

Action Plan
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Part I – General information

Project: RFC

Partner organisation(s) concerned: Provincial Government of Teruel (Spain)

Country: Spain

NUTS2 region: Aragon

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Part II – Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:

- Investment for Growth and Jobs programme
- European Territorial Cooperation programme
- Other regional development policy instrument**

Name of the policy instrument(s) addressed:

Plan and Budget 2023 of Provincial Government of Teruel

Further details on the policy context and the way the action plan should contribute to improve the policy instruments:

As a result of the participation of Provincial Government of Teruel in RFC project, the Plan and Budget 2023 of the organization will partially finance - in collaboration with other county administrations in the territory, the County Maestrazgo and the County Comunidad de Teruel- the actions detailed in the following pages.

Accordingly, resources of the Provincial Government of Teruel will be formally addressed to develop such actions, which stand for the revalorisation of local heritage sites, in line with RFC principles. This means an innovative way of using the work plan and budget, devoting part of it to new projects as the ones contained in these pages, which are brand new in the territory and directly inspired by the project.

Accordingly, the policy instrument engaged is improved in the form of new projects being developed financed and framed by it.

In the case these actions of valorisation of the Spanish Civil War sites and vestiges are successful, it is possible thinking of mainstreaming the support to these type of initiatives in successive work plans and budgets of Provincial Government of Teruel.



Policy instrument originally addressed: Regional Operational Program 2014-2020 Aragon

The policy instrument initially addressed was the Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 for Aragon.

However there has been difficulties to mobilize funds from this instrument to develop actions/changes inspired in the project, as the funds were already engaged when they were needed.

This is the reason why the Work Plan and Budget 2023 of Provincial Government of Teruel and additional financing from local stakeholders which are direct developers of the actions (counties Maestrazgo and County Comunidad de Teruel) have been engaged.



Part III – Details of the actions envisaged

ACTION 1:

Valorization of Spanish Civil War Sites in County Mestrazgo (Teruel)

Relevance to the project

The inspiration to develop this action comes from an experience shared in the partnership during a thematic seminar on-line celebrated the 8th of July 2020, concerning the valorisation of Second World War sites in Belgium. The partner “Regional Landscapes Antwerp” shared an example of touristic development in an area with vestiges from the 2nd World War.

It inspired Provincial Government of Teruel to consider interventions to valorise touristically some local sites related to the Spanish Civil War. The action planned as a result can be found in the following lines.

Nature of the action

Provincial Government of Teruel, in collaboration with County Maestrazgo, Municipality of Castellote and the Civil Local Association “Amigos de Dos Torres de Mercader” will cooperate closely to achieve the formal recovery and enhancement of two trenches brought to light in Dos Torres de Mercader neighbourhood, which is part of the small municipality of Castellote.

The action agreed would consist of:

- Conditioning the site
- Creating an access so that the site can be visited properly
- Installation of informative panels and maps of the area

The Heritage Department of the Government of Aragon will provide scientific support for the contents of informative panels and maps.

So far, the Civil Local Association “Amigos de Dos Torres de Mercader” have conditioned with their own voluntary resources partially the area and have also collected objects used during the conflict.

However now, through the action the intention is bringing together different administrations and resources to support their individual voluntary effort in a decisive and formal way.

Stakeholders involved

- Provincial Government of Teruel
- County Maestrazgo
- Municipality of Castellote
- Civil Association “Amigos de Dos Torres de Mercader”
- Government of Aragon

Timeframe

- Formal constitution of the Workgroup: **June 2022**
- Meetings to define the interventions and the necessary works: **July – September 2022**
- Launching and award of procurements: **October 2022 – January 2023**
- Execution of the interventions: **January – July 2023**.

It is expected the action to be completed by August 2023.



Costs

The estimated cost for the intervention is 16.000€, corresponding to the following works:

- Surface archaeological exploration
- Tastings on land for research purposes
- Conditioning of the remains
- Placement of signage for the enhancement of remains found

Funding sources

Provincial Government Teruel and County Maestrazgo will finance the interventions. Government of Aragon and Association Dos Torres de Mercader will collaborate.

ACTION 2:

Use of Augmented Reality for the Valorization of Spanish Civil War sites in County Comunidad de Teruel

Relevance to the project

During the thematic seminar on-line for the sharing of experiences celebrated the 8th of July 2020, the partner “Regional Landscapes Antwerp” invited the company “Visual Dimension: Architecture & Cultural Heritage” to share with the partners the virtual recreation they have developed of a defensive site in Belgium making use of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technologies.

