

## WHV – Parks and Gardens of Classical Weimar

### Classical Weimar, Germany

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1998)

### PROJECT DATES

01 - 14 September 2024

**THE SITE** - In the late 18th and early 19th centuries the small Thuringian town of Weimar witnessed a remarkable cultural flowering, attracting many writers and scholars, notably Goethe and Schiller. This development is reflected in the high quality of many of the buildings and of the parks in the surrounding area.

**OBJECTIVES** - As a follow-up project to World Heritage Volunteers action camps organised by European Heritage Volunteers in Weimar since 2011, it aims to combine practical interventions to reconstruct and maintain the historic gardens and parks with heritage education and the promotion of the idea of volunteering for heritage. In addition, values of slow-paced work, valorisation of traditional techniques and the sustainable reuse of materials in construction will also be part of the educational objectives.

**ACTIVITIES** - The project takes place at the historical kitchen garden of the Belvedere Place in Weimar, which is currently being rehabilitated following the original design. Under the guidance of a bricklayer specialist, the volunteers will carry out concrete hands-on activities, including the conservation of the dry-stone walls surrounding the garden, reconstruction of its former pathway system and repairing the stone staircase to improve access to the place. As part of the educational programme, the volunteers will make public presentations on World Heritage sites from their home countries, join lectures and a guided tour, and support the awareness-raising exhibition on heritage volunteering. The volunteers will not only have the chance to improve their heritage conservation knowledge and skills, but also gain awareness on the issues and threats to the site imposed by climate change. In addition, the volunteers will par-take in the celebration of the European Heritage Days activities towards the end of the project, joining members of the local community and the site management.

**PARTNERS** - Weimar Classic Foundation, Weimar Jena Academy, Thuringian Green League

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