

WHV – El Patrimoni mundial andorrà en mans dels Joves / Andorra World Heritage in Young Hands

Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2004)

03 July - 10 July 2023

THE SITE - The cultural landscape of Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley offers a microcosmic perspective of the way people have harvested the resources of the high Pyrenees over millennia. Its dramatic glacial landscapes of craggy cliffs and glaciers, with high open pastures and steep wooded valleys, covers an area of 4,247 ha, 9% of the total area of the principality. It reflects past changes in climate, economic fortune and social systems, as well as the persistence of pastoralism and a strong mountain culture, notably the survival of a communal land-ownership system dating back to the 13th century. The site features houses, notably summer settlements, terraced fields, stone tracks and evidence of iron smelting.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at raising awareness among people of different age groups and public and private stakeholders about the cultural and natural wealth of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley site and its vulnerability to the effects of climate change.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will participate in the elaboration of video clips on the most significant places of the site and on the places most vulnerable to climate change. They will participate in the restoration of dry-stone structures: based on the study of the existing inventory of built heritage structures, the volunteers will identify endangered structures and, with the help of Comú staff specialised in the restoration of dry-stone structures, they will establish conservation objectives and proceed with the actual restoration of some elements. Based on the study of the existing inventory of indigenous plant and animal species, the volunteers will also go in search of these species and will document them.

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