

Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property


Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches

1.2 - World Heritage property details

1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Town of Ávila intra-muros	40.656 / -4.7	33.75	0	33.75	1985
Hermitage of San Segundo	40.659 / -4.708	0.06	0	0.06	1985
Basilica of San Vicente	40.658 / -4.696	0.21	0	0.21	1985
Church of San Andrés	40.66 / -4.695	0.09	0	0.09	1985
Church of San Pedro	40.654 / -4.695	0.14	0	0.14	1985
Church of San Nicolás	40.652 / -4.702	0.05	0	0.05	2007
Church of Santa María de la Cabeza	40.661 / -4.702	0.04	0	0.04	2007
Church of San Martín	40.66 / -4.701	0.03	0	0.03	2007
Convent of La Encarnación	40.663 / -4.699	0.72	0	0.72	2007
Convent of San José	40.655 / -4.692	0.29	0	0.29	2007
Royal Monastery of Santo Tomás	40.65 / -4.688	1.02	0	1.02	2007
Total (ha)		36.4	0	36.4	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches. Map showing the boundary of the property as modified in 2007	2007	

Comment

The maps of the property are currently being updated in the framework of the Restrospective Inventory initiative at the request of the World Heritage Center by letter of 16th December 2022.

1.5 - Web and Social Media data of the property (if applicable)

1. [Ávila \(World Heritage Cities of Spain\)](#)
2. [Ciudades Patrimonio de la Humanidad de España](#)
3. [Patrimonio de la Humanidad en España \(in Spanish only\)](#)
4. [Ávila](#)
5. [Ministerio de Educación \(in Spanish\)](#)

Comment

Links 1, 2, 3 and 5 are broken and should be removed. Link 4 should be restored: <https://www.ciudadespatrimonio.org/presentaciondelgrupo/index.php> Link 6 should say "Turismo de Ávila / Ávila Tourism Portal" A new link should be added: "Ayuntamiento de Ávila / Ávila City Council" <http://www.avila.es/>

2. Other Conventions/Programmes under which the World Heritage property is protected (if applicable)

2.1 - Records indicate that your World Heritage property (in whole or in part) is designated and/or protected under the Conventions/programmes shown in the prefilled table below. Please check and amend as necessary.

		The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme	The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is not</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme
2.1.1	International Register of Cultural Property under Special Protection (1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×

2.1.2	List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection (Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×
2.1.3	The List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List) (Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention))	×	
2.1.4	World Network of Biosphere Reserves Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme	×	
2.1.5	Global Geoparks Network UNESCO Global Geoparks		×

2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

2.3 - Do your national authorities intend to request the granting of Enhanced Protection (if relevant) under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for the World Heritage property in the next three years?

No

2.4 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List), if relevant, in the next three years?

Not applicable

2.5 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (if relevant) in the next three years?

Not applicable

2.6 - Do your national authorities intend to apply for whole or part of World Heritage property to be designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark (if relevant) in the next three years?

Not applicable

2.7 - Please indicate the level of cooperation at property level between designations under different Conventions/Programmes

2.7.1	1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
2.7.1	There is no contact with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	×
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager occasionally communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager regularly communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager also manages this designation/programme.	
2.7.2	Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
2.7.1	There is no contact with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	×
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager occasionally communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager regularly communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager also manages this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)	
2.7.1	There is no contact with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	×
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager occasionally communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager regularly communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager also manages this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme	
2.7.1	There is no contact with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	×
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager occasionally communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager regularly communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager also manages this designation/programme.	
2.7.5	UNESCO Global Geoparks	

2.7.1	There is no contact with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager occasionally communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager regularly communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager also manages this designation/programme.	

2.8 - Please add any further comments on cooperation with the other designation(s)/programme(s)

2.9 - Are you aware of any elements associated with the World Heritage property that have been inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage?

No

2.10 - Please list any elements associated with the World Heritage property inscribed under the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of which you are aware

2.11 - Are you aware of any documentary heritage listed under the Memory of the World Programme associated with the World Heritage property?

No

2.12 - Please list any documentary heritage associated with the World Heritage property listed under the Memory of the World Programme of which you are aware.