Also, during the project Study Visit in Romania, the partners had the chance to see the use of Augmented Reality in Zalau Museum.

Both experiences were inspiring for the representatives of Provincial Government of Teruel, that thought of making use of such technology upon some local vestiges of the Spanish Civil War in Teruel.

Nature of the action

Differently to other counties, the County Comunidad de Teruel has been working during the last years in the preservation and valorisation of their vestiges and remains of the Spanish Civil War, to make a knowledge and tourist product out of it. So far, different types of vestiges of the Civil War have been identified, listed and preserved in the different municipalities of the county, such as trenches, bunkers or shelters.

Moreover, these remains have been geolocated in the internet so that they can be found and visited easily. Last, the accesses to these vestiges have been signposted and information panels have been installed close to. The signage has been intentionally designed to ensure the smooth integration with the landscape and surroundings. All these initiatives have been unified under the common name “Atrinchérate”.

The inspiration found in RFC with regard to the possibilities of Augmented Reality (AR) applied to historic sites, led to Provincial Government of Teruel to share such experiences with their stakeholder, the County Comunidad de Teruel. They started to think of using Augmented Reality upon some “Atrincherate” sites.

As a result, it has been agreed using Augmented Reality solutions to recreate the bunker “Alto de La Torana” and a line of trenches close to the village of Corbalán: once developed, with a mobile and a QR code visitors will be able to see how the sites were when the events happened.

Provincial Government of Teruel and the County Comunidad de Teruel will cooperate to develop the action. The Heritage Department of the Government of Aragon will provide scientific support for the contents of the augmented reality recreations.



Stakeholders involved

- Provincial Government of Teruel
- County Comunidad de Teruel
- Government of Aragon

Timeframe

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Costs

The estimated cost for the intervention is 14.000€, corresponding to the design and production of the Augmented Reality APP corresponding to the recreation of the bunker “Alto de La Torana” and a line of trenches close to the village of Corbalán.

Funding sources

Provincial Government Teruel and County Comunidad de Teruel will finance the interventions. Government of Aragon will collaborate.

ACTION 3:

Creation of an Advisory Board in Aragon bringing together different administrations to guide the valorization of Spanish Civil War sites and vestiges

Relevance to the project

The inspiration for this action comes from the Good Practice “Fortress Advisory Board” (Germany) which has been exchanged during the cooperation, provided the by the partner of Saxony-Anhalt.

The Fortress Advisory Board is an expert committee which is to advise the state capital Magdeburg (Germany) in questions and activities concerning the fortifications, from current measures for the utilisation of fortress remains to participation in conceptual planning, such as the monument preservation plan for the fortifications. Particularly noteworthy is the knowledge and research of the Fortress Advisory Board on the historical development of the fortifications. Due to the interdisciplinary composition of the Advisory Board, the various concerns, such as open space, monument protection, tourism, etc. are brought in.

What is relevant is that, for ALL the actions and decisions concerning the fortifications, the expertise of the Fortress Advisory Board is taken into account. This way, the decisions of the town are more soundly based, and conflicts can be avoided.

The Good Practice “Fortress Advisory Board” (Germany) directly inspires this action, whose aim is creating an Advisory Board in Aragon, bringing together the different administrations to guide the valorization of the numerous Spanish Civil War sites and vestiges in the region.

Nature of the action

Regional Government of Aragon is a stakeholder in the project. The Service for the Prevention and Investigation of Cultural Heritage and Democratic Memory has particular interest for the action.

RFC representatives in Provincial Government of Teruel have been in contact during the project with the representatives of this service exchanging with them about the different experiences collected through the cooperation and inspiring the action plan in Teruel.

In one of these stakeholders' meetings on-line held in March 2021, from the executive level of the Heritage Department it was announced to Provincial Government of Teruel the plan to constitute and channel, through the Democratic Memory Unit, an Advisory Board - similar to the one regarded in the German experience- to guide properly the valorization of Civil War Sites in Aragon, both in terms of contents and procedure.

The participation of Provincial Government of Teruel in the Advisory Board was agreed.

Stakeholders involved

- Regional Government of Aragon: Service for the Prevention and Investigation of Cultural Heritage and Democratic Memory
- Multidisciplinary actors related with the Democratic Memory of the Spanish Civil War (participated by Provincial Government of Teruel).

Timeframe

The action is planned but it is difficult to determine the timing, as it is the Democratic Memory Unit of the Regional Government of Aragon that has to call officially for the creation of the Advisory Board.

Costs & Funding Sources

This action does not require costs but an organizational effort to set up a new Advisory Body integrating many different organisations and serving the entire region.

