

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Centre of Riga

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

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

- Latvia

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

852

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

1997

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Historic Centre of Riga	56.954 / 24.117	438.3	1574.2	2012.5	1997
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>438.3</b>	<b>1574.2</b>	<b>2012.5</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
The map of Riga – the scheme shows how according to the demands of cultural heritage preservation, the territory of the Historic Centre of Riga and its buffer zone is differentiated	15/05/2007	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Dagnija Baltina  
Latvian National Commission for UNESCO  
Secretary General

#### Comment

Latvian National Commission for UNESCO represents Latvian State's interests at UNESCO. Responsible governmental institution for the Property is State Inspection for Heritage Protection.

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

- Andis Cinis  
Riga City Council  
Head of Riga City Building Directorate

#### Comment

Mr. Andis Cinis actually has position: Deputy head of Riga City Building Construction Directorate.

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

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](http://www.mantojums.lv/?cat=759&lang=en#)
- [Old Riga. \(Latvian Tourist Board\)](http://www.mantojums.lv/?cat=759&lang=en#)

#### Comment

Special WA not existing. Given address No2 is not right, to be removed, No1 is under construction. Suggested addresses: 1. <http://www.mantojums.lv/?cat=759&lang=en#> (representation in English) 2. Riga City Council, City Development Department (Spatial Plan for HCR): [http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc\\_en/](http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc_en/)

(document recently amended. Translation in English is in process) 3. <http://www.liveriga.com/en/look> (Official visitors' information of wide range) 4.

<http://www.mantojums.lv/?cat=703&lang=en>

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

#### Comment

In 2007 the Panorama and silhouette of Riga have received the Label of the European Heritage.

<http://www.mantojums.lv/?cat=814&lang=en> (Cultural property, monuments, natural or urban sites, and sites that have played a key role in European history, may be listed under the European Heritage Label scheme, as part of a network or individually.)

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Comment

The redaction of Retrospective Statement of OUV is prepared. It is submitted and included in the agenda of 37th WH Committee session.

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

(i)(ii)

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

(i): The medieval and later-period urban planning structure of the HCR, as well as the quantity and quality of Art Nouveau architecture, which is unparalleled anywhere in the world, and the 19th century wooden architecture make it of OUV. The HCR has the finest concentration of Art Nouveau architecture in the world. (ii): Riga has exerted considerable influence within the cultural area of the Baltic Sea on the developments in architecture, monumental sculpture and garden design.

### 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)

Property Taxation System: not enough diversification regarding bothering by conservation requirements.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

3.1	Name	Impact						Origin	
		+	-	🚩	🚩	🏠	🌿	🏠	🌿
<b>3.1 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 Transportation Infrastructure</b>									
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure		-		🚩			🌿	
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure		-		🚩			🌿	
<b>3.3 Services Infrastructures</b>									
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	+			🚩			🌿	
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities		-		🚩		🏠		
<b>3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>									
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	+		🚩				🏠	
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	+			🚩			🏠	
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	+		🚩	🚩			🏠	
<b>3.10 Climate change and severe weather events</b>									
3.10.1	Storms		-		🚩			🌿	
3.10.2	Flooding		-		🚩			🌿	
<b>3.13 Management and institutional factors</b>									
3.13.1	Low 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

No factor is both current and negative.

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

Many of those factors has less affect to the physical substance as to public open space and quality of life in the heritage site area (a little excess of dust particles level in the air etc.). Some of the factors are nature born (storm wind etc.) and management authority normally have no possibility to manage them. Also minor negative impacts on the heritage in Latvian situation are existing, but not very significant, and are tackled within management system.

## 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

Given answers to the question 4.1.4. does not clearly define, what kind of "knowing" of the borders is meant. For instance, officially the borders are stated in official legislative documents and are fixed in the registers, but general public can not recognize those borders in the city environment.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

**Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below.**

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

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

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

- **Question 6.02**

The law „On Preservation and Protection of the Historic Centre of Riga” was adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia in 29.May, 2003 and it came into force in 25.June 2003. The law states: 1. Precise area of the Historic Centre of Riga and its protection zone (buffer zone) borders. 2. Procedure, that the regulations for the Historic Centre of Riga and its buffer zone are determined by the Cabinet of Ministers. 3. Procedure for ensuring qualitative and joint decisions, forming consultative expert council. 4. Procedure, that new construction in public outer space is allowed only according to the results of open architectural project competitions. 5. Procedure, that any new building, reconstruction or demolition that causes essential changes in culture historical environment is prohibited until plan of the Historical Centre of Riga comes into force.

#### Comment

(The law states:) 6. Procedure, that land-use, restrictions for property use, requirements for preservation of culture and historic environmental and historical values etc. have to be determined by Spatial Plan for the Historic Centre of Riga and its buffer zone. The Riga City Council shall develop and approve the Spatial Plan of the Historic Centre of Riga in the form of binding regulations.