3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

3.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property as adopted by the World Heritage Committee

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Brief synthesis

The city of Ávila is located in the centre of Spain, in the Autonomous Community of Castile and León. Founded in the 11th century to protect the Spanish territories from the Moors, this 'City of Saints and Stones' has maintained its medieval austerity, and is the birthplace of St Teresa and burial place of the Grand Inquisitor, Torquemada. This purity of form can still be seen in the Gothic cathedral and fortifications that, with their 87 semi-circular towers and nine gates, is the most complete found in Spain.

The layout of the city is an even quadrilateral with a perimeter of 2,516 m. Its walls, which consist in part of stones already used in earlier constructions, have an average thickness of 3 m. Access to the city is afforded by nine gates of different periods; twin 20 m high towers, linked by a semi-circular arch, flank the oldest ones, Puerta de San Vicente and Puerta del Alcázar .

The Old Town of Ávila is a serial property, which includes the walled town of Ávila and four extra-muros Romanesque churches: San Segundo, San Andrés, San Vicente, and San Pedro. In 2007, another three Romanesque churches (San Nicolás, Santa María de la Cabeza, and San Martín) and three convents from the 15th and 16th centuries (La Encarnación, San José and the Real Monasterio de Santo Tomás) were added to the inscribed property.

Following the Reconquest of Toledo in 1085 by Alfonso VI, a policy of "repoblaciones" (repopulation) was undertaken to shore up the Kingdom of Castile, which was still vulnerable. The rise of Segovia, Ávila, and Salamanca during the Middle Ages stemmed from this strategic plan.

Ávila alone has kept its surrounding walls, which in part date back to 1090, while the greater part appear to have been rebuilt during the 12th century.

The intra-muros town and the walls that surround it, as well as the other component parts, show the magnificence of the medieval city, reflected in the Romanesque style of the churches, and expressing the 'Golden Age' of Ávila in the architecture of convents and monasteries.

Criterion (iii): Ávila is an outstanding example of a fortified city from the Middle Ages, the surrounding walls of which are fully intact. The density of religious and secular monuments, both intra and extra-muros makes it an urban ensemble of exceptional value.

Criterion (iv): Ávila is the best-known example of a fortified city resulting from the repopulation policy of the Kingdom of Castile following the Reconquest of Toledo.

Integrity

The inscribed property contains all the necessary elements to express its Outstanding Universal Value: the fortified walls, the intra-muros city, and the significant extra-muros churches - all representative elements of the medieval city; together with the monuments of the 16th century, which represent the 'Golden Age' of Ávila. All these monuments are protected by the current laws and require appropriate and thorough planning for each proposed intervention, which are strictly aimed at the preservation of the monuments.

The extension of the inscribed property, which incorporated further components, was essential to ensure the overall protection of the distinctive urban fabric ensemble and the conditions for which the site was inscribed. The establishment of a buffer zone will be crucial to address vulnerabilities of the property from urban expansion and modern development. Additional protective legislation and regulatory measures for the buffer zone will enhance the protection of the inscribed property and its immediate setting, including key views to and from the town.

Authenticity

Due to its early legal protection, the city of Ávila maintains the key features of authenticity in terms of form, design, location, and setting. The inscribed monuments have undergone works of simple maintenance, the town walls have been restored only where necessary, and the City Council has made an important effort to allow for the visit of the complete layout of the walls. Regarding the city itself, the urban layout of the intra-muros town has been preserved, and traces of the medieval city can still be recognised today.

The property has undergone the typical changes of a living property – urban infrastructure projects and building renovation – but these works have always been under strict control of the administration departments in charge of cultural heritage. In a city classed as a "Historic Site" every intervention must comply with the

cultural heritage principles established in the current laws, and, therefore, must have explicit authorization from the administration prior to project implementation.

Protection and management requirements

The city of Ávila was registered as a "Historic Site" in 1982, and its walls have the classification of National Monument; furthermore, each one of the ten inscribed extra-muros churches are declared as Property of Cultural Interest (*BIC, Bien de Interés Cultural*), the highest level of protection according to the current Cultural Heritage Laws.

Any intervention at the property, including archaeological investigation, requires prior administrative authorization, according to the current Cultural Heritage Laws (Law 12/2002, 11 July, of Cultural Heritage of Castile and León, Decree 37/2007, 19 April, that approves the Rules for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Castile and León, Law 16/1985, 25 June, of Spanish Historic Heritage). The Commission for Cultural Heritage of Ávila must approve in advance all the projects concerning this site.

