The Austrian Federal Office of Historic Monuments, together with its predecessor organisation, the K.K. Central Commission zur Erforschung und Erhaltung der Baudenkmale (Imperial and Royal Central Commission for the Investigation and Preservation of Historic Buildings) founded in 1850, is one of the oldest specialist institutions of its kind in the world.

This Office, now a federal authority, is responsible for the cultural heritage throughout Austria, protecting, maintaining and preserving the country's cultural monuments. In the last decade alone, the majority of the monuments presented in this exhibition were preserved and restored under the supervision of the Federal Office of Historic Monuments in accordance with the latest guidelines in the field of monument preservation. These include Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens, the extensive Hofburg site, the Parliament building, the Semperdepot and the Ceremonial Hall in the Town Hall.

The Federal Office attaches particular importance to the professional maintenance of trail-blazing buildings of the modern age, such as the Loos building, the inter-war council housing buildings, the Liesing Employment Office and the Gänsehäufel river bathing area.