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*Preventive Protection of Written Cultural Heritage*

*Summary*

The purpose of preventive protection is to prevent unnecessary damage and slow down the natural ageing of the entire archive material in order to preserve the flow of information it contains. Damage of the material is a cumulative and progressive process. The material in time loses its characteristics and inadequate conditions can influence different processes, some of which might even be irreversible.

Preventive measures aimed at preserving the integrity of the archive material are not only the competence of conservation experts, but should be implemented by anyone directly dealing with the material.