



The European Heritage Volunteers Programme: Connecting Communities through Volunteering for Cultural Heritage

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Heritage Volunteering Communities





The European Heritage Volunteers Project 'Conservation Works at a Fortified Church Ensemble'
Hosman / Romania 2021



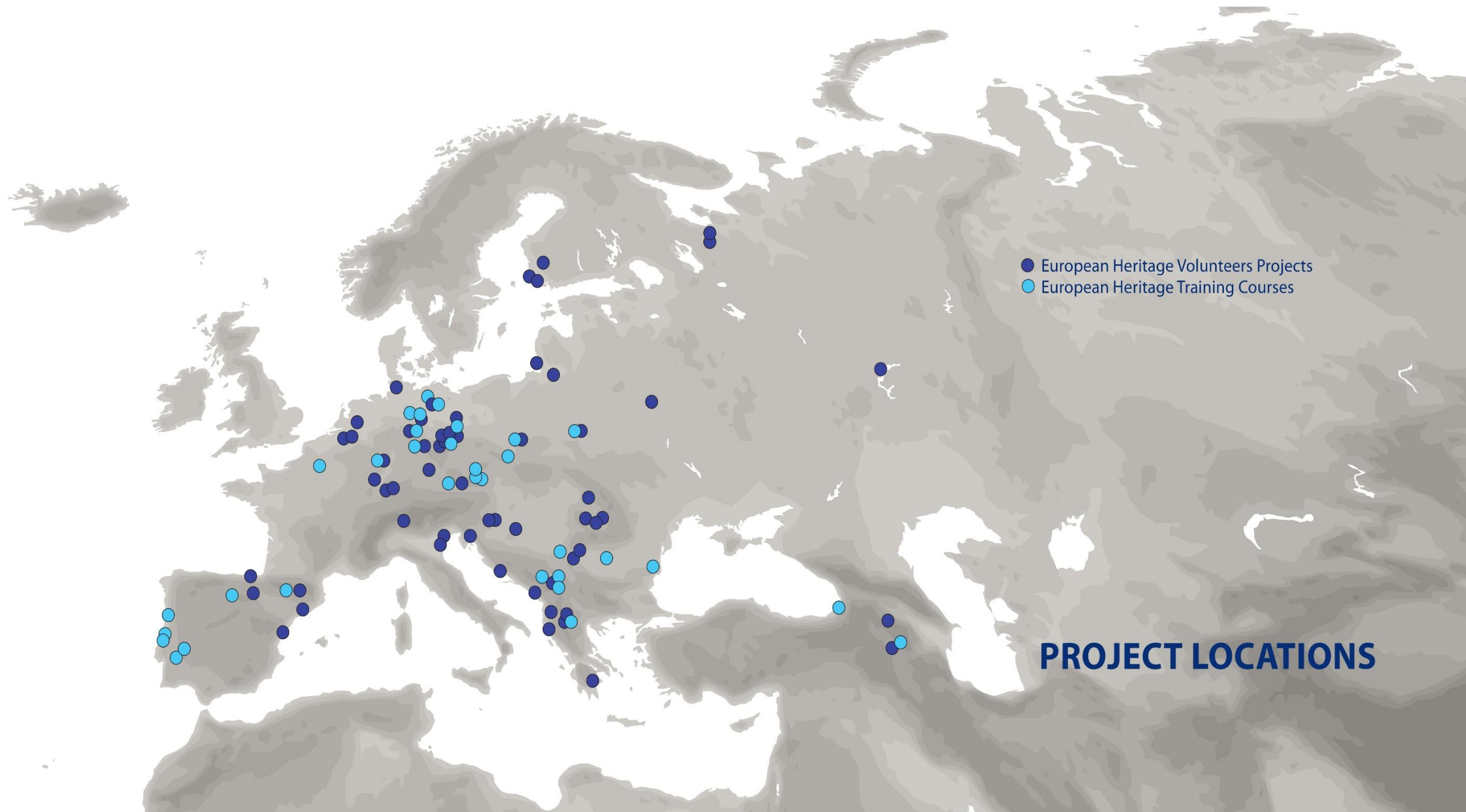
The European Heritage Volunteers Project 'Conservation of Traditional Wooden Architecture'
Kenozero National Park / Russia 2021



To protect heritage through **hands-on** work especially in those areas where physical engagement may be the only possibility to preserve heritage sites.

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

- A non-governmental organisation based in Germany;
- Engaged all over Europe (Europe in accordance to the definition of the Council of Europe);
- Active since 1990;
- In total more than 200 projects in 26 European countries;
- In total more than 3,000 participants from more than 75 countries from all continents;
- Yearly 30 to 40 European Heritage Volunteers Projects and European Heritage Training Courses dedicated to the rescue, the documentation and/ or the conservation of cultural heritage;
- Main target group: students of heritage-related fields and young heritage professionals from Europe as well as from other regions of the world.





FIELD OF ACTIVITY

**THE TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE HERITAGE
OF EUROPE**



CENTRAL POINTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- VOLUNTEERING FOR HERITAGE
- HERITAGE EDUCATION
- NETWORK OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



EUROPEAN HERITAGE TRAINING COURSES AND VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS



The European Heritage Volunteers Project 'Conservation Works at a Forge & Traditional Wooden Fences'
Open-Air Museum of Lithuania 2022





The European Heritage Volunteers Project 'Conservation of a Medieval Wall and a Tower'
Movile / Romania 2021



The European Heritage Training Course 'Conservation Works at a Fortified Church Ensemble'
Hosman/ Romania 2021



The European Heritage Training Course 'Traditional Masonry Techniques & Traditional Vaults'
Tematín Castle /Slovakia 2022



VOLUNTEERS' PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

"Within European Heritage Volunteers there is the exchange and relationships built among international participants, which is a melting pot of many different nationalities. This opportunity allows people coming from different communities to be connected, learning more about cultures and traditions, and **creating an international network of young professionals** working or studying in the heritage field".



Anukka, Finland

"Over the past few years I have had the opportunities to live in 6 different cities in 5 different countries. **There are many ways to connect to a community, but I have consistently found that engaging in community volunteering projects to be the best way to make that connection.** It is especially good when I meet like-minded people who are as passionate as I am about the same topics. Whether it was volunteering at a soup kitchen, a tree planting organisation, a language café, or an Open Air museum (like in Lithuania), the hours that I spent volunteering are always part of happy memories".



Alida, South Africa

Meeting, talking, exchanging and working with and for communities gives a unique blueprint to each European Heritage Volunteers Project and Training Course. For example, last year, I had the chance to work on the documentation of a monastery wall in the tiny Spanish village of San Millán de la Cogolla. It was an amazing experience to see how the locals reacted to our work, to share and be asked so many questions and how much they valued their old wall once they learned its history. Our simple work really did make a difference and I have hope to see the monastery wall preserved for a long time.



Hernan, Canada



A community formed through volunteering for heritage