



Czech
National
Trust



New meaning to old values



ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 2023

By concentrating powers and resources to save the heritage of our country, we revive the places of our national identity and bring them back to life.



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Foreword

The year 2023 was significant for our organization, as we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our foundation.

As part of the celebrations of the 10th anniversary, we presented a project at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in London by Czech-Canadian architect Petr Franta: The Architecture of Memory and the Test of War. A two-year international educational Erasmus SEECHT project was concluded with an international heritage conference and workshop in Prague and Libčice nad Labem. At the same time, the annual meeting of the management of International National Trusts Organisation (INTO), with the participation of leaders and experts from 12 countries, took place in Prague. The three-day event ended with a reception to celebrate the tenth anniversary of our organization.

During 2023, we managed to continue with most of the projects and at the same time we organized a number face to face meetings and activities.

The CNT currently works in two groups. The Moravian branch continues with the pilot project, which is the restoration of the Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach Memorial and Tomb and the development of the adjacent two-hectare park. Work on the “greenhouse” has begun, which will become a volunteer and tourist centre.

In Prague, the Small Treasures of Prague’s Streets and the national and international educational projects continued. Some of the events will be passed on to the local heritage community and owners of historic properties; e.g. the international heritage know-how of the world’s most renowned organizations associated in the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO). One of them was the project Erasmus+, under which the CNT coordinated six European National Trusts for two years and which the CNT successfully concluded in 2023.

When working on individual projects, the functions of the organization have also been refined. It turns out for example, that one of the important activities is not only to support projects financially or by work activities, but also by helping



through negotiation and by mediating contacts and ties.

We are able to develop our work abroad all year round thanks to the activities of our sister Czech National Trust Abroad, based in London, whose aim is to support, fundraise and promote the CNT and Czech cultural heritage abroad. The CNT is a member of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) (International Organisation of National Trusts) and cooperates closely with it. Our Chairwoman Dr. Irena Edwards has been part of the INTO management for seven years. INTO supports us with its know-how and small grants, cooperates with us on projects and at the same time helps to provide Czech colleagues with the experience of the world's largest heritage organizations, which are also members of INTO.

Our charitable activities continue in the form of organizing public collections, through which we have been supporting projects for the restoration of historical monuments for a long time. We continue to work intensively on the restoration of the historical park in Zdislavice, namely with continued cooperation with local volunteer groups and the support of our patrons. We regularly publicize the monuments of the Czech Republic abroad; one example is the successful event to support the Slavkov project restoration of the Cairn of Peace at the Czech Embassy in London.

Long-term cooperation

- We aim to preserve historic buildings, parks, landscapes and intangible heritage
- We are looking for new sources of financing for heritage buildings
- We support and develop a culture of volunteering
- We develop learning and capacity building opportunities for managers, experts, young professionals and volunteers

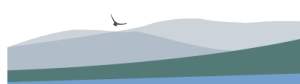


Czech National Trust | Identification data

- The registered name of the organisation is Czech National Trust, o.p.s.
- Registered office: Na Příkopě 988/31, 110 00 Prague 1
- The Czech National Trust is a public benefit organisation, registered in the Register of companies on October 10, 2013 under file O 1642 at the Municipal Court in Prague, Identification number: 02180481

CNT membership in professional associations

- Since 2015, the Czech National Trust has been a full member of the umbrella organisation of national trusts - International National Trusts Organisation - INTO.
- The CNT is a member of the International Land Conservation Network, an international network of organizations involved in landscape protection.



INTERNATIONAL
LAND CONSERVATION
NETWORK



Czech National Trust Abroad - CNTA

- CNTA is an independent charitable organisation, registered in England and Wales under No. 1162843.

The objectives of the CNTA are:

- Finding new donors and developing new sources of funding and support for CNT
- Providing networking opportunities for organizations and individuals with similar interests and goals as CNT
- Developing positive relations with public and raising international awareness of CNT
- Arranging and facilitating heritage-related education, training and social events for the CNT
- Supporting interests and aims of the CNT

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Activities in 2023 | International cooperation

■ Project Erasmus+



With the support of the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union

Finalising of the project Erasmus+ SEECHT

The two-year international educational project Erasmus+ SEECHT was concluded in Prague and Libčice nad Labem. The main focus of the project was to exchange visits of representatives of six European cultural heritage trusts. The project was coordinated by the CNT with participation of the Czech Republic ANOPA (Association of Non-State Open Monuments).

