

# PRESERVATION today: priorities and visions of the future

Maintaining the broad range of preservation activities, the National Heritage Institute believes that the top priority is to improve the communication with the public. More emphasis must be put into the aspects of preservation that have positive influence on the life of local communities, sustainable use of landscape, and the potential of heritage sites. Current preservation principles are not solely conservative; instead, they open up to broad expert discussion.

The National Heritage Institute aims at the presentation of the good practice in preservation. That's why we established the Patrimonium Pro Futuro Award for site owners, local government representatives or citizens who put extraordinary effort or interest in heritage sites and their context in the landscape.

We're also trying to set an example by showing good preservation practices in managing the sites in our control, and thus set high quality standards.

In the modern society, information and virtual environment are also vital. The National Heritage Institute has developed basic functional information systems in preservation, such as the Geographical Information System, Heritage Catalogue, or the National Archaeological List of the Czech Republic. The development of good and user friendly systems is a big challenge for the future.



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