As a result of the Collaboration Agreement between the Council of Culture and Tourism of la Junta de Castilla y León and the City Council, a draft Management Plan has been drawn up, aiming at safeguarding the Outstanding Universal Value of the property. It is accompanied by a regularly revised Urban Plan for the protected area, which reinforces the protection of the cultural values of the historic city. Both planning tools serve as a roadmap that sets all principles and features the public administrations must take into account to adapt their policies to the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the site, which must prevail over other considerations. All the existing and future sectorial plans – concerning tourism, accessibility, urban planning, economic and social plans, etc. – will be included in this Management Plan. The Plan will help the administrations to face the current problems suffered by historic cities like Ávila, such as the management of urban development and its consequences (increasing demand of public facilities, residential development, traffic congestion, etc.) without damaging the cultural and historic values of the town.

In addition, several projects have been drawn up to maintain and promote its Outstanding Universal Value. The regional government has set up a World Heritage Cities Centre at the Palacio de los Verdugo as a research and evaluation institution. The City Council has undertaken important actions aiming at protecting, promoting, and managing the city, especially in the area concerning accessibility. A Centre of Control and Coordination of Urban Mobility has also been created. Ávila also participates in an educational program aimed at schoolchildren to promote the knowledge of World Heritage. Regarding protection, the City Council has set up a Plan for Protection, Conservation, and Cataloguing of the Historic Site in case of emergencies. To reinforce these policies, the City Council has created a specific department in charge of Cultural Heritage.

3.2 - Please list the key attributes of Outstanding Universal Value of your property and give an assessment of their condition. As a guideline, it is suggested to focus on approximately five key attributes (no more than 15 overall).

	Brief identification of attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
3.2.1	Urban structure and architecture preserved since the Middle Ages	✗			
3.2.2	The city walls entirely preserved	✗			
3.2.3	16th century fortified palaces	✗			
3.2.4	Religious architecture: Romanesque churches and the convent system	✗			
3.2.5	Spiritually and mysticism, represented by the life and work of Saint Teresa	✗			
3.2.6	Traditional materials	✗			
3.2.7	Archeological remains	✗			
3.2.8					
3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

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

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.1.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.1 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.2.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.2 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.3. Services Infrastructures

4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.3.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.3 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

In this moment the renewable energy isn't a problem but it's necessary to adapt heritage regulations to the new energy regulations

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.4.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.4 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

not relevant

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.11 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.5 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Not relevant

4.6. Physical resource extraction

4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.5 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.6 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant





4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			




4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			



4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			

4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.7 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Increasing temperatures and changes in rainfall are a warning of climate change and need monitoring.

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside, Outside

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive ✕		✕	✕				
 Negative							

4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Potential, Inside

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕	✕				

4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Potential, Outside

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.8.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.8 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.8.4. The loss of knowledge of traditional construction systems will affect the conservation of the site. There is no generational replacement for handcraft+ specialists.

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.9 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant











Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant











4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕	Negative ✕	✕			

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.8 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.10 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Monitoring activities of monuments reveals more extreme weather each season.

4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant











Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕					

4.11.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.11 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The increase in temperatures and the decrease in rainy periods makes the risk of wildfires grow.

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			

4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.12.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.12 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Environmental control processes are carried out to minimize risks, for example, the control of pigeons and starlings populations.

4.13. Management and institutional factors

4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.2 - Legal framework

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.3 - Governance

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.4 - Management activities











Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Potential, Inside

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.5 - Financial resources

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			

4.13.6 - Human resources

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			

4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (17/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Potential, Inside

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.13 are affecting the property either negatively or positively



The economic resources for cultural heritage are less and less, and so are human resources.

4.14. Other factor(s)

4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

4.15. Factors Summary Table

4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table




Name	Impact		Origin		Trend	
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.2 Relative humidity						
4.7.3 Temperature						
4.7.4 Radiation/Light						
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses						




4.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
						
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.3 Drought						
						
4.10.6 Temperature change						
						
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)						
						
4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
4.12.5 Hyper-abundant species						
						
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.5 Financial resources						
						
4.13.6 Human resources						
						
Legend	 Current	 Potential	 Negative	 Positive	 Inside	 Outside

4.16. Assessment of current and potential positive and negative factors



4.16.1 - Assessment of current and potential negative and positive factors

4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.7.2 Relative humidity			
			
			

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant

	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
✕	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.7.3 Temperature			
	 		


Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major




Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
✕	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.7.4 Radiation/Light			
	 	 	




Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
✕	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
✕	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor

	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
✕	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
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4.10.3 Drought							

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.6 Temperature change						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant

