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*Abstract*

**Conservation, restoration and enhancement of cultural  
heritage in Czech Republic. The case study of the  
Bohemian Paradise and of the Sychrov Castle.**

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In order to understand the protection and preservation of cultural heritage in Czech Republic, this study started with the analysis of the whole legislation in the complex environment of cultural heritage, analyzing the main transformations of the Guidelines since the second world war. After a preliminary study of the restoration's culture in Europe in general, and of the Central Europe in particular, the study has focused on regulations changes in Czechoslovakia before, and in the Czech Republic after, in relation to the political, economic, social and cultural changes of the nation, and also in relation to international standards.

To close this first part, with the collaboration of the Ing. Arch. Václav Girsá, Professor of Technical University in Prague, have been highlighted some paradigmatic cases of those that have been the changes and developments of the conservation, of the restoration and of the enhancement in the czech land. This approach has permitted to make a comparison with the Italian situation, in the current one and in the past one.

As a direct result, but also as a strict requirement for a complete comprehension, the discussion comes to the analysis of a case study of great importance for the Czech people, but relatively unknown outside the country itself: the Bohemian Paradise (Český ráj).

The choice of the case study is due to the importance and uniqueness that this region plays from both a cultural and a social perspective, which is why, in October 2005, has been included within the "European and global network of UNESCO Geoparks".

Subsequently it was identified an interesting case to be explored through the editing of a consolidation, restoration and enhancement project. It is an almost abandoned building in ruins condition, part of the adjacent buildings of the Sychrov Castle, one of the most attractive poles of the protected geographical area.

About the Bohemian paradise, I have underlined the recent history of conservation, the historical and geographical context and the social importance it has for Czech people. Both landscape's areas and the cultural heritage have been analyzed, in order to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the Czech system of protection.

According to this the case of the project "Zámecká hospoda Sychrov" has been selected. For this case a project of restoration and enhancement was made, as to respect the culture and guidelines of the Czech Republic, but in the same way to resolve deficiencies of greatest impact. For this step, it was essential the help of Dr. Miloš Kadlec, director of the Sychrov castle and regional methodological director of Liberec, Hradec Králové and Pardubice, which has played a central role in the research of historical documentation and in the editing of the restoration project.







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