

EXPERTISE ON DESTRUCTIVE PROCESSES
AND TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS
FOR STABILIZING THE STRUCTURE OF THE THRACIAN
TOMB NEAR SVESHTARI VILLAGE

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The tomb was discovered during the archaeological diggings in 1982. It was almost completely preserved, but lots of cracks and displacements of stone blocks endangered structural stability. The vault of the burial chamber and the three door openings were supported by heavy metal scaffolding in order to prevent accidental collapse. Scientific examinations have been performed to elucidate the causes for deterioration and to find technological solutions for stabilizing the structure. Restoration work for reconstruction of decayed stones, for filling cracks and joints and for restoring fallen stone pieces to their original places has been performed. These enabled removal of the metal scaffolding and the presentation to visitors the tomb with its exquisiteness and beauty. Since 2000 the tomb is open for visitors.