



European Heritage Volunteers has been active in heritage-related volunteering for more than twenty years. Its objective is to establish links between the fields of heritage and volunteering by continuously working to foster a deeper understanding of heritage and volunteering among those active in either field, and by linking the two fields through practical hands-on projects and educational activities.

Volunteering projects and educational programmes that take place at heritage sites – organised either entirely by European Heritage Volunteers or in partnership with other institutions and organisations – are aimed at professionals as well as at amateurs with no prior skills or heritage-related knowledge. The projects adopt a hands-on approach, instructing volunteers on conservation and restoration practices and techniques, as well as providing training courses in handicrafts, projects for students, volunteer projects and other activities with the intent to educate the participants and to raise awareness in the field of cultural and natural heritage.

Projects take place all over Europe, stretching from Spain in the West to Armenia in the East, from the North of Russia to the South of Albania. One of the organisation's main objectives is to organise projects at heritage sites that has traditionally been over-looked or pushed aside in favour of more well-known sites, but that nevertheless have strong tangible or intangible value. European Heritage Volunteers' holistic approach to heritage maintenance aims to draw the public's attention to these undervalued heritage sites and to the activities necessary for their conservation, restoration and revitalisation.

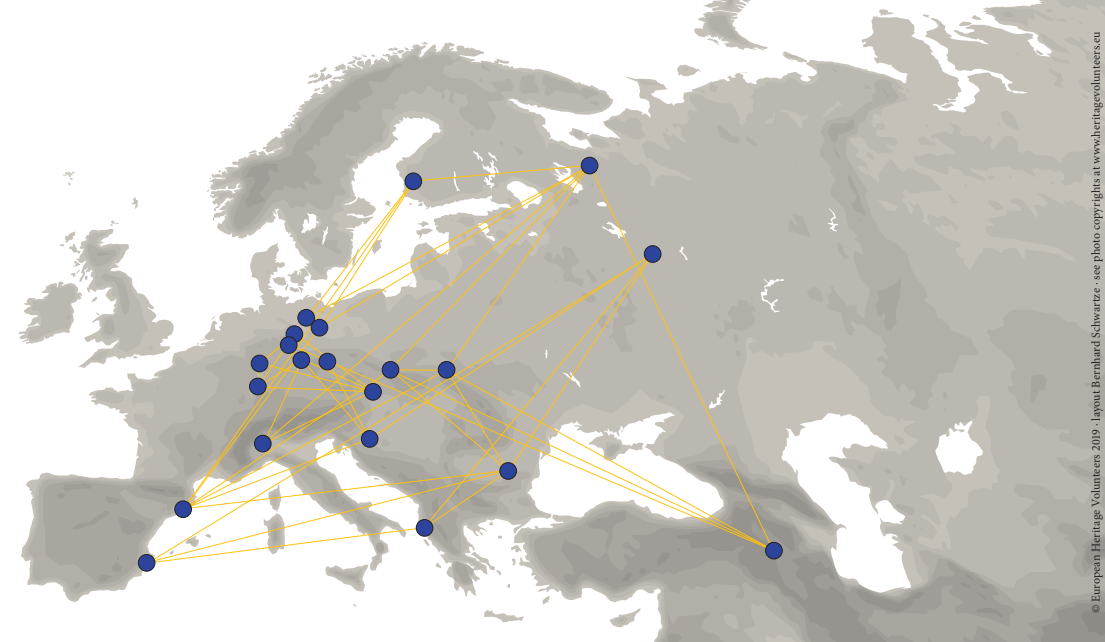
Furthermore, European Heritage Volunteers works to enable heritage activists to network throughout Europe – initiatives in the field of volunteering for heritage as well as young heritage experts and young heritage reporters – in order to facilitate the exchange of experiences, ideas and best-practice models and to stimulate interaction.

Although the background and subject matter of the particular projects that European Heritage Volunteers offers, are highly diverse, they all have one common goal – to combine heritage as the subject with volunteering as the means of engagement, and in doing so to foster a mutual and lasting relationship between the two.



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Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement Best practice models of volunteering for European Cultural Heritage

Within the framework of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, European Heritage Volunteers had developed, organised and evaluated volunteering projects for European Cultural Heritage in various contexts, in order to apply the experiences gained here to other heritage sites and to initiate later similar projects at these and other sites. As an outcome of the European Year for Cultural Heritage, the project “Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement” has been developed. The project roots in the theme of the European Year of Cultural Heritage “Sharing Heritage”, but it is going beyond that while including the aspect of active engagement for heritage.

“Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement” is carried out by a network of different stakeholders from all over Europe – heritage administrations, site management authorities, public administrations, non-governmental organisations, foundations and universities.

The projects are aimed at both young adults with and without previous education in the field of heritage, and to students and young professionals. The groups usually consist of around fifteen participants and are interdisciplinary and international. While using different heritage-related methods all projects combine a hands-on part with an educational part which provides the necessary background knowledge about the particular site, the region and the applied methodology.

“Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement” illustrates the wide variety of European Cultural Heritage and focuses on types of heritage which are often underappreciated by the public and urgently need support, such as sites without use, archaeological heritage, industrial heritage and heritage in rural regions. The projects aim to raise awareness for these sites, to provide the necessary knowledge for their rescue, preservation and restoration and to encourage the local communities to engage with their heritage.

Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement Calendar of Projects May to August 2019

10.05. – 16.05.	European Heritage Times – 4 th Cycle Introduction Seminar	Wieland Estate, Oßmannstedt	Germany
07.07. – 20.07.	Volunteer Project “Reconstruction of a roof at a Neobaroque manor”	Gantikow Manor	Germany
14.07. – 28.07.	Volunteer Project “Mapping and conservation of stone elements of an early Christian basilica” ...	Palmatis Fortress	Bulgaria
15.07. – 19.07.	European Heritage Volunteers Group Coordinators Introduction & Training Seminar	Lohra Castle	Germany
21.07. – 27.07.	Volunteer Project “Abolishment of recent conversions and uncovering of the original state”	Former Grand Hotel “Waldlust”, Freudenstadt	Germany
21.07. – 02.08.	Volunteer Project “Traditional wood techniques at a farm museum”	Kauppila Farm Museum	Finland
21.07. – 02.08.	Volunteer Project “Excavation and archaeological collections management”	World Heritage Site Bolgar Historical Complex	Russia
21.07. – 03.08.	Volunteer Project “Middle Age wood techniques and traditional clay techniques”	Düppel Museum Village, Berlin	Germany
21.07. – 03.08.	Volunteer Project “Conservation of Baroque marble elements”	Benedictine Abbey Tyniec	Poland
28.07. – 02.08.	Volunteer Project “Marking of the excavated outline of a former chapel with flagstones”	Marksburg Castle	Germany
03.08. – 17.08.	Volunteer Project “Recultivation of a former hotel park”	Park of the Hotel “Waldlust”, Freudenstadt	Germany
04.08. – 16.08.	Volunteer Project “Excavation and anastylosis of an Antique necropolis”	Amantia Archaeological Park	Albania
04.08. – 16.08.	Volunteer Project “Preservation of a traditional wooden chapel and a wooden water mill”	Kenozero National Park	Russia

Sharing Heritage – Sharing Engagement Calendar of Projects August to November 2019

04.08. – 16.08.	Volunteer Project “Conservation and restoration of tabernacles”	Univ Monastery	Ukraine
04.08. – 17.08.	Training Course “Restoration of plasters and coloured surfaces in a Renaissance castle”	Erxleben Castle	Germany
04.08. – 17.08.	Training Course “Restoration of historic windows and doors in a Renaissance castle”	Erxleben Castle	Germany
17.08. – 31.08.	Volunteer Project “Research and documentation of gravestones at Jewish cemeteries”	Jewish cemeteries, Halberstadt	Germany
17.08. – 31.08.	Volunteer Project “Valorisation of mining heritage and traditional wood techniques”	Markus Röhling Mine, Annaberg-Buchholz ..	Germany
17.08. – 31.08.	Volunteer Project “Traditional stone techniques and maintenance of historic parks”	World Heritage Site Classical Weimar	Germany
18.08. – 31.08.	Volunteer Project “Preservation of a church from 14 th century and of surrounding monuments”..	Zorats Church, Yeghegis	Armenia
18.08. – 31.08.	Volunteer Project “Traditional masonry and rebuilding of traditional vaults”	Tematín Castle	Slovakia
31.08. – 11.09.	Volunteer Project “Mapping and documentation of industrial heritage”	Ivanić Grad	Croatia
01.09. – 13.09.	Volunteer Project “Excavation of fountains from the 18 th century”	Altea	Spain
15.09. – 28.09.	Volunteer Project “Traditional dry stone wall techniques in terraced landscapes”	Cortemilia	Italy
12.11. – 23.11.	Volunteer Project “Archiving of documents and restoration of trencadis mosaics”	World Heritage Site Casa Battló, Barcelona ...	Spain
24.11. – 29.11.	European Heritage Volunteers Project Coordinators’ Meeting	Benedictine Abbey Tyniec	Poland

