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The European Commission supports the “ Archaeology in Contemporary Europe “ project : a major international archaeology programme

The European Commission has chosen, from more than a hundred applications, the project “Archaeology in Contemporary Europe: professional practice and public outreach” presented by the Institut National de Recherches Archéologiques Préventives and 13 research partners from 10 European countries.

With a budget of 4.8 million euros, half of it from the European Union, this five-year (2007-2012) international programme has four objectives. They are to explore the impact of archaeology in the modern world, compare archaeological practices, contribute to the recognition of archaeological professions and develop public outreach.

Piloted by Inrap, this project is one of ten retained by the “Culture” programme, along with those proposed by the Tate Modern of London and the Venice Biennial. In terms of its ambition and number of partners, this is the largest ever European programme devoted to archaeology.

For this project, Inrap has brought together European research centres, universities and cultural institutions:

- Archaeology Data Service of the University of York (Great Britain),
- Römisch-Germanische Kommission (Germany),
- Faculty of Archaeology of the University of Leyden Holland),
- Direction General of Archaeological Sites(Italy),
- Institute of Archaeology of the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain),
- Vlaams Instituut voor het Onroerend Erfgoed of Brussels (Belgium),
- Faculty of archaeology of the Aristotle University of Thessalonica Greece),
- Institute of Prehistory of the University of Adam Mickiewicz of Poznan (Poland).

Other partners include the Lithuanian Academy of Cultural Heritage, the Hungarian Office of Cultural Heritage, the archaeology department of the town of Saint-Denis, Culture Lab (Belgium) and the Kineon archaeological film festival (Belgium).

At their inaugural meeting on November 23 and 24, 2007, at the Collège de France in Paris, the partners will define their priorities such as research programmes, educational and travel grants, colloquia, seminars, publications and exhibitions.

Coordination

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With 1,800 collaborators and researchers, Inrap is the largest archaeological research structure in France and one of the most important in Europe. This national public research institution undertakes the majority of archaeological evaluations and excavations in partnership with private and public developers, a total of nearly 2,500 sites per year in mainland France and its overseas territories.

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