Representatives of six European national trusts familiarised themselves with the results of these international exchange visits during the final workshop. They, together with its partner organisation INTO (International Organisation of National Trusts), created a set of information tools aimed at supporting growth in a number of visitors to historical monuments. The Toolkit is free of charge and available to the public on the CNT website. It consists of 12 case studies from participants of the project SEECHT.

In the framework of the European Erasmus+ concept for adults, the CNT managed in close cooperation with INTO, an exceptional project “Exchange of Experts in European Heritage Trusts” for a group of six European National Trusts, including one international one (the National Trust for Scotland, Fondo Ambiente Italiano, Herita Belgium, National Trust Slovakia, Czech National Trust, International National Trusts Organisation). This project was funded by a grant of EUR 71,653. It was launched in June 2022 with workshops for representatives of all six participating European national trusts in the castles of the English National Trust in Polesden Lacey and Hatchlands Park in Surrey, near London.





Annual Management Meeting of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO)

In June 2023, members of the Board of Directors of INTO started their three-day stay in the Czech Republic as guests of the CNT and its chair Irena Edwards, who is a member of the INTO management. Part of the stay was devoted to the annual meeting of the management of INTO, which brought together all 12 representatives from different parts of the world.

The meeting began in Prague, where, at the invitation of the British Ambassador, guests attended a garden party celebrating the birthday of King Charles IV. This was followed by a working breakfast on the topic of climate and its impact on historical monuments, which was organised by the British Embassy for Czech and international experts. The members of the Board of Directors also attended the conference on finalising of the project Erasmus+. They surprised 80 invited attending guests with an excellently prepared masterclass on the topic of increasing attendance of monuments, which was one of the main topics of the project Erasmus+. The visit of foreign guests in the Czech Republic was concluded, at the invitation of ANOPA, by visiting the castles of Karlova Koruna and Loučeň.

