

WHV – Heritage for Future in the Historical Port City of Izmir

The Historical Port City of Izmir, Turkey

Site inscribed on a Tentative List since 2020

10/10/2022 – 20/10/2022



Located at the edge of a wide and sheltered gulf, İzmir connects to a rich hinterland extending north, east and south through a series of rivers and valleys. İzmir's geographical position is surrounded by Madra Mountains and Balıkesir provincial border to the north, Kuşadası Gulf and Aydın provincial border to the south, Çeşme Peninsula and the Gulf of İzmir, which derives its name from the city itself, to the west, and Manisa provincial border to the east.

Project objectives:

Being implemented for the first time, the project aims to raise awareness and visibility of the site; to encourage young people to create new ways to participate in the site management system and to strengthen their engagement in heritage conservation and promotion through the development of a sustainable volunteer network.

Project activities:

With the guidance of the site management office, the volunteers will join a tour in the historic city and create contents and posts on the Instagram account of the site. They will attend a workshop to discuss the participation strategies for young people in heritage management and facilitate the development of a volunteer network. Accompanied by the experts from the Directorate of Excavation, the volunteers will support the clean-up in Kadifekale area, carry out archaeological excavation and documentation in Smyrna Agora and Smyrna Theatre, and conservation studies and restoration work in some historical buildings. The volunteers will produce photos and videos showcasing the site and its locals associated with intangible cultural heritage.

Partners:

Turkish National Commission for UNESCO, TARKEM (Historical Kemeraltı Construction Investment Trade Inc.), İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Directorate of Excavation of Smyrna Ancient City, ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues (ICLAFI)

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