



World Heritage City of Graz – Historic Centre

MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007

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Initial position

- 1972 Convention for the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
- 1993 Austria: ratification of the convention
- 1999 Inscription of the City of Graz to the UNESCO – World Heritage list
- 2006 30th WHC in Vilnius
decision: Management Plan for Graz obligatory
- 2007** Management Plan submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre/Paris
31st WHC in Christchurch
decision: „noted with satisfaction“



World Heritage – Management Plan 2007 (WH-MP)

Contents

- Part 1 Management Plan
- Part 2 Master Plan – supplement of MP – cartographic plans
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WH-MP - General recommendations how to act



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- ✓ advisory nature
- ✓ new methodology
- ✓ objective orientation
- ✓ professional action frame
- ✓ commitment between UNESCO and stakeholder



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Master Plan – cartographic depiction of the World Heritage property

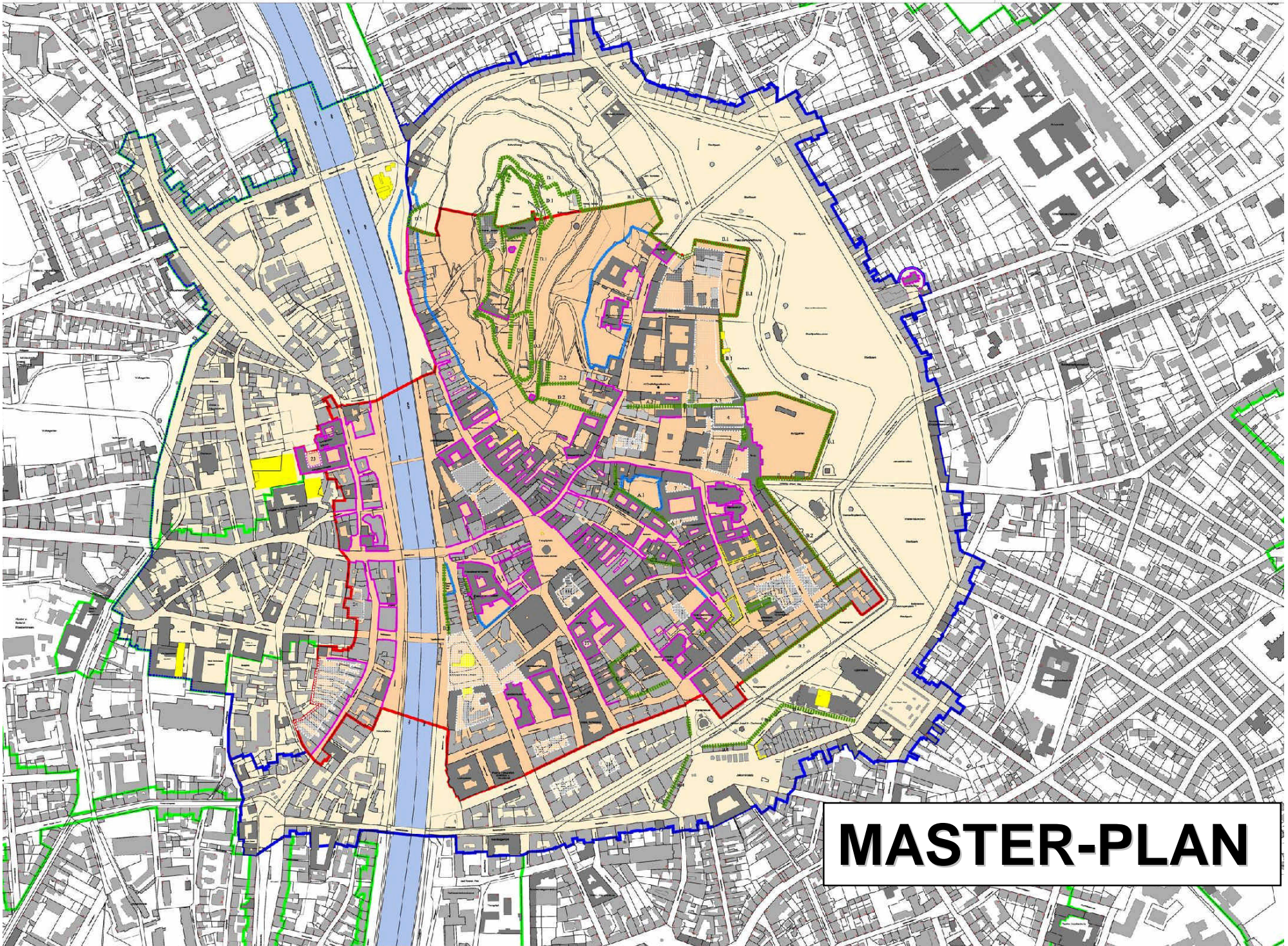
- Scientific basis for the protection, planning and development matters in the historic centre of Graz.
- 10 historic quarters are described, which are defined by their history, origin and importance.
- Defined measurement categories:

➤ *conservation*

➤ *preservation*

➤ *development*





MASTER-PLAN

Objectives of the WH-MP 2007

- **Concept for the future** approach to the World Heritage – Historic Centre of Graz
- **Operational Guideline containing** measures which guarantee the further development of the Historic Centre in the spirit of World Heritage interests
- **Super-ordinate objectives**
 - ✓ self-commitment for the city of Graz
 - ✓ WH-topic as a cross-sectional matter (WH co-ordination)





World Heritage co-ordination office (WH-office)

- ✓ integrated to the existing structure of Graz
- ✓ Information interface/first contact
- ✓ Co-ordination interface for all World Heritage activities
- ✓ Pre-information service for project sponsors/investors
- ✓ Public relation for the World Heritage



Obligation to register with WH-office

normal case

no construction process yet:

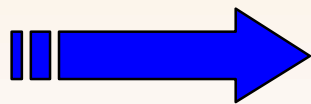
- pre-qualification with the WH-office
- achieving a joint agreement with special departments

special case

construction process was initiated:

- serious conflict with the interests of World Heritage
- the preliminary service of the WH-office was not used

step-by-step information:



- consultant of the committee of Graz City Council
- political committee
- state party and WHC/Paris



EXAMPLE:

Project which is likely to disturb WH **HIGH EMERGENCY**

- 1st step:** WH-office/co-ordination:
authority – experts – applicants
aim: finding a solution in early stage of project
- 2nd step:** relevant politicians are given a possibility to intervene
on behalf of World Heritage
- 3rd step:** written report to the responsible political committee
- 4th step:** information to:
- Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture (BMUKK)
 - World Heritage Centre (WHC) UNESCO/Paris



**Thank you
for your attention!**

