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Ministry of Education, Culture and
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What can the **Netherlands Funds-in-Trust** do for you?

**The Netherlands Funds-in-Trust
(NFiT) aims to reinforce the
implementation of the 1972 Convention
concerning the Protection of
the World Cultural and
Natural Heritage.**



In 2017, the NFiT Cooperation Agreement with UNESCO was extended for the 5th time, for the period of 2017-2020.

The NFiT has an annual budget of € 375,000.

It was established in 2001 by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands.

Over 150 projects have been supported to date, covering different categories of heritage in various regions of the world, from Astronomy to Zanzibar*

How does it work?

Projects for the NFiT are brought forward via the regional units of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre or by UNESCO field offices. For the selection of a project, it is important that the project contribute to the World Heritage community in the widest sense possible. Therefore, the outcomes of the project have to be as measurable as possible and applicants should specify, where relevant, how the project's outputs can be "adopted/reused/adapted", and what training model/programme could be reused in a similar context at another site or property.

UNESCO's priority groups and Global priorities are taken into account under this Funds-in-Trust agreement, and funds can be allocated to all regions of the world without any restriction regarding the nationality of contractors tasked with carrying out missions or implementing projects.

Proposed projects are brought to the attention of the Netherlands-Funds-in-Trust via the regional desks at the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. The proposals are put forward for consideration between August and the mid of November of each year. A decision regarding the proposals will be made in December of that same year.

* <http://whc.unesco.org/en/from-astronomy-to-zanzibar/>

Objectives

Projects and programmes carried out under the NFiT Cooperation Agreement are structured according to the Strategic Objectives adopted by the World Heritage Committee (the "5Cs") and the Expected Results of UNESCO's approved Programme and Budget (C/5), in an effort to ensure regional and thematic balance and provide sustainable support in terms of project follow-up or spin-off. Support can also be considered for a property inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and/or for heritage in conflict situations.

The main types of projects that the NFiT can support, categorised by the 5Cs, are as follows:

- **Credibility:** Technical assistance to the preparation of Tentative Lists and nominations, primarily in under-represented regions of the world; Thematic studies and expert meetings, in particular for under-represented categories of heritage;
- **Conservation:** Technical assistance for preparation of Conservation and/or Management Plans, and to projects supporting a sustainable development approach for inscribed properties, in particular in under-represented regions;
- **Capacity-Building:** Support to training seminars and national workshops; Technical assistance to professional and institutional capacity-building;
- **Communication:** Dissemination of information, education, public awareness raising, presentation of sites;
- **Community:** Enhancing the role of local communities in the conservation and management of World Heritage properties.



Furthermore, special attention will be paid to the category of mutual heritage or shared cultural heritage, i.e. heritage that is perceived by the Netherlands and other countries or regions concerned as shared cultural heritage. This heritage extends beyond remnants in former colonies and could also include cultural properties originating from other international ventures by the Netherlands throughout their history.



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