	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)						
	⊖		📢			➡

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted					
✕	Localised					
	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact						
	One off or rare					
✕	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
	On-going					
Impact - Impact on the attributes						
	Insignificant					
✕	Minor					
	Significant					
	Major					
Management response - Capacity of management to respond						
	High capacity					
✕	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Development over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing					
	Static					
✕	Increasing					



4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.12.5 Hyper-abundant species							
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						
	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact							
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
	On-going						
Impact - Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
	Major						
Management response - Capacity of management to respond							
	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - Development over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing						
	Static						
	Increasing						

4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.5 Financial resources							
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						
	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact							
	One off or rare						

	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.6 Human resources						
						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	

	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

4.17.1 - If your property is a serial inscription (national or transnational) please identify which components of the property are impacted by each factor

4.18. Prediction of the state of conservation at next cycle of Periodic Reporting.

4.18.1 - Please predict what the state of conservation of each attribute will be approximately 6 years from now (at the time of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting)

	Attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
4.18.1.1	Urban structure and architecture preserved since the Middle Ages	✕			
4.18.1.2	The fortified walls entirely preserved	✕			
4.18.1.3	16th century fortified palaces	✕			
4.18.1.4	Religious architecture: Romanesque churches and the convent system	✕			
4.18.1.5	Spiritually and mysticism, represented by the life and work of Saint Teresa	✕			

5. Protection and Management of the Property

5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

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

5.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known and recognised?

The boundaries **are known** by the management authority **but are not known** by local communities/landowners

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

The buffer zones are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

5.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the buffer zones known and recognised?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are known and recognised** by the management authority **but are not known** by local communities/landowners

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

The delayed response from Unesco-Icomos about the Management Plan, submitted for revision in 2011, implied that the buffer zone is not yet approved, with all the implications derived from this fact. However, that area has been protected using urban planning documents.

5.2. Protective Measures

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

As of 2014 there is a provisionally approved draft on Special Plan, which has been included in the Management Plan, and which will include a draft Buffer Zone.

Following Decision 34COM 8B.60 (2010) the State Party provided the World Heritage Centre an executive summary of the Management Plan and draft Buffer Zone by 1st February 2011.

Since the 19th century, Spanish legislation has taken the measures needed to protect valuable heritage which constitutes the city of Avila and its more significant monuments.

The regulations currently applicable to these properties of Cultural Interest, denomination with which Spanish legislation refers to the properties most relevant to their cultural heritage, and for which it establishes a specific legal framework to be implemented by public authorities, is essentially composed of Law 16/1985, of 25 June, of the Spanish Historic Heritage and its implementing regulations, and Law 12/2002, of 11 July, of Cultural heritage of Castilla y León and Decree 273/1994, of 1 December, concerning competences and procedures for historic heritage in the community of Castile and León. It should be also mentioned Law 5/1999, of 8 April, of Urbanismo de Castilla y León, the Decree 22/2004, of 29 January, by which the urban regulation of Castilla y León is approved, as well as the instruments in force for urban protection (General Urban Plan and Special Plan of protection of Historical *ensemble*, both adopted in 1998 and revised in June 2005 for adaptation to the new normative).

Source: State of Conservation Reports (2006); Periodic Reporting Cycle 2

5.2.2 - Please list any legislation and other measures (regulatory -including spatial planning- contractual, institutional or traditional) not included in 5.2.1 and indicate the category

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5.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation including spatial planning) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?
The **legal framework** for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.4 - 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** in the buffer zone for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.5 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the broader setting of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?
The **legal framework** for the broader setting of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate 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

5.2.6 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) be enforced?
There are **major deficiencies in capacity/resources** to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property

5.2.7 - Please provide a short summary of how the legislation, including spatial planning and other regulation, works in practice

5.2.8 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations about the information related to the measures taken to protect the World Heritage property

5.3. Management System/Management Plan

5.3.1 - Please check the box which most closely match the character of the governance and management system of the property
Public management system joint national/ local

If 'Other', please specify

5.3.2 - Management System: Please indicate which of the various management tools listed below are used to help protect the property.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A statutory Management Plan or zoning plan for the property.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other forms of statutory or non-statutory plans (e.g. strategic plans)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agreed 'Memorandums of Understanding' between different managing institutions, groups or others, including documents agreed with local communities for management
<input type="checkbox"/>	A code of practice developed by local communities or other groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	A disaster, climate or conflict risk management plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	An assessment of biological and cultural diversity and ecosystem services provided by the property
<input type="checkbox"/>	A joint approach to management of cultural and natural heritage

5.3.3 - Please give a brief description of the management system currently in place at your property
The management plan draft was submitted for revision and validation to ICOMOS in 2011. The evaluation was only sent recently, in May 2013, and we are currently working to include all the corrections and suggestions in an updated version of the plan. In the meantime, the management of the site has been based on planning documents and strategic plans such as tourism, emergencies, or mobility.

