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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP BUILDING TOGETHER THE FUTURE OF HERITAGE SITES IN THE BALKANS Vau i Dejës, Albania, 18-21 May 2020



Subject: Three-and-a-half day exchange workshop about heritage sites sustainable management in the Balkans, based on case studies and shared experiences.

Dates: From Monday 18 to Thursday 21 May 2020. The workshop will officially end on May 21st in Tirana with the participation of Albanian institutions related to heritage and the French Embassy.

Location: The plenary sessions will take place at Villa Franceze located on Komani site (Vau i Dejës municipality). There will be a full day on the field at Komani. The closing session will take place during an official event in Tirana.

Context and goals: The municipality of Vau i Dejës is committed to a project to create a regional natural park in order to enhance the diversity of Komani heritage resources (landscape, archaeology, vernacular heritage, etc.). Based on Komani case study and on the *Grands Sites de France* approach, the workshop intends to feed discussion about integrated management of heritage areas. It will also discuss the experience acquired within the *Grands Sites de France* national policy (coordination between preserving heritage value of sites and managing tourist flows, stimulating a socio-economic impact on the area, urban sprawl, etc.).

Public

- 15 to 20 people
- Professionals and organizations involved in preservation, management and valorisation of Komani, of other heritage sites in the Drin Valley, Albania or the Balkan region.
- Other participants / speakers with relevant experience for the workshop

Organizers and venue

The seminar is co-organized by the Franco-Albanian archaeological mission of Drin Valley, the municipality of Vau i Dejës and the Réseau des Grands Sites de France (RGSF), in collaboration with the Grand Site de France Bibracte-Mont Beuvray, the French Embassy in Albania, as well as the partners of the RGSF's International Francophone Centre.

- Located in the Drin valley, in northern Albania, Komani is at the heart of a research programme, conducted jointly with the sites of Lezha and Sarda, led by the Franco-Albanian archaeological mission. Komani stands out for its large surface area of 1300 ha, of which 150 ha are archaeological remains. It witnesses the presence of a large city and diocese of the Arbër medieval civilization, which disappeared in the 16th century with the Ottoman invasion. Today, the site also presents several industrial hydric structures. Located in a rural area, the economic activities are mainly related to agriculture, fishing, livestock farming, as well as a fast-growing tourism.
- The Grands Sites de France Network (RGSF, www.grandsitedefrance.com) is an organisation, bringing together local authorities responsible for both day-to-day operations and long-term evolution of the most remarkable protected landscapes in France (50 affiliated sites, 32 million visitors per year : Pont du Gard, Cliffs of Etretat, Dune of Pilat,...). Since 2010, it manages the International Centre for training and exchange of francophone heritage site managers (www.polepatrimoine.org). The latter organizes trainings in integrated management of heritage sites under the patronage of UNESCO and field workshops. It coordinates an online exchanges network of 130 professionals from 35 countries and supports international cooperation projects between sites.

Working languages: French & English

Terms and conditions of participation

Only transportation to Vau i Dejës and a contribution to the stay's expenses (nights and meals) are chargeable to the participant (except special invitation). Details in terms of logistics and costs will be communicated to you later on.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DAY 1 - MONDAY 18 MAY

- Arrival of international participants at Tirana's airport in the middle of the day
- 18:45 Opening of the seminar and brief introduction of each participant - *Location : Villa Franceze (Koman)*
- 20:00 Opening dinner

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 19 MAY

- 8:00-17:30 Field trip to Komani and meeting with the locals
- 18:30-20:00 Workshop No. 1: "Heritage value and genius loci" – *Approaches, case studies and exchanges.*

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

- 9:30-12:00 Workshop No. 2: "From the site's meaning and value to a management plan - the integrated management of a heritage site" – *Approaches, case studies and exchanges.*

Lunch

- 13:30-16:00 Workshop No. 3: "Building a sustainable destination" – *Approaches, case studies and exchanges.*

Break

- 16:15-17:30 Workshop No. 4: "Governance, partnerships and local mobilization" – *Approaches, case studies and exchanges*

Break

- 17:45-19:00 Workshop No. 5: "Territorial management and urban planning - From the site to the great landscape" – *Approaches, case studies and exchanges*

Seminar's first conclusions

DAY 4 - THURSDAY 21 MAY

- 09:00 Departure for Tirana

- 12:00 Lunch at Fishtë

- 16:00 Closing session - *Reception in Tirana for the closing session with institutions and partners.*

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