

## WHV – Zvartnots Cathedral

### **Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots, Armenia**

#### **PROJECT DATES**

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2000)

01 August - 14 August 2023

**THE SITE** - The cathedral and churches of Echmiatsin and the archaeological remains at Zvartnots graphically illustrate the evolution and development of the Armenian central-domed cross-hall type of church, which exerted a profound influence on architectural and artistic development in the region, and vividly depict both the spirituality and the innovatory artistic achievement of the Armenian Church from its foundation.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project has three main objectives: to conserve historical and cultural buildings and monuments; to attract more tourists to the site; to raise young volunteers' and other stakeholders' awareness of the site and their responsibility to preserve and promote it.

**ACTIVITIES** - As part of the awareness activities, the volunteers will participate in preparing presentations and promotional materials on the World Heritage and will distribute flyers to both the locals and the tourists, engaging them in conversations about the site. Under the supervision of the site manager, the volunteers will carry out maintenance work in the cathedral. An excursion is also foreseen to another World Heritage site, the Monastery of Geghard, where the volunteers will have a guided tour and will support the clean-up action. Participants will also support the museum in editing, revising and translating the site's documentation to be used as promotional material.

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