5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan - Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches	N/A	Available	2018	

5.3.5 - Has any use been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in developing policies and best practices for the protection of this property?
Some use has been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.
The consideration that the city as a whole has been implemented, including archeology, contemporary architecture, use of materials, new technologies and their implementation, and low-emission zones.

5.3.7 - Has any use been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property?
The policy for dealing with climate change is **fully based** on the agreed World Heritage policy

5.3.8 - If the Climate Change policy has been used, please briefly describe what has been done along with any research on the impacts of Climate Change on the property:
IPolicies for energy saving, greater protection and development of green areas and the river. Low-emission zones are being implemented.

5.3.9 - Has any use been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property ?
The risk management policy is **fully based** on the agreed Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties

5.3.10 - If the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties has been used, please briefly describe what has
Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches

been done

Risks and emergency protection plans have been established.

5.3.11 - Rate the coordination between the various levels of administration (i.e. national/federal; regional/provincial/state; local/municipal etc.) involved in the management of the World Heritage property

There is **adequate coordination** between all bodies/levels involved in the management of the property

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

An annual work/action plan **exists but few of its activities** are being implemented

5.3.15 - Does the management system include formal mechanisms and procedures that ensure participation and contribution of the following groups, living within or near the World Heritage property and/or buffer zone in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?

		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
5.3.15.1	Local communities			✗		
5.3.15.2	Local authorities				✗	
5.3.15.3	Landowners in the property and the buffer zone		✗			
5.3.15.4	Indigenous peoples	✗				
5.3.15.5	Women	✗				
5.3.15.6	Other specific groups			✗		
	If you selected, 'Other specific groups' please specify	Children				

5.3.16 - Please rate the cooperation/relationship between the World Heritage property managers/coordinators/staff and the following groups

		Not applicable	Non-existent	Poor	Fair	Good
5.3.16.1	Local communities			✗		
5.3.16.2	Local/Municipal authorities			✗		
5.3.16.3	Indigenous peoples	✗				
5.3.16.4	Landowners			✗		
5.3.16.5	Women	✗				
5.3.16.6	Youth/Children				✗	
5.3.16.7	Researchers			✗		
5.3.16.8	Local Visitors/Tourists				✗	
5.3.16.9	National/International tourists				✗	
5.3.16.10	Tourism Industry	✗				
5.3.16.11	Local businesses and industries			✗		
5.3.16.12	NGOs	✗				
5.3.16.13	Other specific groups	✗				
	If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify					

5.3.17 - Please rate the extent to which the management system of your property contributes towards achieving the objectives of the World Heritage Committee's Policy for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the *World Heritage Convention*

		Not applicable	No contribution	Limited	Significant	Full achievement
5.3.17.1	The management system of the property contributes to gender equality	✗				

5.3.17.2	The management system of the property provides ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants)			×		
5.3.17.3	The management system of the property contributes to social inclusion and equity, improving opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	×				
5.3.17.4	The management system of the property integrates a human rights-based approach	×				
5.3.17.5	The management system of the property contributes to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood			×		
5.3.17.6	The management system of the property contributes to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around the World Heritage property				×	

5.3.18 - Please provide further details on the ratings of the management system given in the table above

5.3.19 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the management system/plan

6. Financial and Human Resources

6.1. Funding

6.1.1 - If your funding sources do not exactly fit those shown, put the relevant amounts against the funding type that most closely represents your situation, and use the comment box below to provide more details.

		Project costs	Running costs
6.1.1.1	Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.2	Bilateral international funding	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.3	World Heritage Fund (International Assistance)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.4	Contribution from other conventions and programmes	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.5	International donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	33 %	33 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	34 %	34 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	30 %	30 %
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	3 %	3 %
6.1.1.10	Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, toilets, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.12	Other	0 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

6.1.2 - Please comment here on any other aspects of funding sources not covered in the table above

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

The available **budget is inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

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

The existing sources of funding are **not secure**

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

The economy is increasingly devoted to solving the big problems that society has and there is less and less investment in heritage conservation. When there is, it is usually linked to tourist plans.

