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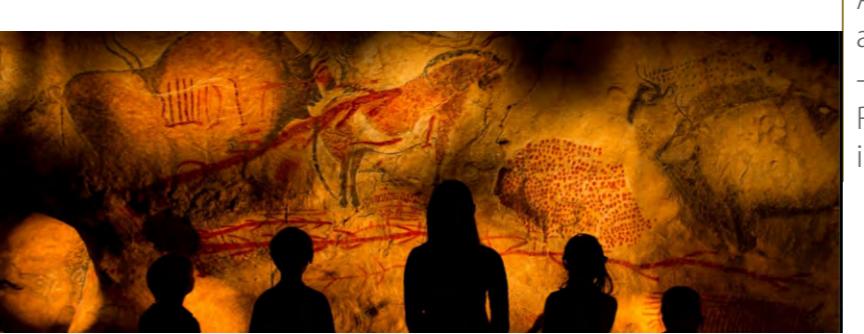
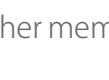
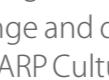
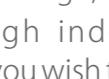
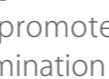
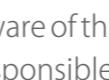


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### Partners | Partenaires



### WHAT IS PRAT CULTURAL ROUTE?

One of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe is Prehistoric Rock Art Trails (PRAT), the largest European network of cultural and tourism destinations showing the European Rock Art to the general public. This network has been able to build a strong alliance between the institutions that manage the sites technically and administratively, especially since its designation as an European Cultural Route in 2010.

According to the legal rules, a Cultural Route of the Council of Europe needs an operator, that is to say, an organisation legally registered in one or several states of Europe with the aim of managing and operating a cultural route and representing the route vis-à-vis the Council of Europe. Since it obtained its recognition, PRAT-CARP Cultural Route has been managed by the International Association "Prehistoric Rock Art Trails", a non-profit organisation created in 2007. Currently, the Association is integrated by 44 partners and 21 cooperation partners belonging to 8 different countries: Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Norway, Finland, Georgia and Azerbaijan.

The partners are diverse, including national, regional or local Culture administrations, Universities, Research units, networks for Rural Development and Museums. They have responsibilities in all or in part of the management of the rock art destinations that are open to the public in these countries. Many of these destinations are small (a cave, a rock shelter, a small museum ...), but there are locations with significant tourist equipment where it is possible to see large archaeological sites.

### OBJETIVES OF PRAT CULTURAL ROUTE

- To promote the study, conservation and dissemination of the first art in Europe: Prehistoric Art.
- To consolidate the Prehistoric Rock Art of Europe as a high-quality destination in Cultural Tourism.
- To foster improvements in the quality of the visitable Rock Art destinations, through the continuous training of management, guides, wardens and monitors, and by upgrading the facilities.
- To encourage a common European policy committed to the protection and conservation of this fragile artistic and archaeological expression, as well as its natural and cultural setting.
- To make society aware of the value and interest of Rock Art.
- To support the responsible management of Rock Art resources through the exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences.
- To promote the development of rural areas through the dissemination of a high-quality rural tourism product: Rock Art.
- To stimulate initiatives involving sustainable development strategies in Rock Art tourism.
- To strengthen the foundations of the common cultural identity of Europe.

### WHY JOIN TO PRAT ASSOCIATION?

European dimension, networking and visibility:

- Belong to a transnational membership network (legal association), including a scientific committee and transnational programme of activities;
- Access to qualified contacts around Europe (researchers and experts).
- Access to information on funding opportunities (European, national, local);
- Benefit from Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (EPA) and European Institute of Cultural Routes letters of support for funding applications.
- Use of the label "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" and use of the Council of Europe logo;
- Evaluation through independent expert report and recommendations if you wish to obtain the brand "European Rock Art Heritage" (official label of PRAT-CARP);
- Exchange and development of synergies with other members of PRAT-CARP Cultural Route;
- Invitation to attend PRAT-CARP network and the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes annual events: Forums, scientific and training events for managers and technicians, etc;
- Benefit from Council of Europe and European Institute of Cultural Routes communication strategy, visibility, presentations at international events.