### 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?

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

### 4.2.4 - 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**

There are some deficiencies in implementation regarding the improvement of the quality of public open space in the Historic Centre and there is need to strengthen the implementation system of planned activities within municipality regarding better collaboration of municipal institutions and agencies and public involvement.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

**Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below.**

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

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

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

• **Question 5.02**

Sterling group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

• **Question 5.03**

**Set up date:** 2003

**Function:** The Council for the Preservation and Development of the Historic Centre of Riga is a public advisory body set up in order to facilitate the process of developing and implementing the physical plan of Riga's Historical Centre. The Council consists of ten members, including the Head and specialists of the State Inspection for Heritage Protection, representatives of the Riga City Council, the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO, the Latvian Architect's Union, the Ministry of Regional Development and Local Government and specialist invited by the Ministry of Culture. By establishing the Council a new procedure has been established, determining that the most important issues concerning the transformation of the Historic Centre of Riga before final decisions are reviewed and discussed at the presence of all interested institutions.

**Mandate:** 1) To assess tentative construction plans for building new structures, reconstructing or demolishing buildings and structures, as well as erecting and renovating monuments in Riga's Historical Centre and its protective zone, and to give to the State Inspectorate for the Protection of Cultural Monuments and to the institution of the Riga City Council responsible for the protection of cultural monuments its opinion on the tentative construction plan's impact on the cultural and historical environment if either of the said institutions has so requested. When taking a decision on a particular issue, the opinion of the Council must be taken into consideration; 2) to give its opinion if in considering an issue on the preservation, protection or development of Riga's Historical Centre and its protective zone the State Inspectorate for the Protection of Cultural Monuments and the institution of the Riga City Council responsible for the protection of cultural monuments have different opinions on it and if either of the said institutions has so requested. When taking a decision on that issue, the opinion of the Council must be taken into consideration; 2) to suggest that relevant institutions monitor whether

the financial resources gained by state or local government institutions from renting (leasing) state or local government-owned buildings listed as cultural monuments and located in Riga's Historical Centre, as well as other revenues, are used in accordance with the provisions of this Law; 3) to give its opinion on the drafts of normative acts on the preservation, protection and development of Riga's Historical Centre and its protective zone; 4) to specify those city blocks and groups of such blocks in Riga's Historical Centre and its protective zone for which a land-use plan is required; 5) to suggest that relevant institutions consider other issues concerning the preservation, protection and development of Riga's Historical Centre and its protective zone, as well as to participate in considering such issues and to give opinions on them.

**Constituted:** legal

• **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management under protective legislation
- Consensual management
- Other effective management system

Local municipality

**Comment**

Corrections suggested: Section - Function: 1) "physical plan of Riga's ..." should be corrected as "spatial plan for the Historic Centre of Riga". 2) "Ministry of Environment Protection and Regional Development" Section - Mandate: 1) the number of sub-sections have to be corrected. 2) "The State Inspection for Heritage Protection" should be used instead of "State Inspectorate ..." (<http://www.mantojums.lv/?lang=en>). 3) "Historic Centre of Riga" should be used instead of "Riga's Historical ..."

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Planning of the Riga Historical Center and Its Protection Zone Territory	N/A	Available	10/12/2006	

**Comment**

Approved 06/02/2006 by Riga City Council. Available: [http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc\\_en/](http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc_en/) The document is being amended (amendments are approved in June 2013. Information update will follow). The updated version of the document will be called in English: "Spatial Plan of the Historic Centre of Riga and its Protection Zone" it includes Binding regulations (by-law) of Riga City Council No.38, as of 07.02.2006 "Land use and building regulations of the Historic Centre of Riga and its protection zone".

**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 being **fully** implemented and monitored

**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	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Not applicable
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Not applicable
Industry	Fair

**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**

Regarding Question 4.3.6.: City Development Department of Municipality of Riga currently is involved in preparation of Local Action Plan for improvement of public spaces (squares, pedestrian streets etc.) in Historic Centre. This initiative is under the EC URBACT II programme (project "USER").

**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**

The "Spatial Plan of the Historic Centre of Riga and its Protection Zone" is Approved 06/02/2006 by Riga City Council. This document includes Binding regulations (by-law) of Riga City Council No.38, as of 07.02.2006 "Land use and building regulations of the Historic Centre of Riga and its protection zone" (available: [http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc\\_en/](http://www.rdpad.lv/en/rvc_en/)).

The document is being amended (amendments are approved in June 2013 (see q.4.3.2.) and will come into legal force prospectively in September 2013).

**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)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	20%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	80%
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)**

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Preparatory assistance request to prepare the nomination file for Riga Old Town, to help a revitalization strategy involving technical assistance	1996	7500.00	
Old town of Riga	1998	20000.00	
Regional Seminar on Authenticity and Reconstruction Work	1999	25000.00	
Restoration of the Interior of the Reutern House, Old Riga	1999	25000.00	
Digitizing Works on Computers for all existing Utilities Networks located in 15 hectares of the Old Town of Riga	2000	27000.00	
<b>Total</b>		104500	

**Comment**

Riga City Council can not Validate these data, due to lack of access to the source of the information, originally provided by State Inspection for Heritage Protection). According to additional information Inspection received assistance for IV Baltic Sea region Cultural Heritage forum „Cultural heritage – contemporary challenge” in Riga – 10000 \$ in 2010.

