



International field training workshop in the framework of the RESMYLE project

The Former Water Route

From 14 November to 28 November 2021



Project supported by the European Union

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The commune of Malemort du Comtat

The project is located in the commune of Malemort du Comtat, in the Vaucluse department in France.

Thanks to its position at the foot of the Monts de Vaucluse, the land of Malemort du Comtat benefits from direct irrigation from the mountain run-off. Also, its water tables and springs have preserved it from drought for many years. In addition to this, the ingenuity of the Malemortais.es has for many centuries endeavoured to channel its springs to fill watering holes, create washhouses, *restanques* (dry stone wall supporting a crop) to cultivate the land in order to avoid losses due to run-off and also the famous Provençal fountains. However, for a certain number of years, all the irrigation systems have been attached to the Rhône, leading to the abandonment of certain works which are now dry and in ruins.

You will participate in a better appropriation of the heritage for the inhabitants, you will make them aware of the importance of the maintenance of these buildings to prevent drought and natural risks. The enhancement of this particular heritage could generate a more important tourist activity for the commune.

By rehabilitating the hydraulic heritage, the water diverted from its former canalized path will be rehabilitated for use by the inhabitants.

The commune of Malemort du Comtat has been thinking for many years of setting up this project but the means and time available are lacking. This training camp will act as a stimulus for all parties involved in the project.

The training site

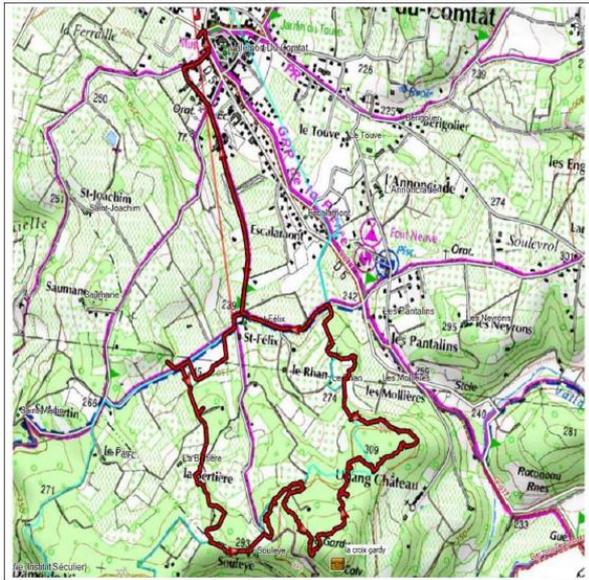
This field workshop will try to answer the following question: how can we put the hydraulic heritage back at the service of the inhabitants in a context of recurrent water stress?

During 15 days, you will participate in:

- The restoration of an *aiguier* (cistern dug into the rock). You will follow an initiation to traditional dry-stone masonry and lime plastering.
- Carrying out a survey among the inhabitants (interviews, photos, referencing of buildings) and gathering valuable information about the water-related heritage of the area.
- The creation of a walking aid for the water route, in the form of explanatory panels and/or an accompanying topographical guide (design, photos, writing, formatting)

The results will be presented at a final event with the inhabitants of Malemort du Comtat.

Photos of the *aiguier* to be restored, the work will be on the outside for the dry-stone part and inside for the lime plastering.



A hiking route is planned, on which the *aiguier* and numerous heritage elements are located.

This route will be enhanced by the work of the participants through: participation in the creation of the guidebook or educational panels on site.

Management

Coordinator: Adeline Feuillat, project manager for heritage enhancement projects

Trainer: Thomas Durand, technical coordinator of the territory's enhancement projects

Presence of an additional trainer

Two civic services for logistical support and animation

A cook to provide all meals

The occasional presence of local experts on the theme of heritage and water

Hosting conditions

The participants will be accommodated in a hamlet in the village of Malemort du Comtat, in an old renovated farm. They will sleep in three guest houses. They will have access to a large common workroom. Bed linen and towels are not provided.

Meals will be prepared and taken on site. They will be provided in the form of a packed lunch to enable you to get to the training workshop sites on different days.

Practical information

Working languages: French and English

Clothing: Please bring practical clothing for the field work, trousers, t-shirt, jumper and warm jacket as well as good walking shoes.

Conditions of participation

Open to 12 participants, from 18 to 29 years old, looking for a job, graduate or not, or creating a job related to the environment and/or heritage.

