Located in the Western Ore Mountains, the Schneeberg Mining Landscape is one of the seventeen Saxon component parts of the German-Czech transboundary World Heritage nomination Mining Cultural Landscape Erzgebirge / Krušnohoří. The landscape bears witness to the leading role of the Ore Mountains in mining and processing cobalt ores in the 17th to 18th centuries.

Project objectives:

The project will take place at two locations: the former mine "Fundgrube Wolfgang Maßen", one of the most important cobalt mines in Saxony that had achieved a leading position in the Schneeberg mining area; and at "Schindlers Werk", the last well-preserved smalt works of the Ore Mountains that produced the famous cobalt blue dye until the mid-19th century. The project will contribute to the rescue and conservation of both heritage ensembles.

Project activities:

At “Fundgrube Wolfgang Maßen” the volunteers will excavate and document the former “Mehlführung” in order to prepare its later restoration. They will also support the driving of an underground tunnel in the area as well as the survey and the documentation of the underground works. At “Schindlers Werk” the volunteers will undertake securing and maintaining several components of the ensemble, in particular the "Coachman's House", the "Long House" and the "Black Casino".

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