**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 **adequate** equipment and facilities

**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**

Regarding Question 4.4.1.: There is impossible to give precise answer because there is no common budget for management of the Historic Centre of Riga. The WH property is a complex capital city centre area covering about 430 hectares and it consists of thousands of properties. There are municipal responsibilities for planning, daily maintenance of public spaces, utilities and public buildings, State responsibilities and private owners' finances involved for management of accordant properties.

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

Full-time	90%
Part-time	10%

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

**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	High
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium

Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Low
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**

Management system described in q.4.3.1. is implemented on regular working basis of responsible institutions and have no specific Management Plan. In municipal level there is specific Historic Centre Planning Unit with staff of 5 persons, responsible for conservation and development planning process of WH property and its protection zone area. The work of invited Council (4.3.1.) members is organized on public basis. Other professionals and experts are involved in parallel with other duties.

**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 participants and some national 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**

Municipal agency "Riga City Architect's Office" has published several books, short films and organized thematic exhibitions about values of WH property, for example exhibitions: Wooden Architecture in Riga, 2009; Art Nouveau Architecture in Riga, 2010 etc. Information is available in Latvian: <http://www.arhitekts.riga.lv>

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

Riga City Development Department regularly outsources research and study projects regarding specific themes within spatial planning process of HCR, for example: Inventory of

wooden buildings of HCR, 2004, 2008/2009; Recommendations for regulations of water and waterfront uses in HCR, 2010, etc.

Riga over more than 800 years. Also the Riga Art Nouveau Museum and Latvian Museum of Architecture.

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

##### 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?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

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

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

Q 4.6.3.: www.kokariga.lv (new wooden building competence centre). Q 4.6.6.2.: there is no special museum for WH site, but the Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation can be considered as such (the oldest public museum in Latvia (since 1773). Exposition tells of the creation and development of

#### 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	N/A
Five years ago	N/A

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

Tourism industry
Other

##### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

###### Comment

The Basic Statements of Tourism Development in Riga is being updated by the Municipality. Thanks to campaigns for tourist attraction - Live Riga, managed by Riga Tourism Development Bureau (<http://www.liveriga.com/en/>) very significant increase of visitors during the last 5 years was observed. Every historic building designated for public use has its own instructions for cases of emergency. An overall system of disaster management is implemented according to the Civil Protection Law.

##### 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

As the Historic Centre of Riga is a complex large-scale city area there are no any common fee collection for the entering the 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 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	Average
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Excellent
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 **complete**

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

Municipality of Riga as responsible management authority has worked out the amendments to the Preservation and Development Plan of the Historic Centre of Riga (Spatial Plan of the Historic Centre of Riga and its Protection Zone). Recommendations from the ICOMOS comments (April 2011) were implemented during the planning process.

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

Data collection for establishment of monitoring system on the values and the results of development process in the World Heritage property since 2006, when the Plan became into force, is started in 2013 as planned activity for future. In 2014 it is planned to work out monitoring system on regular basis and it also will be used as background for next cycle of spatial planning in the HC of Riga.

**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**

No factor is both current and negative.

### **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 **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

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

Other important cultural and / or natural values are being **partially degraded** but the state of conservation of the World Heritage property has not been significantly impacted

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

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

Regarding 5.3.4.3.: it is mostly a problem of conflict between street greenery, which always has been characteristic feature for HCR, and special legislation requirements and practical need for development of technical utilities/infrastructure, basically situated underground, which leads to loss of greenery and impossibility of landscaped streets with new trees as less priority in legislation.

### 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	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Very positive

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

Regarding 6.1.15.: very positive impact on guiding the new development initiatives within the area by using special

regulatory framework created and developed due to WH status by City council of Riga together with State inspection for Heritage Protection. Good management is based on transparent decision making in special inter-institutional Preservation and Development Council of the Historic Centre of Riga.

#### 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?

yes

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

Understanding the very good intention of developing a unified and comparable tool for work of World Heritage Council and representing Riga City Council as Site managing authority, we would like to stress that such WH site like HCR, which is large scale and complex (economically, socially and historically) urban area covering all kind of state capital's functions, had difficulties to answer questions regarding impact factors, management and financing issues, easy applicable to separate object.

#### 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	Very 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 concept of Outstanding Universal Value
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	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
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 redaction of Retrospective Statement of OUV is prepared. It is submitted and included in the agenda of 37th WH Committee session.

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

Riga City Council as managing authority of WH property is planning to improve monitoring and management system tools by establishing periodic data collection about changes and development, elaborating of implementation program for spatial plan of HCR to be used as management tool, and activating collaboration with national, international and advisory institutions as well as developing experience exchange with other WH sites especially situated in Baltic Sea region.