

European SUPPORT⁷ for Czech Heritage Sites

After the 1989 revolution, the new regime encouraged interest in the neglected cultural heritage of the Czech Republic; the preservation efforts were largely supported. This support resulted in the establishment of the new system of grant programs, funded by the government, and also by the funds from the EU, EEA/Norway Grants, etc. The effective use of these funds resulted in numerous finished reconstructions, and also in building of large background for the sustainable preservation of the cultural heritage and legacy.

The key source of funding of preservation activities in the Czech Republic are the structural funds of the European Union, used not only for direct reconstruction of heritage sites but also for their presentation and new ways of use, enabling the preservation and development of their value. Another important source are the EEA and Norway Grants. In addition to preservation and reconstruction of heritage sites, these funds focus also on broad education and exchange of experiences.

The National Heritage Institute is one of the organizations that successfully realize European projects. The grants are used for the reconstruction of heritage sites managed by the Institute, and the Institute uses this experience in numerous educational and methodological programs. The financial support of the EU and the expert work of the National Heritage Institute have resulted in the reconstruction of many extraordinary heritage sites of the country, which was acknowledged, for example, by the EUROPA NOSTRA Award.

