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HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS AND LEADERS II

Press release

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This summer REMPART and 15 Europeans partners (12 countries) start the **Erasmus Heritage Volunteers and Leaders II** project. 13 actions will take place in France until December 2022, on 10 heritage sites. They will be coordinated by **REMPART**, a non-formal education association dedicated to heritage restoration. This project follows on from a first and successful heritage-based ERASMUS+ in 2018-2019.

Heritage is often perceived as a field where expertise is needed, creating a gap between the citizens and those who protect the sites and know-hows. **Erasmus Heritage Volunteers and Leaders** tend to demonstrate that heritage is shared and that everyone can access it. Hence, heritage appears as a relevant way to structure exchanges in Europe.



From 2020 to 2022, **Erasmus Heritage Volunteers and Leaders II** will gather 240 young Europeans and heritage lovers in 9 youth exchanges, 2 workshops et 1 training. From Cézon island's Vauban Fortress in Brittany to Coucy's castle in Picardy, bearing the scars of both World Wars, the sites taking part to the actions all tackles several transnational topics such as European diversity or cultural outreach methods that turn heritage in everyone's concern. Each exchange will count 3 to 4 national groups and will be organised on a heritage site taken care of by a REMPART association. They will all focus on technical workshops linked to the restoration project of the sites, while easing interactions through practical activities, guided tours of the nearby sites, shared time, or educational session on European Heritage. Created with our partners, the activity kit **Our heritage** will offer ideas to the organising structures to set up games on the topic of European heritage: how is it perceived? Which values does it carry? What is at stake for this shared heritage today? Etc.

In addition, the project will involve citizens already committed to heritage preservation, coming from our 16 partner organisations. Indeed, workshops and training will be set up to give our partners the opportunity to share their expertise and to strengthen their capacities on heritage animation. Our organisations implement volunteers workcamps everywhere in Europe, to safeguard heritage sites. These actions are open to all, especially to younger generation, as they are places of know-hows and skills transmission but also intercultural and intergenerational exchanges. Thus, we believe that they aim to be animated together and to network. The sum of our partners' expertise will enrich the content of these European wide sessions and set the grounds of future common projects.

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Since 1966, Union REMPART has federated associations acting for heritage preservation. Today, REMPART groups together more than 180 local associations, to coordinate and promote the voluntary workcamps that they set up. One of its many tasks is to keep a close check on the quality of the projects and actions carried out under its supervision, which means monitoring the quality of the restoration activities and how volunteers are welcomed. For the last 15 years, Union REMPART's policy has been to promote and develop international partnerships.

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