

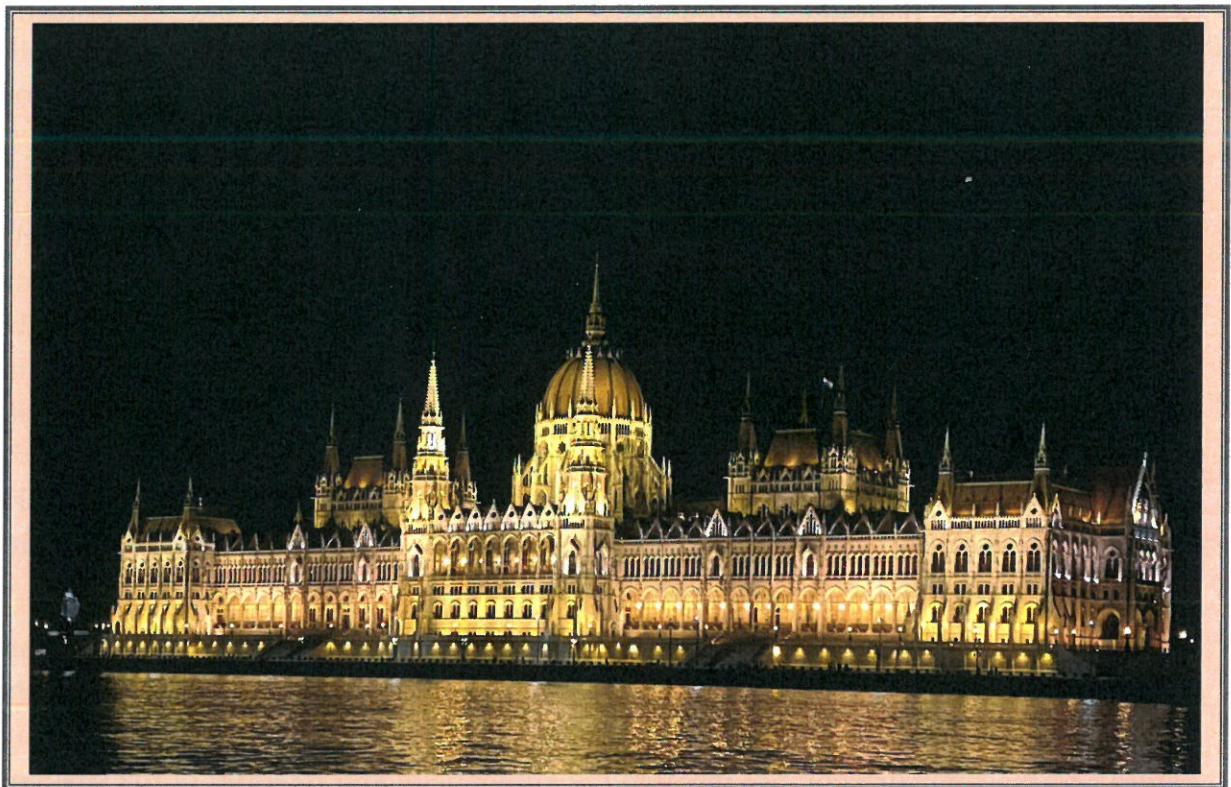
State of Conservation Report

"Budapest - the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle District and Andrassy Avenue" (Hungary) (C400, 400bis)

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List: 1987, extended 2002

Criterion: (ii)(iv)

Area of the World Heritage property: 473.3 ha, buffer Zone: 493.8 ha



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1. Executive Summary of the report

In 2023, the State Party has taken important steps in the management and conservation of World Heritage sites, in parallel with the organisational changes within the World Heritage field in Hungary, which is also an important milestone for the World Heritage Site "Budapest - the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle District and Andrassy Avenue".

Hungary places particular focus on complying with the guidelines adopted by UNESCO and incorporating them into legislation, both in order to preserve its national heritage and to protect the outstanding universal value (OUV). Hungary always reacts to changes and challenges with innovative solutions. It was in this spirit that the *"Act on World Heritage"* was drafted in 2011. Which was among the first acts adopted dealing with world heritage on a global level, together with the *"Act on High-rise Buildings"* and the *"Act on the Protection of Townscapes"*, which are unique within the European Union, based on broad public participation.

The Ministry of Construction and Transport is committed to fulfilling its obligations under the World Heritage Convention and protecting Hungary's World Heritage sites and national treasures. Continuing the innovative approach of the past decade, the Ministry has drafted the Act on Hungarian Architecture, which entered into force after a public consultation. The Act pays more attention to the protection of monuments, townscape and cultural heritage than any other Hungarian legislation to date, and thus protects the visual links of World Heritage sites more strongly than ever before.

In 2023, a new World Heritage Management Body has been appointed for the World Heritage property "Budapest - the banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle District and Andrassy Avenue", which will have as one of its priority tasks the preparation of the Management Plan for the property, taking into account the latest guidelines such as the *"Enhancing Our Heritage Toolkit 2.0"* published by ICCROM to assist of World Heritage site managers. As outlined above, the State Party and the World Heritage Management Body are committed to continuing the ICOMOS Advisory Assistance, which started with the ICOMOS International Secretariat in spring 2022, and provides an important opportunity for dialogue regarding the management of the site.

The State Party of Hungary will make every effort to ensure that developments are implemented in a manner worthy of the World Heritage title, in accordance with the World Heritage Convention, that they do not cause the decrease of universal and national values and their impairment, not threaten the authenticity and integrity of the site, and that access to the World heritage value must be ensured.

Hungary remains open to dialogue with the World Heritage Centre and its Advisory Bodies regarding its World Heritage Sites, and the following additional information is provided in relation to the conservation reports already submitted, in the hope that our response will help to address concerns about the integrity of the Outstanding Universal Value and provide an opportunity for further professional dialogue.