6.1.6 - Estimate the distribution of men and women involved in the management, conservation, interpretation of the World Heritage properties and the extent to which they are drawn from local communities.

		From local communities %	From elsewhere %
6.1.6.1	Men	40 %	50 %
6.1.6.2	Women	60 %	50 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

Human resources are **inadequate** for management needs

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

Conservation	Poor
Environmental sustainability	Poor
Community participation and inclusion	Not available
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Fair
Research and monitoring	Poor
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Poor
Marketing and promotion	Poor
Interpretation	Poor
Visitor management/tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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

Conservation	Fair
Environmental sustainability	Poor
Community participation and inclusion	Poor
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Fair
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Fair
Marketing and promotion	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Visitor management/tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

6.1.10 - Has any use been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building at the property?

Some use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building

6.1.11 - If the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building has been used, please briefly describe what has been done.

Different studies and technical training, development of heritage training schools for people at risk of social exclusion, training in protection against emergencies in heritage.

6.1.12 - Are there site-specific capacity building plans or programmes that develop local expertise and that contribute to the transfer of skills for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property?

A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and fully implemented; **all technical skills are being transferred** to those managing the property locally

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

7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

7.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property is **acceptable** for most key areas but there are gaps

7.2 - 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**

7.3 - Are results from research programmes publicly available and disseminated?

Research results **are shared with local communities and some national agencies**

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

8. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

Local communities	Fair
Local/municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Women	Not applicable
Youth/children	Fair
Researchers	Poor
Local visitors	Poor
National/international tourists	Fair
Tourism industry	Not applicable
Local businesses and industries	Poor
NGOs	Not applicable
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	

8.2 - Does the property have a heritage education programme(s) for children and/or youth, that can contribute to a better understanding of heritage, promote diversity and foster intercultural dialogue?

There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth but it only partly meets the needs

8.3 - Who are the target audiences for education and awareness programmes at your property?

Local communities
Youth/children
Other specific groups
old people or senior people

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

Visitor centre	Fair
Site museum	Poor
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Fair
Trails/routes	Fair
Printed information materials	Poor
Online (website, social media, etc.)	Poor
Transportation facilities	Fair
Other	Not needed
If 'Other' is selected, please specify	

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

9. Visitor Management

9.1 - Please provide estimated annual visitor numbers (including national and international visitors) since the last Periodic Report

249.062 / 165.915 / 91.250 / 312.046 / 307.889 /
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9.2 - What information sources are used to collect visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Other

9.3 - What is the average length stay of a visitor to the World Heritage property?

One day (no overnight stay)

9.4 - Please provide the source of information**9.5 - What is the approximate average daily visitor expenditure? (Please provide an estimated monetary figure in USD)**

0 / 0 / 0 / 1.000.000€ / 0 / 0 /

9.6 - Please provide the source of information

There is not such a study.

9.7 - Does the management system/plan for the World Heritage property include a strategy with an action plan to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived economic, socio-cultural and environmental impacts?

There is a planned and **effective strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property

9.8 - Please provide any comments relating to the answer provided above in question 9.7**9.9 - Is visitor use effectively managed to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?**

There is **some management** of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?

Yes, using a different system

If a different system, please specify

9.11 - How does the tourism industry cooperate with the site management to improve visitor experiences and maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property?

There is **contact** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is **largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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

The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is **acceptable but improvements could be made**

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

In **many locations** and **easily visible** to visitors

9.14 - How does visitor/tourism revenue (e.g. entry charges, permits) contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

Fees are collected, and make **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?

Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

Tourist train and tuk tuk

9.16 - Are the benefits of tourism shared with local communities?

Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

because is a very important economy source for the city.

9.17 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to visitation/tourism/public use of the World Heritage property**10. Monitoring****10.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property directed towards management needs and/or towards improving the understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value?**

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

10.2 - Is necessary information available in order to define key indicators for measuring the state of conservation and are they used in monitoring how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is being maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **adequate** and **key indicators have been defined** but **monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved**

10.3 - Are key indicators defined and in place for the following principal aspects of the property?

