



# **NATIONAL ANNUAL REPORTS**

**European Historic Houses Association  
Annual Meeting 2011  
Brussels**

## La Demeure Historique (France)

- 2450 members
- Policy issues :
  - The creation of Special Areas for the Enhancement of Architecture and Cultural Heritage (AVAP)
  - Creation of a Regional Scheme for the Climate and Energy (Grenelle)
  - Reform of the system regarding works on historical monuments and protected areas. Landlords of listed buildings are now the only contracting owners supervising works in their house and can therefore choose the architect (with specific skills).



LA DEMEURE  
HISTORIQUE

L'association des monuments historiques privés  
Fondée en 1924 - Reconnue d'utilité publique en 1965



- Key numbers for 2010/2011 :

On 1st January 2010, there are 43,545 historical monuments in France

→ 49,9% of them belong to private owners

- Publications:

- Guide for Sustainable Development
- G8 Patrimoine (Action against the installation of wind turbines)
- Study on the economic impact of historical monuments by Prof. Xavier Greffe

# Les Vieilles Maisons Françaises (France)

- Policy issues :

- The creation of Special Areas for the Enhancement of Architecture and Cultural Heritage (AVAP): Pb with regard to the right of review of the decision

« Report on the Promotion of Heritage » by Senator Albéric Montgolfier

- Proposition to support the creation of an interdepartmental **High Council of Heritage**

*with 8 propositions*



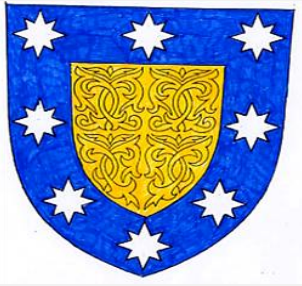
## Asociación de Propietarios de Casas Históricas y Singulares (Spain)

- 731 members
- Decrease of the grants given by from the Ministry of Culture
- Cultural projects in a Programme LEADER (not yet granted)
- Principal actions
  - Cultural visits (June 2011 in Scotland, October 2011 in Czech republic)
  - Conferences
  - Research projects
  - Cultural projects
  - Internet



## Swedish Landowner's Organisation

- Over 500 estates and 250 sympathizers
- Conference of the Culture Committee « Save and Conserve » Energy Saving in CH buildings, 29th March 2011
- Investigation set up by the Swedish Ministry of Culture in order to review the law system and the national goals within the culture heritage field
  - Answered a **consultation** with regard to listed buildings situation . A chance to the make the case for historic houses !



## Estonian Manor Association

- 43 members, 200 historic houses, 80 privately owned historic houses
- Introduction of a New version of Heritage Protection Act
  - Owners of historical buildings now allowed to carry out regular day-to-day maintenance activities without the permission from National Heritage Protection Board Authorities
- New list of stately protected parks

## Bygnings Frednings Foreningen (BYFO) (Denmark)

- 2044 members
- Building Preservation Act of 2010: € 2 million allocated to the Department of Cultural Heritage over 5 years for the review of all listed buildings and to describe the architectural conservation values in each building.
  - Opposition of some owners because of the pictures taken of their house (security and property rights)
- Edit a maintenance manual



## Association Royale des Demeures Historiques & Jardins de Belgique (Belgium)

- +/- 1700 members

### Fiscal regime :

- VAT on renovation works if house is less than 5 years (reduced from 21 to 6%)
- Exoneration on property tax for listed buildings if open to public
- Consultation on the economic impact of the private management of historic houses in the Flemish Region (cheaper and more efficient)

## Arbeitskreis für Denkmalpflege (Germany)

- 1600 members

### Policy issues:

- Federal states are trying to streamline the legal rules for conservation of monuments to simplify bureaucracy
- Energy still a debate: National "law of energy saving" (Energy Conservation Code) taking the specificities of historic houses into account.

## Vereniging Particuliere Historische Buitenplaatsen (The Netherlands)

- Creation of a new Association
- 120 members from PHB, 186 estates and historic houses
- 4 working groups (land management, fiscality, PR, etc.)
- The association has been involved in three expert meetings for Cultural Heritage organized to adjust the system for green monuments
  - Individual consultations on the control and evaluation of green monuments
  - only 8% of the estates in 2010 received subsidies for garden and park maintenance.

## Historic Houses Association (UK)

- 1488 full members
- Technical advice and audit for commercial opportunities for members
- "Inspirational Places – The Value of Britain's Historical Houses« ([www.hha.org.uk/our-policies](http://www.hha.org.uk/our-policies))
- Heritage Maintenance Funds
- New Planning Policy Statement: new guidance that will impact the management of historic houses
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## Ireland (IHHA)

- Tax Break for Historic House Owners but was limited to the owners since 2009 . Before the family members or friends (known as "private investors") could also use this tax break when they contributed to the maintenance of the family or friend's home
- Grants coming from Heritage Council reduced considerably

Ireland's heritage of country houses is in an extremely parlous state, worse than at any time in the last thirty-five years.

Thank you for your attention

