

# WHV - Decorated Stone Elements, rescue and conservation

## Caričin Grad – Iustiniana Prima, archaeological site, Serbia

Site inscribed on a tentative list since 2010

12/08/2017 – 25/08/2017



The fortified settlement at Caričin Grad is located in south-east Serbia, on the slopes of Mount Radan, descending towards the Leskovac valley, away from any major roads, in the Pusta Reka valley. Iustiniana Prima was built by the Byzantine emperor Justinian I (527-565) near the place he has been born. By the order of the emperor a new administrative and archbishopric seat of the Illyricum province was built, so as to strengthen the rule of Byzantium and help spread Christianity. The settlement was not to last long, and its disappearance is associated with the emperor Heraclius (610-641) and the invasions of Slavic tribes.

### Project objectives:

Rescuing the most damaged parts of the site, such as decorated stone and raising awareness on the importance of heritage conservation are the project's main objectives. To endorse awareness raising, a presentation and promotion of the site is also foreseen.

### Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in recording, data-base forming, preventive stone conservation, and building of the temporary protective shelter. They will prepare a small «in situ» exhibition of rescued stone elements with explanatory panels and flyers. Their work will be presented to the local community and to the public. They will also have guided tours to the local Museum and the site's surroundings.

### Partners:

Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia, Archaeological Institute Belgrade, Republican Institute for Cultural Heritage Preservation Belgrade, Architect Aleksandar Radović Foundation, National Museum of Leskovac, Municipality of Lebane

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