

Terms of Reference for the Working Party on the Creation of Research Strategies for the European Frontiers of the Roman Empire

Aims

The purpose of the Working Party is to consider the creation of research strategies for the European Frontiers of the Roman Empire within the framework of the proposed nomination of several frontiers for World Heritage Site status, the creation of research strategies being an integral part of WHS Management Plans.

The proposed way forward is through the application for Culture 2000, or other European, funds. Such an application might include 6 primary modules:

1. the creation of an international data base for the European frontiers of the Roman empire;
2. the creation of basic standards of site management for the sites on the frontier;
3. the definition of gaps in basic information about the frontiers;
4. the definition of frontier zones (bearing in mind the narrow definitions of the Hadrian's Wall WHS and the proposed German WHS);
5. the identification of other potential WHS within the European over-arching framework;
6. improved public access to information about Roman frontiers.

The primary group of participating countries in such an application might be: Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia and the UK, with the lead taken by Austria.

It is initially considered that the Working Party will survive until the creation of the research strategy is achieved; thereafter the role of the WP will be re-assessed. It is intended that the six members of the WP will serve until that period has elapsed, or for a period of 3 years from the 2002 Annual Conference, whichever is the shorter.

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