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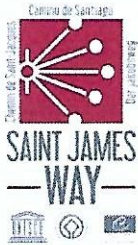
European Federation of St. James Way - Camino Europa Compostela

In the second half of the 20th century, St. James Way benefited from the care, restoration, and promotion by civil society through the Associations of Friends of St. James Way. This selfless and humanistic effort to support the Camino de Santiago began with the Société Française des Amis de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle and grew into a global phenomenon, especially prominent in Western Europe. This generous and altruistic associative movement has been effectively organised and coordinated to form, in 2024, the European federation of Jacobean associations known as *Camino Europa Compostela*.

In 1987, the Council of Europe declared St. James Way as the first European cultural itinerary, a status reinforced by the declaration of the French Way as a World Heritage Site in 1993, the Routes in France in 1998, and the Northern Routes of Spain in 2015.

Supporting the efforts of civil society, public administrations have developed strategies and work programs aimed at the conservation, management, and promotion of St. James Way and its values, its tangible and intangible heritage, and its historical legacy.

For their part, the civil society groups working selflessly in the care and promotion of St. James Way and its tangible and intangible legacy are organised into associations of Friends of the Camino de Santiago. The European dimension of this phenomenon inspired the recent establishment of *Camino Europa Compostela*.



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The Two Parts of the Collaboration Agreement:

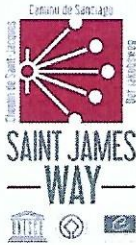
The Council of Europe, through the Enlarged Partial Agreement, inspired the creation of the European Federation of St. James Way. This federation was founded by mandate of the European Institute of Cultural Routes on May 25, 2011, in the French city of Le Puy. The European Federation is composed of administrations and public associations from the territories of the Old Continent, interconnected by St. James Way, with the objective of preserving, managing, and promoting the route and its historical and cultural memory.

The Jacobean Associations of the Old Continent, recently united in the European Federation of Associations of Friends of St. James Way, called *Camino Europa Compostela*, have the following objectives:

- To bring together and support the associations and federations of Jacobean associations in Europe that are members of *Camino Europa Compostela* in their main missions: to inform people who wish to participate in the Camino de Santiago, facilitate their journey, and welcome them along the route and upon their return.

- To represent the associations and federations of Jacobean associations in Europe affiliated with *Camino Europa Compostela* as a privileged interlocutor before the bodies of the European Union, the Council of Europe, local authorities, civil institutions, and other actors involved in St. James Way.

- To promote the fundamental values that characterises St. James Way in all its historical, cultural, humanistic, and spiritual dimensions, including fraternity, solidarity, and tolerance of personal aspirations, which are the foundations of the ethics of the Way.



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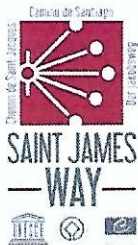


- To cooperate and ensure communication and coordination with other Jacobean associations that are not regional, national, or international members of *Camino Europa Compostela*, and with civil and religious institutions, within the framework of their interest in St. James Way.

On the other hand, the objectives of the European Federation of St. James Way aim to bring together the local communities of the European continent connected by the Camino de Santiago, around a common cultural and tourist promotion, knowing that they have shared a cultural heritage for centuries.

Both parties, the European Federation of St. James Way and *Camino Europa Compostela*, assuming their respective responsibilities, decide to formalise a Collaboration Agreement.

In confirmation of this friendly and participative relationship, the European Federation of St. James Way and the *Camino Europa Compostela* Federation recognise their respective responsibilities under this Collaboration Agreement, based on mutual trust and joint work, promoting this Collaboration Agreement in the following terms:



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Article No 1. Areas of Collaboration:

Cultural Route of the Council of Europe.

The entities signing this Collaboration Agreement commit to jointly operate the European cultural route St. James Way before the Council of Europe, as agreed in the Enlarged Partial Agreement, according to the objectives and competencies of each entity.

Routes.

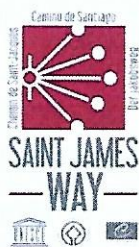
This Collaboration Agreement affirms the parties' commitment to co-participate in the study, protection, and dissemination of St. James Way routes in Europe, as well as the management of their own projects, with special emphasis on the historical Jacobean routes.

