

NEARCH

New ways of
Engaging audiences,
Activating societal relations and
Renewing practices in
Cultural
Heritage

Archaeology and cultural heritage management have undergone significant scientific and professional developments over the last 25 years. Conducted by the French National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research (Inrap), the NEARCH project, funded by the European Commission for 5 years (2013-2018) in the framework of the Culture programme, is a European-wide cooperation network of 14 partners from 10 countries willing to explore these changes and their consequences. More specifically, NEARCH aims to study the different dimensions of public participation in archaeology today and to propose new ways of working and cooperating in a profession strongly concerned by the current economic crisis.

To fulfil that purpose, activities and research are implemented within five main themes: Archaeology for the community: informing and involving people, Archaeology and the imaginary: crossroads between science and art, Archaeology and knowledge: teaching and sharing information, Archaeology in a changing economy: towards sustainability, European archaeology and the world: dependencies and mutual development.

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