

## WHV – A historic wall that connects us

### San Millán Yuso and Suso Monasteries, Spain

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage since 1997

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The monastic community founded by St Millán in the mid-6th century became a place of pilgrimage. A fine Romanesque church built in honour of the holy man still stands at the site of Suso. It was here that the first literature was produced in Castilian, from which one of the most widely spoken languages in the world today is derived. In the early 16th century the community was housed in the fine new monastery of Yuso, below the older complex; it is still a thriving community today.

#### Project objectives:

Being implemented for the first time, the project aims at raising awareness among youth and encouraging local community to get involved in the protection and communication of the property; and at strengthening the collaboration between different stakeholders at local, national and international levels.

#### Project activities:

The volunteers will take part in a guided tour of the monasteries and their surroundings. They will learn about the history of the site and its management plan, and interact with the local community. Under the guidance of a conservation specialist, they will learn about the future conservation measures. As a hands-on activity, they will clean the site from unwanted vegetation, which endangers the stability of the wall. They will also assist in documenting the process of restoration by creating videos, taking pictures and creating illustrations.

#### Partners:

Orden de Agustinos Recoletos del Monasterio de Yuso; Dirección General de Cultura del Gobierno de La Rioja, Polytechnic University of Valencia; European Heritage Volunteers.

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