



## SITE ANALYSIS

The scope of the on-site analysis document is, according to the approved AF, *“informing the participants about the problems resolved and the good practices implemented”*. The information provided should be brief, so that Study Visit participants have a clear view of Dos Torres and the cultural and historical proposal that has been developed.

<p><b>Name of the project and location</b></p>	<p>Dos Torres de Mercader, Spaces for memory and nature</p> <p>Dos Torres de Mercader, Teruel, Spain</p>
<p><b>Historical background</b></p>	<p>Dos Torres de Mercader is a town in the province of Teruel, located at the foot of Mount Mercader, belonging to the old Templar commandery of Castellote, currently a district of Castellote, with a rich past, which preserves an old school very well preserved. church baroque of San Abdón and San Senén, where we can see its Gothic altarpiece.</p> <p>The town witnessed heavy fighting during the Spanish Civil War, which left its mark on the fortified and entrenched areas around the town and caused, at its end, massive emigration to other population centers. This fact has allowed to keep almost intact the vestiges of the conflict, as well as an almost intact nature in its surroundings.</p>
<p><b>Recent Projects Implemented</b></p>	<p>The municipal school (currently closed) with an original appearance from the 1950s and 1960s, was recovered in 1994. It impresses by the good state of conservation.</p> <p>The church of San Abdón and San Senén is also undergoing restoration, where its magnificent altarpiece stands out.</p>
<p><b>Current status</b></p>	<p>Apart from the previous projects, an exhibition up with objects from the Civil War, contributed by relatives and neighbors of the town, and which show many aspects of the war, from the classic samples of ammunition to the way of life in the war : blankets, water bottles, field telephone, cutlery and some cans of great historical value.</p> <p>Several circular routes have been prepared that, starting from the town, lead to the Loma de San Marcos, where the magnificent state of conservation of the trenches that defended the access route to the east can be appreciated.</p> <p>The trenches of the Loma de San Marcos have also been cleaned, to return them, as far as possible, to their original state.</p>
<p><b>Projects under implementation or planned to be implemented</b></p>	<p>There are several projects under implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Second phase of the adaptation of the trenches of the Loma de San Marcos, in order to make them visitable.</li> <li>- Adaptation of the trenches of San Juan (Republican side).</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improvement of the exhibition halls of the Civil War.</li> <li>- Signaling of the SL routes, (local path) and circular routes around the town.</li> <li>- Signaling of nature observatories to contemplate the rich local fauna: Hispanic goat, vultures and vultures, roe deer, fox and wild boar, among others.</li> <li>- Adaptation of the old oil mill.</li> <li>- Repair of the vault of the church.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local, regional, national and/or European policies used related to the preservation of the Fortress and the development of the area</b></p>	<p>To date, all the projects mentioned have been carried out through the collaboration of people from the town itself who have executed or collaborated in the different projects.</p> <p>The contribution of public funds to these projects is necessary for their completion.</p>
<p><b>Stakeholders involved</b></p>	<p>The Castellote City Council itself, to which Dos Torres belongs, the town's volunteer staff, the Comarca del Maestrazgo and the Provincial and Regional Councils. As well as future visitors.</p>
<p><b>Public consultations on the actions if there have been</b></p>	<p>At the time of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the recovery of the old school, the Comarca del Maestrazgo was present, which provided two education inspectors, who reported on the past of the school. As well as collaborating when marking the route of the trenches.</p>
<p><b>Public opinion</b></p>	<p>After the presentation, in press: the Diario de Teruel, newspaper of the Maestrazgo region, and of the historical Bajo Aragón region, of the opening of the exhibition hall of the Civil War, a multitude of notes have been received from congratulations and thanks for the effort made.</p> <p>After the opening of the exhibition, the Territorio Vivió on Aragón TV broadcast a report.</p> <p>was broadcast on the Chino-Chano program, dedicated to hiking and nature one of the circular routes that lead to the trenches of Loma de San Marcos</p> <p>The Youtube and Facebook channels in which the route comes out are being widely seen.</p>
<p><b>Existing problems related to the ongoing projects and the development of the area</b></p>	<p>The previous projects are being developed by the residents of the town themselves, investing their capital and facilities, as well as material means.</p> <p>The allocation of a budget that allows the completion of these projects should be studied, given their interest for a depopulated area that wants to value its history and nature.</p>
<p><b>Related Resolved Issues</b></p>	<p>Restoration of the old school can be considered complete. The rest of the projects are in progress or study.</p>
<p><b>Good practices used</b></p>	<p>All the actions carried out have been based on the regulations in force for each scenario.</p> <p>The Civil War exhibit is fully documented, with a document</p>



	<p>associated with each exhibit.</p> <p>The repair of the vault of the church is under the direction of Patrimonio de Aragón and the signaling of the SL and circular routes around the town and signaling of nature observatories complies with the environment.</p> <p>On February 1, 2021, the trenches of Loma San Marcos were declared a Site of Cultural Interest (BIC).</p>
<b>Policy instruments related to the projects</b>	<p>The regulations in force are followed in all the projects.</p>
<b>Brief evaluation of the state before the study</b>	<p>Due to the effects of the pandemic, the number of visitors to the museum areas has been reduced less than expected because it is local tourism.</p>
<b>Websites related to the fortress that contain useful information for participants</b>	<p>Route through the trenches of Dos Torres de Mercader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-<a href="https://es.wikiloc.com">https://es.wikiloc.com</a></li><li>-<a href="https://m.facebook.com">https://m.facebook.com</a></li><li>-<a href="https://m.youtube.com">https://m.youtube.com</a></li></ul> <p>Dos Torres de Mercader old school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-<a href="https://museovirtualmaestrazgo.com">https://museovirtualmaestrazgo.com</a></li></ul>



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**SITE ANALYSIS – MAPS AND ATTACHED**

**IMAGES IMAGES OF SPACES FOR MEMORY: THE TRENCHES OF LOMA DE SAN MARCOS**





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## IMAGES OF THE CIRCULAR ROUTE





## IMAGES OF SPACES FOR THE MEMORY: EXHIBITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE CIVIL WAR









## IMAGES OF SPACES FOR THE MEMORY: OLD SCHOOL







## IMAGES OF THE CHURCH OF SAN ABDON AND SAN SENEN General

plan of the church







**Magnificent Gothic altarpiece**





**IMAGES OF NATURE:**

**Hispanic goat**



**Roe**





**deer Griffon Vulture**



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