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*How can members of EHHF have increased control and influence on EU legislation.*

*Eu Directives and cultural heritage*



# Last year in Prague



**The inadvertent impact of EU Directives on cultural heritage.**

# Lead white



- Danson House, Uk.
- New. REACH legislation threatened (2008) to remove exemptions. Avoided by concerted action.

# Traditional wood buildings

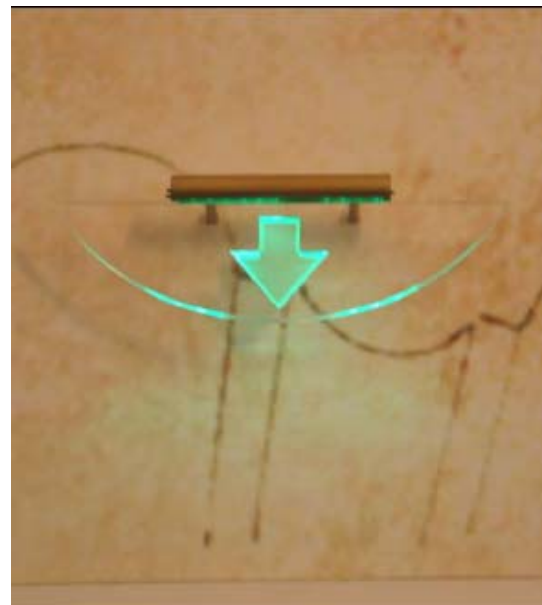


Left: Heddal stave church, Norway. Right: Weisskirch, Saxon fortified church, Romania. © Riksantikvaren, T. Nypan.

- Biocidal Products 98/8/EC .



# Fire protection

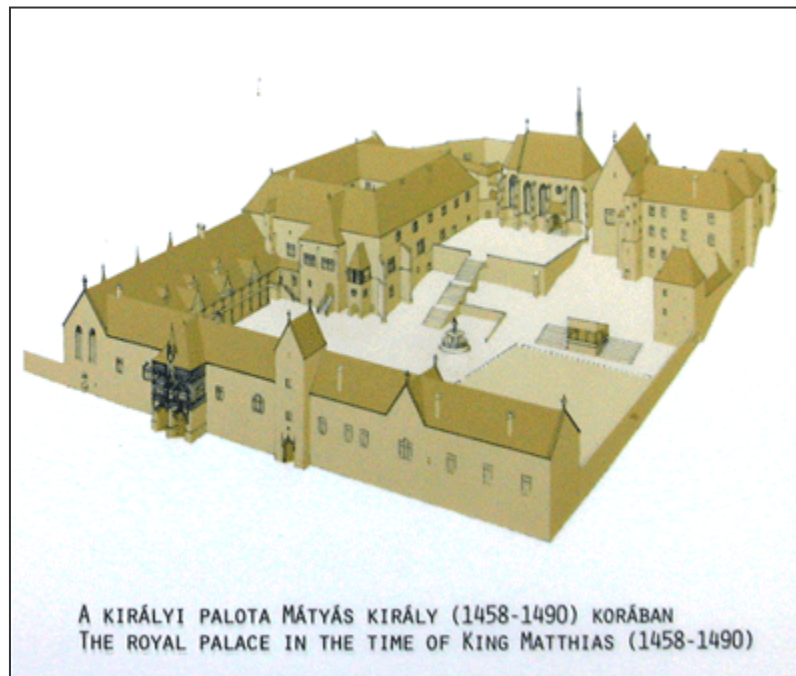


Left: Purpose designed service column in Schönbrunn Palace Middle: Purpose designed service column in Schönbrunn Palace detail Right: Emergency exit signage in Schönbrunn Palace. © Dr. Wolfgang Kippes, Schonbrunn Castle.

- whenever prescriptive standards are made mandatory.

- 4. Mandatory change old windows; Energy Performance in Buildings 2002/91/EC.
- the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive 2002/91/EC, the Finnish Building Code C3 "Decree on thermal insulation in buildings" was renewed in the end of October 2003.





**Vyshegrad royal castle; public purchasing and certification of building material. Construction Products 89/106/EEC**



# The solution.

- **1. Cooperation** and shared responsibility on an European basis between competent cultural heritage authorities and other players.
- **2. A legal tool:** The Clause of special considerations.
- **3. An organisation tool** (with communication tools): The Legal Observatory.

# The proposal

# EHHF, Prague on 10-11 May 2007, FINAL STATEMENT



- SPECIFIC ACTIONS:
  - To propose a way in which the members of EHHF can have influence on the development of EU legislation taking account of cultural heritage. (Norway)
- We now propose:
  - To establish a European Heritage Legal Forum (EHLF).
  - Legal European Heritage Forum (LEHF)
  - LFEH? LHF Legal Heritage Forum?



# European Heritage Legal Forum (EHLF).

- Why?
  - To ensure improved information on the development of legal acts in Brussels the EHLF members.
- How?
  - The EHLF members appoint a responsible legal in each national organisation. Together these correspondents constitute European Legal Heritage Forum of the competent cultural heritage authorities in Europe.

# Operations

- The EHLF will meet the first time on September 22-23 in Brussels.
- It will develop its own Mission statement.
- We propose that an Executive Committee, consisting of 5 members and is responsible for management.
- Norway proposes to take responsibility for secretariat functions of the network for the first 2 years. It should then be rolling.
- Specific tasks / responsibilities will be assigned to network members – these may be in relation to Brussels or to own national administration.

The ELHF will take on the task of being

- *“ a permanent European-wide system that monitors all legislative bills being planned for implementation by the European Union. This will act as an early warning system for identifying any potential threats posed to cultural heritage by planned European legislation.”*
- *(Mission statement of the Working group on EU Directives and Cultural heritage 2004).*

## Legal monitoring the responsibility of competent government authorities.

- The EHLF will undertake **no independent** lobbying action but will bring the potential negative effects to the attention of the competent authorities at national, regional or local level (as well as national and international organisations concerned with the cultural heritage).
- The EHLF will develop its own Mission statement accordingly, taking into accounts its mission and the restrictions on it's activity.
- Members are responsible to their own administrations.
- The EHLF will continue monitoring in the direction indicated by the Working group on EU Directives and Cultural heritage.



# Themes for 22-23 September.

Bavarian Delegation to the Commission.



- 2 meetings with all correspondents. One in Brussels 22, 23 September 2008 and one in another location in February 2009.
- 2 more meetings will take place in 2009-2010. After this no fixed schedule of meetings.
- To identify more directives at an early stage an increase in the research and follow up activity towards the ongoing work in Brussels is needed.
- Every country should establish contact with its permanent delegation in Brussels
- While increasing the information on ongoing and relevant legal processes in Brussels it is also necessary to establish a network in the national administrations to be included in the consultative procedures prior to a Directive's incorporation into national legislation.

# Contributions

- All EHHF members will be asked to contribute to the running of the network and the Committee.
- Specific tasks / responsibilities will be assigned to network members – these may be in relation to Brussels or to own national administration.
- The work to include consequences on cultural heritage in the Impact Assessment of legislation made in Brussels will be carried forward by Germany and Norway to improve capacity for early identification and be a partner for the Commission.

## Sum up

- Legal network. All members, 1 representative.
- Executive Committee, voluntary members
- 1st meeting set 22-23 September
- Defining tasks and operations on the agenda.
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- Objective is
- *" monitors all legislative bills being planned for implementation by the European Union. This will act as an early warning system for identifying any potential threats posed to cultural heritage by planned European legislation."*