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Training on “Disaster Risk Management for Culture and Heritage” for Serbia (2018)

UNESCO conducted a national workshop on managing disaster risks to cultural heritage that took place on 12 and 13 February 2018 at the Ethnographic Museum of Belgrade, Serbia. The objective of the workshop was to raise awareness and understanding among relevant stakeholders of the principles of risk management for culture and heritage, and to build stakeholders' capacities to integrate disaster risk reduction in the management and governance of heritage sites, in particular UNESCO designated sites. The World Heritage property “Studenica Monastery” was the selected case study. The property is at considerable risk from a number of natural and human-induced disasters with inadequate measures for preventing, mitigating and recovering from a potential disaster. Supported by the Heritage Emergency Fund, the event was part of a project implemented by the Serbian Ministry of Culture through its Participation Programme. The training offered the participants an understanding of the key principles and techniques for disaster risk prevention, preparedness, and response as applied to culture, as well as an overview of the international Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) methodology.