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### **The National Committee of ICOM Slovakia launches its participation in the PRISM Project to combat illicit trafficking of cultural goods.**

The National Committee of ICOM Slovakia has the pleasure of announcing the launch of its participation in the project PRISM – *Prevention, Research, Investigation and Security in Museums* – implemented over a three-year period (2025-2027) by the Heritage Protection Department of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) in Paris.

The project is being funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture and brings together the National Committees of ICOM in Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Ukraine and the National History Museum of Romania. It aims to develop operational tools capable of generating a better understanding of the phenomenon of illicit trafficking of cultural goods in Europe and to contribute to its prevention.

Within the framework of PRISM, the National Committee of ICOM Slovakia will lead and coordinate several activities in Slovakia until November 2026, in cooperation with the **Slovak Committee of Blues Shield and Slovak Archaeological Society at the Slovak Academy of Sciences**. The output of the project should be an online platform facilitating a better understanding of illicit trafficking of cultural goods and contributing to its prevention in Slovakia.

ICOM Slovakia agrees to work and implement the Project in compliance with the values promoted by ICOM: as protection of cultural heritage; peace and reconciliation; international solidarity; cultural and religious diversity; education and capacity building; social cohesion and peaceful cohabitation; sustainable local development; gender equality.

The aim of the activities implemented in Slovakia is to improve the **awareness of professionals and the public** about the protection of cultural heritage. Using a multimedia tool - a web platform, the creation of a "manual" on the safeguarding of collections theft-prevention, correct object handling in the event of a natural disaster, war or conflict. The platform will also highlight the cultural value, histories and the stories embodied by heritage items they hide inside.

The specific objective is therefore to provide information in an accessible, engaging, illustrative, and effective manner, so that audiences – both specialist and non-specialist - are

able to learn more about the issue, without reading long instructions. With the help of a digital tool, ICOM Slovakia would efficiently be able to provide educative material, while simultaneously promoting and diffusion the message about the importance of affirmatively protecting cultural heritage not only in Slovakia but also abroad.

The National Committee of ICOM Slovakia reaffirms through this initiative its commitment to safeguard cultural heritage and raise awareness among the Slovak public on the importance of protecting cultural goods against illicit trafficking.

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