

WHV – Volunteers for Stari Grad Plain

Stari Grad Plain, Croatia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2008)

PROJECT DATES

01 - 10 September 2025

THE SITE - Stari Grad Plain on the Adriatic island of Hvar is a cultural landscape that has remained practically intact since Ionian Greeks from Paros first colonized it in the 4th century BC. The original agricultural activity of this fertile plain, mainly centring on grapes and olives, has been maintained since Greek times to the present. The site is also a natural reserve. The landscape features ancient stone walls and trims, or small stone shelters, and bears testimony to the ancient geometrical system of land division used by the ancient Greeks, the chora which has remained virtually intact over 24 centuries.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to raise the awareness of the importance of preserving World Heritage; motivate young people actively involved in the restoration and revitalisation of the site; strengthen the relationship and collaboration with different stakeholders on the theme of heritage preservation and promotion.

ACTIVITIES - Under the guidance of the Dragodid association, the volunteers will erect the drystone walls that have been destroyed or need reparation within the protected zone, with the goal of including the wider local community, from local drywall construction masters to the Tourist Board of Stari Grad, local farmers and local volunteers. This will also allow to raise the awareness of the entire local community regarding the preservation of dry stone heritage, working intensively on the preservation and restoration of the cultural landscape.

PARTNERS - Ministry of Culture, Directorate for the protection of cultural heritage, Croatian Commissions for UNESCO; City of Stari Grad and Jelsa municipality; Tourist biro Stari Grad; Dragodid organisation.

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