

# ***Iron Age Europe network***

## **Membership Charter**

### **The network: values and objectives**

1. Created in 2011, the *Iron Age Europe* network brings together institutions (hereinafter referred to as "the network members") dedicated to the study, conservation and enhancement of European archaeological sites from the Iron Age, a decisive period in the structuring of the continent's territories and societies. These institutions each have a strong link with an archaeological site emblematic of the period, either because they themselves manage and open it to the public, or because they preserve a large part of its collections and scientific archives, which they showcase in dedicated museum spaces.
2. The members of the network share the same concern to facilitate the work of scientists on the heritage for which they are responsible and to propose to the widest public an offer that reflects the work of scientists and ensures its promotion.
3. The members of the network are all equally vigilant in terms of scientific rigour. In particular, they guard against any complacency towards attempts to reclaim archaeological data for nationalist and political purposes.
4. The network aims to strengthen partnerships of all kinds between its members and more broadly to promote European proto-historic archaeology.

### **The network: operating mode**

5. The network was initially set up by a tripartite agreement between the ***Laténium*** (CH), the Neuchâtel archaeology park and museum, the ***Kelten Römer Museum Manching*** (DE) attached to the *Archäologische Staatssammlung* in Munich and ***Bibracte*** (FR), joined in 2014 by two new partners, ***Lattara*** (FR), archaeological site and Henri Prades museum attached to *Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole*, ***Ullastret*** (ES), archaeological site and museum attached to the *Agència Catalana del Patrimoni Cultural*, ***Ensérune*** (FR), archaeological site and museum attached to *Centre des Monuments nationaux*, the ***Archäologisches Museum Frankfurt*** (DE) and the ***musée cantonal d'Archéologie et d'Histoire de Lausanne*** (CH).
6. As the extension of the network was a wish shared by all the initial partners, it was agreed between them that the accession of new members to the network was now formalised by the signature by the applicant institution of this charter which recalls the values, objectives and operating methods of the network and commits the new member.
7. The network operates by consensus among its members. Thus, the integration of a new member must obtain the prior consent of the members already present in the network.
8. Membership of the network does not imply any formal commitment of means on the part of its members. Where necessary, an agreement may specify the technical and financial arrangements for joint action by all or some of the members.
9. One of the members of the network provides the secretariat of the network free of charge. It gathers and examines applications and ensures the smooth flow of information between members. It maintains a shared press document and ensures a minimum network presence on the internet in the form of a portal that links to each member's internet communication media. The member who provides the secretariat shall be appointed by consensus. As of June 30, 2018, it is Bibracte.
10. A member may withdraw from the network by simple written notification from the secretariat.



## Members' commitments

11. Each member keeps the other members informed of its actions and is concerned to promote the actions of the other members. It provides the secretariat with the minimum documentation necessary for the network's shared communication activities.
12. To the extent of its means, each member of the network uses its know-how and its logistical and documentary means (library, collections, technical resources) to facilitate the projects of the other members in the fields of site and collection conservation, archaeological research, training of cultural and scientific mediation personnel, heritage enhancement and public restitution, in all its forms.
13. Each member strives to design and conduct actions, short, medium or long term, in bi- or multi-stakeholder partnership, with a constant concern for public restitution, namely in the form of exhibitions, conferences or publications.
14. Each member makes available to others its relations at the regional, national and international levels in scientific circles (museums, universities, research institutes), in particular to promote international exchanges of researchers and students.
15. Each member makes its technical and logistical contacts and expertise available to others in order to promote the international interest and public recognition of proto-historic archaeology.

### **§The applicant institution/name§,**

dedicated to §Description of the candidate institution's missions§,

having its registered office at §address§

being represented by §name, position in the institution§

in association with §the partner institution, e.g. its scientific supervisor§

having its registered office at §address§

being represented by §name, position in the partner institution§

has expressed the wish to join the network and obtained the unanimous approval of its current members.

By signing this charter, §The applicant institution/name§ attests that it shares the values of the network and undertakes to participate in achieving its objectives while respecting its operating procedures.

The §date§

For §The applicant institution/name§

Its authorised representative

§Title of its representative§

§Name of the representative§

For §The partner institution/name§

Its authorised representative

§Title of its representative§

§Name of the representative§

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*(charter signed in two copies in French, in two copies in English, §(optionally)§ in two copies in §language§*