodies and State Party.

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: Correct data: Historic Centre of Prague longitude: 14°25' E latitude: 50°5'N Průhonice Park longitude: 14°33'E latitude: 50°0'N

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

The preparation of periodic report is primarily due to the National Heritage Institute.