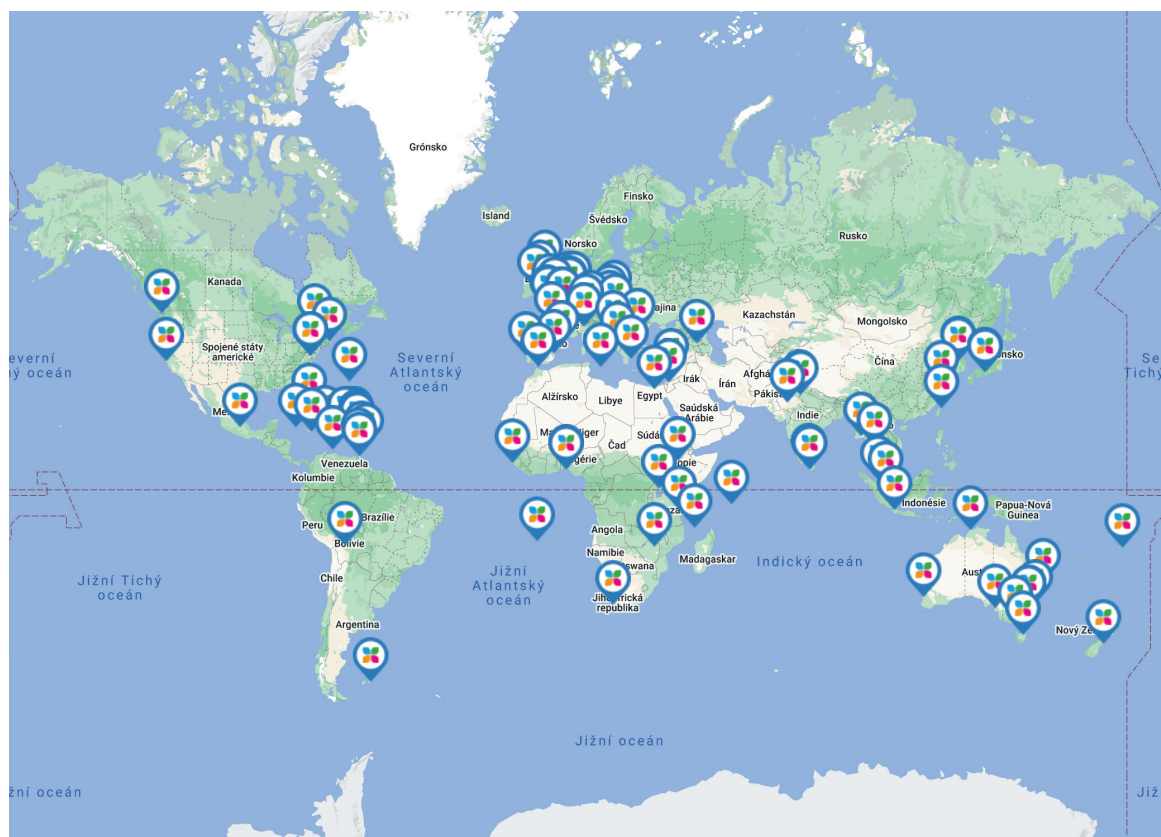




■ Programme INTO Places

CNT continued to implement the programme INTO Places in the Czech Republic

The global programme INTO Places allows our supporters from the Czech Republic a free or discounted admission to more than 1,100 monuments in 31 countries around the world (including the Czech Republic). The INTO Places Club card is valid for two people.





Exhibition of Adolf Loos interiors and accompanying programme at the Czech Centre in Brussels

In March 2023, CNT participated in the accompanying programme associated with the exhibition “Loos and Pilsen” at the Pilsen House in Brussels. A new documentary was screened “Adolf Loos: A Revolutionary Among Architects” in the presence of the film director Aleš Kisil and Martin Polák from Czech Television. The next day, it was followed by a panel discussion with patron of the CNT, art and architecture historian Irena Žantovská Murray and long-time CNT supporter Steven Brummel, who played an important role during the rescue of the Loos House of the Brummel family in Pilsen.



■ CNT 10th Anniversary

Events in London to mark the 10th anniversary of the organization

As part of the celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Czech National Trust, we presented a project by Czech-Canadian architect Petr Franta “The Architecture of Memory and the Test of War”. The celebration took place at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in London. The contemporary and impressive project transfers the Mound of Peace in Slavkov to the 21st century. The curator of the project, Dr. Irena Žantovská Murray, together with historian Richard Bassett, led a panel discussion with Petr Franta. This was followed by a tour of the exhibition of Petr Franta’s projects and the reception supported by the Czech Embassy in London, CzechTourism and Budvar.





CNT celebrated the 10th anniversary of its foundation in the Libčice Coal Mill

In June, during the three-day INTO programme, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Czech National Trust, which was concluded by a final workshop and conferences in the superbly restored Libčice Coal Mill and a reception for invited guests for the musical parade performed by jazz@Troiss.





Activities in 2023 | Moravian projects

■ Tomb and chapel of Maria von Ebner-Eschenbach at Zdislavice u Kroměříže

The Project “Greenhouse” and “Tomb” has taken a new breath

Project for the transformation of the dilapidated greenhouse in the area of the tomb and chapel of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach to become a volunteer, educational and community centre in 2023 started again. A new ecological and elegant design by architect Patrik Hoffman from Atelier Hoffman will provide both facilities for organizing cultural and other community events, as well as a place to relax for our volunteers, local schoolchildren and domestic and foreign tourists. The project continues with the cooperation and support of the local MAS and our neighbour, the owner of the Zdislavice Castle.

Thanks to volunteer work and countless donations in the form of materials and pro bono work, the tomb building was largely completed. This included the upkeep of the exterior and interior while carrying out a number of preparatory works, e.g. dealing with statics, rainwater and sewerage runoff and other related necessary activities. This year we would like to continue with the repair of the roof, painting the front façade and revitalisation work in the park in cooperation with the historic monument conservation.





Activities in 2023 | Other activities

■ Weekend of Open Gardens

As every year, our project in Zdislavice was part of the Weekend of Open Gardens in June.

On Sunday afternoon, the Maria von Ebner-Eschenbach Memorial was visited by over 100 visitors. They were captivated by the peaceful and beautiful place as well as the story of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. The monument was guided by Petr Hudec, lecturer and our great volunteer.