Jacobean Hospitality.

This Collaboration Agreement shall promote institutional and social support for hospitality and reception along St. James Way, one of the most important and significant intangible values of the Jacobean phenomenon.

Heritage and Culture.

This Collaboration Agreement shall promote the study and defense of Jacobean culture, the spiritual legacy, the historical memory, and the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of St. James Way, as well as the natural landscape and natural heritage of the route throughout Europe, seeking its identification, research, and protection.



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Representation.

In the general assembly held by each of the two Federations signing this Collaboration Agreement, the president or representative of the other entity shall participate with the right to speak but without the right to vote, engaging in the debates and decisions of the assembly.

Dissemination of the Pilgrimage Routes to Compostela.

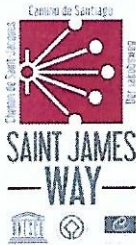
This Collaboration Agreement will disseminate the concept of St. James Way as an exceptional space for the exchange and enhancement of unique meanings in various fields: historical, spiritual, and promoters of cultural and human values as defined by the Council of Europe.

Sustainable Management.

Both Federations shall study and promote best practices in the sustainable and responsible management of St. James Way. They shall promote the cultural development of the rural areas along the route, especially those facing depopulation and aging population issues, and shall collaborate on European projects aimed at the protection, management, and promotion of the Jacobean routes in Europe. The signatory entities shall enhance the inclusion of all citizens in St. James Way, fostering accessibility for people with disabilities.

Article No 2. Coordinated by

The organisation and development of the activities covered by this agreement shall be carried out in accordance with the terms established herein. For this purpose, the appropriate personnel shall be designated for the execution of these activities, utilising the necessary material, technical, and



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human resources. Additionally, responsible individuals from their staff shall be appointed as coordinators to ensure the diligent monitoring and execution of this agreement, with the aim of promoting the actions and initiatives established within it..

Article No 3. Dispute Resolution

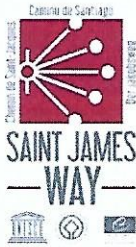
Any dispute that may arise between the parties due to a misinterpretation of the terms or the development of objectives contained in this Collaboration Agreement shall be resolved amicably, through mutual collaboration, without the need for third-party intervention.

Article No 4. Maintenance of Confidentiality and Prohibition of Information Disclosure

All information related to this Collaboration Agreement, including plans, projects, technical details, or other details, must be treated as strictly confidential between the parties, prohibiting its dissemination to third parties. In the event of an information transfer to a third party, obtained through one of the two parties signing this Agreement, the dispute shall be resolved by applying Article No. 3.

Article No 5. Notifications and Consultations.

All communications related to the objectives of this Collaboration Agreement must be in written documents and acknowledged by both parties,



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through personal agreements, in-person meetings, or via videoconferences, postal mail, or email.

Article No 6. Transfer of Duties and Rights

The European Federation of St. James Way and *Camino Europa Compostela* must assume all their duties and rights as outlined in this Collaboration Agreement.

Article No 7. Validity Period

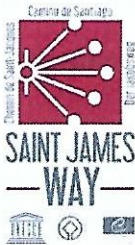
The validity period of this Agreement shall be three (3) years from the date of signing. The Agreement shall be automatically renewed for a period of two (2) years, unless one of the parties sends written notice of termination three (3) months prior to the expiration of the Agreement.

Article No 8. Exclusivity

This collaboration agreement is not exclusive. Each signing entity retains the possibility to enter into similar or analogous agreements with different entities.

Article No 9. Expenses

The signing of this agreement does not entail any expense nor does it incur any economic liability for the entities. Matters not stipulated in this Collaboration Agreement shall require a separate specific agreement.



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In witness whereof, the concerned parties hereby sign this Collaboration Agreement in duplicate, each party retaining their respective copy.

Ildefonso de la Campa Montenegro
President

Jorge Martínez-Cava
President

Federación Europea del Camino de Santiago /
European Federation of St. James Way

Camino Europa Compostela Federation

Signed in Santiago de Compostela,
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