The registration and participation fees, as well as accommodation, transport and meals during the two weeks are entirely covered by the RESMYLE programme.

Participants commit themselves to coming for the whole duration of the work camp.

Application

For international applications from Italy, Lebanon, Tunisia and Jordan, please fill the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/mt9j4kh7EFerVWyX7>

Remember to contact your local embassy for any information concerning the visa application.

For participants from Italy, Jordan and Lebanon: To come to France, you must present proof of a complete vaccination with one of the vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency OR a negative PCR or antigenic test

For participants from Tunisia: To come to France, you must present proof of a complete vaccination with all the doses prescribed with one of the vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency and a delay after the last dose, which varies according to the vaccine administered, in addition to the administrative obligations (passport, visa).

Recognised laboratories: Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson

Presentation of the partners and the project

L'Union APARE-CME

The Union APARE-CME is a Euro-Mediterranean association based in Provence and offers a wide range of activities linked to the promotion of heritage and environmental protection. The association works in four main areas, in conjunction with local areas, schools and the general public:

- Acting for the Environment: the eco-citizenship centre raises awareness of sustainable development through the creation of educational and scientific popularisation tools, school workshops and activities for the general public
- Acting in the face of natural risks: the team raises citizens' awareness of the risks of flooding and forest fires by creating topographical guides, awareness-raising trails and educational workshops.
- Acting for Heritage: the team acts to safeguard and enhance the natural and built heritage by setting up volunteer workcamps, introductory courses in traditional skills and heritage discovery and interpretation trails.
- International action: international cooperation actions are directly linked to the three other axes of the association. The cooperation projects aim at the commitment and mobility of young people in favour of the fight against climate change, the strengthening of local actions for the environment, and the promotion of rural heritage.

The Union APARE-CME has been awarded the CPIE des Pays de Vaucluse label (Permanent Centre for Environmental Initiatives). This implies and guarantees the coherence of the association's actions.

The association is a member of two regional networks which help to promote a territorial dynamic: the URCPIE (Regional Union of CPIEs) and the CORAC (Regional Commission of Worksite Associations).

Les amis de Malemort et de l'Escandihado

Les amis de Malemort et de l'Escandihado is a local association which aims to maintain, protect and promote the heritage of Malemort-du-Comtat in all its aspects: to preserve the architectural and landscape environment of the commune in the long term. Its members seek to restore the village's built and movable heritage by various means, by calling on partners or organising themselves, in order to improve the living environment and promote tourism.

The association has recently begun work on its hydraulic heritage. The association wishes to take advantage of this project as a stimulus to generate a work dynamic at the level of the commune in this field. The association acts in partnership with the town hall, which supports its projects.

The RESMYLE project

The RESMYLE project is the grouping around a common project of 9 organisations (cooperatives, associations, universities) in 5 countries: France, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia.

The project focuses on two issues:

- The difficulties of professional integration of young people in the Mediterranean, in particular for NEETS (young people without jobs or training)
- Environmental protection creates new needs, but there is a lack of skills in certain areas to meet them: waste management, ecomobility, risk prevention, water resource management, etc.

The project proposes 3 complementary areas of intervention:

- How to integrate sustainable development in the actions carried out in the project (considering the environment, the link with others, the economy).
- Field training for young people on sustainable development based on mobility, intercultural exchanges and real environmental issues
- The creation of a Mediterranean network of eco-incubators run by young people, based on a common method and on mutual tutoring/training

Field trainings on sustainable development

The RESMYLE project sets up a series of international training workshops for young people to learn about sustainable development and acquire life skills by supporting local initiatives: the training camps.

For local actors, the training camps represent an opportunity to improve, with enthusiasm, a local sustainable development project by making it more dynamic through the participation of young people.

For the young people, the training camp is a non-qualifying and non-degree-awarding training that meets the values and results of learning:

- Learning by doing - The workcamp allows participants to learn by doing, with the support of experts, professionals passing on their comments and experience
- Solidarity - Workcamps also offer know-how on a voluntary basis for a territory by reinforcing active participation.
- Intercultural adventure - Aimed at young people from different countries, confronting them with a local issue and a different culture, the work camp promotes European and intercultural citizenship.
- Life skills - Offering the opportunity to work in a team, in an intercultural dimension, developing emotional, relational and cognitive skills such as self-awareness, effective relationships, problem solving, decision making and creative thinking, application of knowledge.