



OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

*REMPART, its member associations and its heritage sites,
involved for climate protection*

The Paris Agreement, signed on 12 December 2015 at COP21, is the first universal agreement adopted about climate. It sets the aim to limit global warming to 1.5° C compared to pre-industrial levels. It is especially focused on the idea that we must adjust to climate change. Climate change exposes us to new risks and obligations, while the needed adjustments are leading to innovations and transformations. Act, at all levels and to all scales, is now decisive to respect this collective commitment.

In 2020, following its General Assembly, REMPART started a "Climate" working group, aiming to analyse the practices within our movement. This survey highlights different kinds of involvement from our member for climate, as well as a strong will to act.

Therefore, as a union of associations dedicated to non-formal education and heritage preservation:

- Aware that climate change is an actual threat everywhere in the world for populations and their heritage;
- Considering that the economic system we are part of, as well as our individual and collective actions have an impact;
- Conscious that changes harm natural and cultural heritage, such as the sites protected by our members; neither our regions nor our heritage escape from the current changes;
- Considering that climate change impacts the society within which our associations work and that local action is our favourite scale of action;
- Stating that the associative framework is needed to develop citizen's empowerment action and that heritage is an educational medium and a way to adapt to current changes;

REMPART gets together with the global action for climate through the [Climate Heritage Network](#), already joined by [International National Trusts Organisation](#) (INTO) and the [International Council for Monuments and Sites](#) (ICOMOS).

Heritage offer means of resilience, and the associative activities that we implement to preserve it already are in line with the spirit of climate action. However, we are aware of the necessity to do more at our own level.

Following a collective work, REMPART commits to:

- 1/ Implement heritage based educational methods** that include climate change issues;
- 2/ Disseminate, within its network, best practices** and more virtuous and sober habits, regarding restoration actions, preferred means of locomotion, natural resource use, consumption, or restoration choices...;
- 3/ Strengthen the capacities of its network** by training in climate issues and by synergies, thanks to environmental education and nature conservation associations;
- 4/ Watch closely the effects of climate change** on its sites and identify the adaptation measures taken site by site, and share them;
- 5/ Take these effects into account in restoration projects for sites** managed by our member associations.

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