	Extend of indicators	Not applicable	No indicators	Indicators have been defined but are not yet in use	Indicators are in place and in use since the last Periodic Reporting cycle
10.3.1	State of conservation				×

10.3.2	Effectiveness of the management system				×
10.3.3	Character of governance				×
10.3.4	Appropriate synergy with other conservation designations			×	
10.3.5	Contribution to sustainable development			×	
10.3.6	Capacity development			×	

10.4 - Please provide information on relevant key indicators adopted at the property

10.5 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups:

World Heritage managers/coordinators and staff	Fair
Local/municipal authorities	Fair
Local communities	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Women	Not applicable
Researchers	Poor
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industry	Poor
NGOs	Not applicable
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify	

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

Implementation is planned, but has not yet begun

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

More agility is needed in the responses of UNESCO-ICOMOS. We are working on a document that was sent for revision in 2011.

10.8 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to Monitoring

11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones	
5.1.2	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners	×
5.1.4	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known and recognized by local communities/landowners	×
5.2	Protective Measures	
5.2.6	There are major deficiencies in capacity/resources to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property	
5.3	Management System/Management Plan	
5.3.5	Some use has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	
5.3.12	The management system/plan is only partially adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value	
5.3.13	The management system at the property is only being partially implemented	×
5.3.14	An annual work/action plan exists for the property but few of the activities are being implemented	×
5.3.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a limited manner, the management system of the World Heritage property does provide ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants) In a limited manner, the management system of the World Heritage property does contribute to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood 	×
6.1	Funding	
6.1.3	The available budget is inadequate for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage the World Heritage property	
6.1.4	Existing sources of funding are not secure	

6.1.7	Human resources are inadequate for the management needs of the World Heritage property	✕
6.1.10	Some use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✕
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects	
7.2	There is considerable research in the World Heritage property but it is not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value	
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth but it only partly meets the needs	✕
9	Visitor Management	
9.9	There is some management of the visitor use of the World Heritage property	✕
9.11	There is contact but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory mattersThere is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	✕
10	Monitoring	
10.2	Information on the values of the World Heritage property is adequate and key indicators have been defined but monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved	

Please select 0 more issues.

☒ Please save this question to reflect changes

12. Summary and Conclusions

12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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4.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
4.7.2	Relative humidity	Greater need of maintenance	Monitoring	Monitoring with new technologies	monitoring in short, medium, and long term	no	no	
4.7.3	Temperature	Greater need of maintenance	Monitoring	Monitoring with new technologies	monitoring in short, medium, and long term	no	no	
4.7.4	Radiation/Light	More stone heating	monitoring	Monitoring with new technologies	monitoring in short, medium and long term	no	no	
4.8	Social/Cultural uses of heritage							
4.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	worst adaptation	promove learning	no	actions in short, medium ang long term	no	no	
4.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
4.10.3	Drought	Important changes in monuments conservation	More manteinance	monitoring with new technologies	Action in short, medium and long term	no	no	
4.10.6	Temperature change	Important changes in monuments conservation	Monitoring More manteinance	Monitoring with new technologies	monitoring in short, medium and long term	no	no	
4.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
4.11.6	Fire (wildfire)	no impact	We have a Protection Plan for monuments	no	monitoring in short, medium and long term	Firemen service of Ávila, Local Police and Civil Protection	no	
4.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species							
4.12.5	Hyper-abundant species	no impact	spicies control	Swift control and plants control	analysis in short, medium and long term	Seo Birdlife	no	

4.13	Management and institutional factors						
4.13.5	Financial resources	budget sortage	No	No	No	No	No
4.13.6	Human resources	There are not human resources for everything that has to be done	Management plan		No	No	No

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

12.2. Summary - Management Needs

12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones				
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.1.2	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners	need for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	short term	Avila Municipality, National and regional administration	the management plan needs to be approved and implemented the lack of resolution makes it not seem important
5.1.4	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known and recognized by local communities/landowners	need for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	need for a plan for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	No	No

5.3	Management System/Management Plan				
5.3.13	The management system at the property is only being partially implemented	need for a plan for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	need for a plan for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	No	No
5.3.14	An annual work/action plan exists for the property but few of the activities are being implemented	need for a plan for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	need for a plan for the approval and implementation of the management plan with all the measures and times	No	No
5.3.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a limited manner, the management system of the World Heritage property does provide ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants) In a limited manner, the management system of the World Heritage property does contribute to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood 	We are working on the management plan	The time in the management plan	all participants in mangement plan	no

6.1	Funding
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6.1.7	Human resources are inadequate for the management needs of the World Heritage property	Management Plan	Management Plan	all agents involved in management plan	not
6.1.10	Some use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	workshop school to learn traditional works	nowadays	Avila city council	not

8 Education, Information and Awareness Building

8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth but it only partly meets the needs	implementation of "Patrimonitos" programme	medium term	no	n
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9 Visitor Management

9.9	There is some management of the visitor use of the World Heritage property	Plan de Excelencia Turística	from nowadays to medium term	no	no
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	Management Plan elaboration	Short, medium and long term	no	no

Summary - Management Needs completed

12.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

12.3.1 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Authenticity of the World Heritage property?