■ Concert for the benefit of the music archive collection at Kroměříž

The Pavel Josef Vejvanovský Conservatory in Kroměříž organised a concert of compositions from the oldest part of the Music Archive of the Archdiocesan Museum in Kroměříž, for which the Czech National Trust has been providing a public donation for a long time. As part of the concert, visitors had the opportunity to contribute to the collection.

■ CNT and ANOPA continued to cooperate and support each other

CNT and ANOPA (Association of Non-State Open Monuments) signed a memorandum on cooperation and mutual support of their activities and aims, sharing information, cooperation in marketing, education and other activities aimed at public benefit objectives. Members of ANOPA joined the successful project Erasmus+.



■ Volunteering activities – working parties

Historical Botanical Garden in Bečov nad Teplou, Hluboš Chateau and Chateau Rožmitál – there we were helping the owners of historical buildings, gardens and parks with volunteering work last year.

■ Other CNT working parties in the historical botanical garden in Bečov nad Teplou

In 2023, we “volunteered” in the historical botanical garden in Bečov for the third time. The garden is becoming more beautiful and interesting every year. A new Rosarium and excellent services have been added and the garden has become an ideal destination for families with children. Our team contributed to the restoration of the garden both in summer and autumn.

■ Charitable activities and public collections

In 2023, the CNT continued with public collections to support the restoration of historic buildings. The money raised are held in special transparent bank accounts. Donors can make payments into these accounts, via the fundraising portal Darujme.cz either on a regular basis by becoming a member of the Friends of CNT Club, or contribute cash directly into the collection boxes.

Public collections

Visitor Centre Zdislavice	account No.	280495377/0300
Small treasures of Prague streets	account No.	280504886/0300
Škoda Palace - replica O.Gutfreund	account No.	280495094/0300



Charity public collection boxes

Restoration of the Tomb and Chapel of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach in Zdislavice

- Collection registered at the Municipal office of Zlín region,
no. KUSP 44218/2015
- Date commenced: 16.07.2015 (ongoing project)
- Number of the specially allocated bank account: 270781337/0300
- Target amount: CZK15,225,000, balance of CZK33,822.44 remaining
on the account as of 31.12.2023

Collection to support the music archive at the Kroměříž chateau

- Collection registered at the Municipal office of Zlín region,
no. KUSP 36001/2016 PŽÚ
- Date commenced: 18.05.2016
- Number of the specially allocated bank account: 274955736/0300
- Target amount: CZK100,000, as of 31.12.2022 amount collected CZK62,847.64

Restoration of the Chinese pavilion in the garden of the Kroměříž chateau, UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Collection registered at the Municipal office of Zlín region,
no. s.z. KUSP 32653/2015 PŽÚ
- Date commenced: 18.05.2016
- Number of the specially allocated bank account: 270472892/0300
- Target amount: CZK100.000, as of 31.12.2022 amount collected CZK50,333.87

Return of the replica of Otto Gutfreund's sculpture to Škoda Palace in Prague

- Collection registered at the Municipal office of Zlín region,
no. s.z. KUSP 32653/2015 PŽÚ
- Date commenced: 18.05.2021
- Number of the specially allocated bank account: 270472892/0300
- Target amount: CZK100.000, as of 31.12.2022 amount collected CZK200



Acknowledgments

DELTA legal has been tirelessly, selflessly and patiently providing us with legal advice for many years, drafting contractual materials, helping CNT to establish key partnerships, setting goals and plans for the future. Since November 2021, DELTA legal has also provided CNT office facilities at its headquarters.

We would like to thank our sponsors, private donors from the “CNT Donors Club” as well as on platform “darujme.cz”, supporters, volunteers and everyone else who have helped CNT for their financial, material and personal support of our activities, the pilot project and various individual events.

- **Mr. and Mrs. Kučera** for their repeated generous support of the reconstruction Zdislavice project and activities of the CNT.
- **Mr. Josef Gschwandtner** for his selfless and free of charge assistance with maintenance of the park and reconstruction of the tomb in Zdislavice.
- A team of architects from the **Acht studio** for consultancy, project documentation and negotiations with the authorities in connection with the project of restoration of the tomb of Maria von Ebner-Eschenbach and the surrounding park.
- Lawyers from **DELTA legal** for strategic and legal support at all times.
- The company **DDMen** for their invaluable help with the administration of our social medias.
- To **all kind donors** who have contributed to our public collections and via the platform Darujme.cz and who have become members of the CNT Club through the project INTO Places.





