

## WHV – Youth for Nature

### Wachau Cultural Landscape, Austria

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World  
Heritage since 2002

30/07/2016 – 12/08/2016



The Wachau is a stretch of the Danube Valley between Melk and Krems, a landscape of high visual quality. It preserves in an intact and visible form many traces - in terms of architecture, (monasteries, castles, ruins), urban design, (towns and villages), and agricultural use, principally for the cultivation of vines - of its evolution since prehistoric times.

#### Project objectives:

The project aims at maintaining natural hot spots and traditional stone terraces. It also has the objective to preserve Wachau's biodiversity as a World Heritage cultural landscape and to raise awareness about the significance of the site.

#### Project activities:

International and local volunteers will help maintaining the dry grassland habitats by reducing, among others, invasive species. Planned activities including mowing and clearing grass, girdling trees and removing bushes. At the end of the 2-week project, five to ten hectares of dry grasslands are expected to be maintained. The volunteers will also participate in activities for public outreach in order to raise awareness about the significance of natural habitats.

#### Partners:

LNAIUS (Research Group for Regional Fauna Studies and Applied Protection of Nature), local Communities, the Austrian Youth Alpine Association and Service Civil International – Austria (recruiting volunteers, material, promotion).

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