

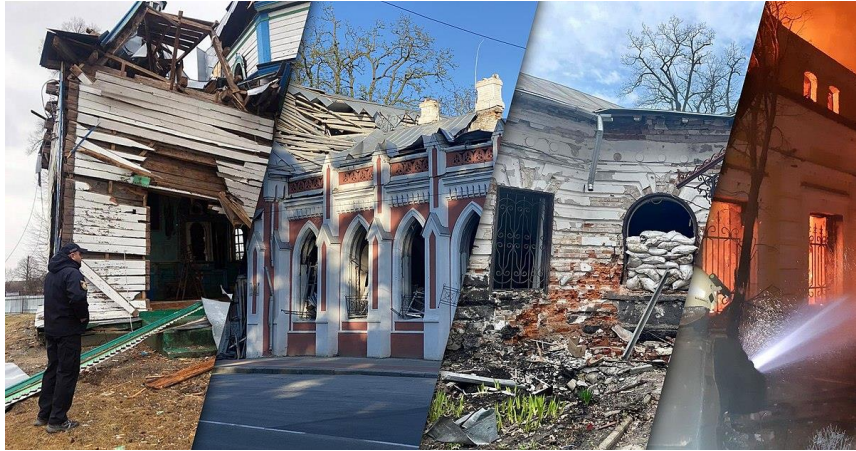
The Nicosia Convention and the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Ukraine in times of war / 2023

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Challenges

- Military invasion of Russia will continue for 2023 at least, with all the threats for the Cultural Heritage of Ukraine and its people
- Growing scarcity of financial and other resources while the state (and its partners) must be focused on defence and capacities of the Armed Forces
- Depletion of resource base of regions that are in / near zone of combat operations which is combined with the uneven flow of aid and / or the possibility of its use
- Growing lack of specialists on sites (totally ruined or heavily damaged cities and villages are unsuitable for life and work; a number of professionals are relocated inside the country because of Russian occupation; many professionals are still abroad; many professionals are in the army now)
- Growing damages and loss of tangible cultural heritage, risks of irreversible changes due to blackouts, limited resources for providing the regular conditions, restoration etc
- Growing risks of loss of traditional environments and the weakening or severing of connections necessary for intangible cultural heritage practices

Damaged and Lost



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- 623 cultural heritage objects with an official protection status are recorded as damaged or ruined as of May 15, 2023 by the regional authorities

Damages of archaeological heritage as a result of the Russian aggression, including the Kakhovka dam blow

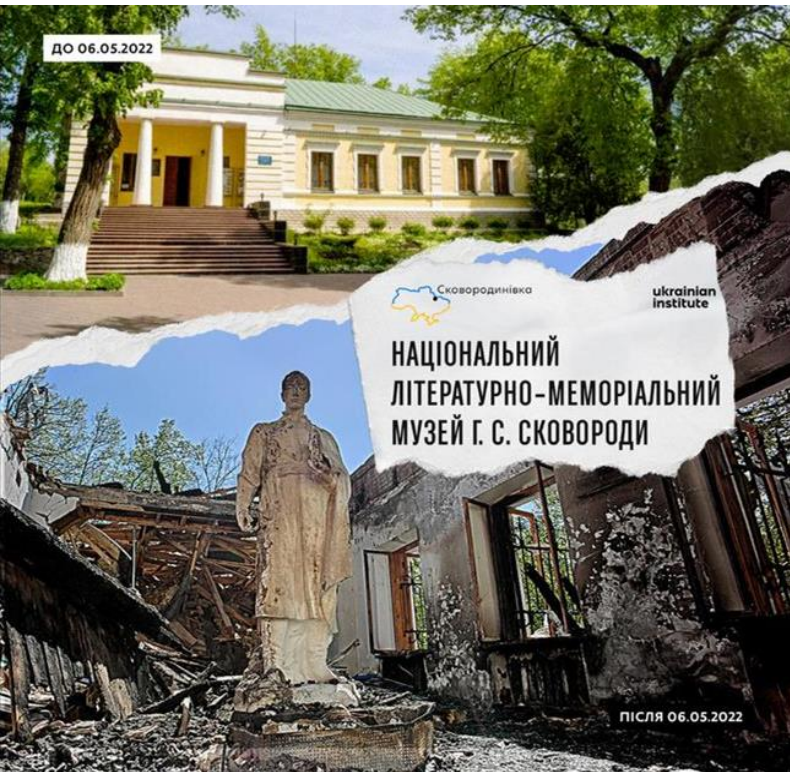


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- Dozens of the museums and archives damaged or ruined
- According to the preliminary calculations more than 30 000 of museum objects were stolen or illegally transported from the Ukrainian museums

Resilience and international cooperation [for future development]

- Legislation: integration of cultural heritage protection into the national security system, management with an understanding of the wartime and postwar challenges
- Development of the national risks preparedness and emergency response system
- Damage assessment, war crimes evidences documentation (standards, field work, coordination on a regular basis), prevention of illicit traffic of cultural properties and effective international cooperation
- Digital transformation (national platforms on tangible heritage and museum collections of Ukraine)
- Capacity building, professional education etc

Thank you for your attention!

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