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

12.3.2 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Integrity of the World Heritage property?

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

12.3.3 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value?

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

12.3.4 - What is the 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 **intact**

12.3.5 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the state of conservation of the property.

It is necessary to invest more in management and resources. It is necessary more UNESCO engagement.

13. Impact of World Heritage Status

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

Conservation	Very positive
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Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Not applicable
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Positive
Advocacy	Positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Gender equality	Not applicable
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	Positive
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	Positive
Other	Not applicable
If 'Other', please specify	

13.2 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to World Heritage status and its impacts

It is necessary better management, and more resources for work.

14. Good Practice in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

14.1 - Example of good practice in World Heritage protection, identification, conservation or management at the property level

heritage emergency protection plan educational plan, senior and young environmental sensorization of the wall new technologies applied to heritage intercultural exchange "roots program" tourist observatory accessibility to monuments program

14.2 - Define which topics are covered by this example of best practice at the property level

Sustainable Development
Synergies
State of Conservation
Capacity Building

15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.1. Relevance of Periodic Reporting

15.1.1 - Has the Periodic Reporting process improved the understanding of the following?

The <i>World Heritage Convention</i>
The property's Integrity and/or Authenticity
Management effectiveness to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

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

State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Poor
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	Poor

15.2. Use of Data

15.2.1 - How do the authorities in charge of the property plan to use the data recorded from this cycle of Periodic Reporting?

Revision of priorities/strategies/policies for the protection, management and conservation of heritage

Update of management plans

Fundraising

Awareness raising

Advocacy

15.2.2 - Comments on use of data from the Cycle of Periodic Reporting

New ideas for the site manager, but little subsequent involvement of the different competent institutions such as UNESCO.

15.3. Timing and resources

15.3.1 - Entities involved in the filling out of this online questionnaire (tick as many boxes as applicable)

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

Site Manager/Coordinator World Heritage property staff

15.3.2 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered in the filling out of this questionnaire?

Gender balance has **not been explicitly** considered or implemented in the process.

15.3.3 - Were you given adequate time (i.e. roughly ten months) to gather necessary information and to fill in this questionnaire?

Yes

15.3.4 - Please estimate the time (working hours) needed to complete this questionnaire

10 hours / 4 hours / 30 hours /

15.3.5 - Did you mobilise any additional resources to fill out this questionnaire?

	Additional resources	No	Yes
15.3.5.1	Human resources	✗	
15.3.5.2	Financial resources for organizing consultation meetings/ training	✗	

15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

15.4.1 - How accessible was the information required to complete this questionnaire?

Most required information was accessible.

15.4.2 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

		Very Difficult	Difficult	Easy	Very easy
15.4.2.1	Ease of use of questionnaire				✗
15.4.2.2	Clarity of questions				✗

15.4.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

Need for greater involvement of UNESCO with the sites, as well as greater agility in decisions.

15.5. Training and Guidance

15.5.1 - Please rate the level of support in terms of training and guidance from the following entities in completing this questionnaire

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	No support
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	No support
UNESCO National Commission	No support
ICOMOS International	No support
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	No support
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable

15.5.2 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Reporting questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	No support
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State Party Representative (national Focal Point)	Fair
UNESCO other sectors (e.g. field office)	Not applicable
National Commission for UNESCO	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
ICCROM International/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable

15.5.3 - Were the online training resources prepared by the World Heritage Centre regarding Periodic Reporting adequate for you to complete this questionnaire?

No

15.5.4 - If you found that the online training resources were not adequate, what changes would you like to see implemented?

More documentation in Spanish.

15.6. Actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

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

- **Map(s)**

Reason for update: The maps of the property are currently being updated in the framework of the Restrospective Inventory initiative at the request of the World Heritage Center by letter of 16th December 2022.

Changes to these items will need to go through the proper processes.

15.7. Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.7.1 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

It is necessary deeper involvement of UNESCO with the sites, as well as more agility in decisions.

15.7.2 - Thank you for having filled in all the questions. Please contact your National Focal Point for validation.