Management report

Annual Management report for the period 1. 1. 2023 – 31. 12. 2023
Czech National Trust
o.p.s., ID: 02180481

Content:

- 1. General statements - balance sheet, profit and loss account*
- 2. Summary of costs and revenues - Appendix No. 1*

The company's accounting for 2023 was prepared by Ing. Martina Šlesingerová, at the registered office of Milada Horáková 847/92, 170 00, Prague 7 - Bubeneč, ID 63092247.

The corporate income tax return for the tax period 2023 was prepared by Clarkson Hyde Czech Republic Tax, s.r.o., with registered office at Politických vězňů 1272/21, Nové Město, 110 00 Prague 1, registered in the list of companies providing tax consultancy services, overseen by the Chamber of Tax Advisors of the Czech Republic, acting through: Mgr. Martin Šimunek, Managing Director, certificate number KDP ČR 5054.

Key business operation of the organisation

The financial result of the organisation's main operation is **a profit of CZK 1,410.**

The company's total income from donations and grants received in 2023 is **CZK1,129,342.** These restricted donations and grants were first assigned to the company's equity in the respective fund accounts (apart from the donation from Central Bohemian Region, which was assigned directly to the profits of the organisation) and, according to their actual use, were assigned to income at the latest on the balance sheet date, in the amount of CZK427,968 and partly against receivables of partners in the amount of CZK1,392,685, which means in total amount of CZK1,820,653.

The donations and grants received in 2023 were used mainly to finance ongoing projects from previous years and the conference in Libčice. In 2023 the participation of the organisation in the project Erasmus, in which other international partners were involved, was completed.



In the following years, the company will be able to use received gifts and subsidies in **the amount of CZK 3,358,555** that have not yet been accounted for in terms of revenue.

The balance of funds in bank accounts and cash as of 31.12.2023 is **CZK 1,423,319**.

As of 31.12.2023, the company records unpaid payables from supplier relationships in the amount of CZK 52,550, it does not record payables to employees in respect of wages. Other liabilities to employees and to social and health institutions due to insurance paid on behalf of employees are also not recorded.

As stated above, the donations received earmarked for the financing of the company's main activity were not accounted for in the income class in accordance with CAS No. 413 Own resources; but to the accounts of funds in the company's equity. These funds were drawn no later than on the balance sheet date according to their actual expenditure. Since all donations received were provided in accordance with the main activity of the company and § 20 para. 8) of Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on Income Taxes (the "ITA"), this income was exempt from corporate income tax pursuant to Section 19b (1) of the Income Tax Act. 2) letter a) b) point 1 of the ITA.

For the 2023 tax period, in accordance with Section 20 para. 7) of the ITA, the tax base was reduced by CZK 29,373. Corporate income tax for the 2023 tax period is CZK 0.

Responsible for accuracy



Summary of costs and revenues

Total revenue	CZK	671,188
of which		
- proceeds from the sales of publications	CZK	1,458
- use of donations from existing funds	CZK	415,923
- other revenue	CZK	103,807
- operating subsidies	CZK	150,000
Total revenue posted to the funds	CZK	979,342
- of which assigned funds	CZK	360,405
- of which donations for general support	CZK	618,937
Total use of funds:	CZK	1,820,653
of which		
- Memorial of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach	CZK	8,538
- other use of funds for a defined purpose	CZK	111,607
- Erasmus+ (including accounting for international partners)	CZK	1,700,508
Total costs:	CZK	669,778
of which according to projects		
- Memorial of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach	CZK	8,538
- Administration costs	CZK	212,539
- Erasmus+	CZK	295,778
- Ticket to the New World	CZK	2,022
- Adoption of the Olšany tomb	CZK	901
- Conference STČ	CZK	150,000
of total costs according to their category		
- Material and energy consumption	CZK	3,664
- Costs related to sold goods	CZK	1,337
- Total for services	CZK	517,765
- Personal expenses	CZK	121,500
- Taxes and fees	CZK	6,837
- Other costs	CZK	6,584
- Depreciation	CZK	247
- Contributions made	CZK	11,844
Financial result:	CZK	1,410
Corporate income tax:	CZK	0



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