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Time to depart | Pause | Discover | Go new ways | Make peace

A European model project along the Way of St. James sets [way]signs!

In the Middle Ages, St. James pilgrims were guided by the fine star trail of the Milky Way to Santiago de Compostela. Its natural composition points towards Spain on a clear night sky. The European model project "Sternenweg/Chemin des étoiles" refers symbolically to this cosmic "signpost" of our ancestors and sees itself nowadays as a great regional contribution to the careful valorization of the Way of St. James in parts of the Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate, Lorraine, and Alsace. A European vision of the future permeates the project:

Pilgrimage along the paths guided by the stars of Europe for tolerance, humanity, freedom, democracy, friendly encounter of cultures, and peace!

In medieval times, countless people trod a network of paths to Santiago de Compostela, in their collective search of encounter and salvation, and thus shaped the cultural-historical roots of Europe. Follow the lines of movement of these pilgrims and feel the special spirituality, which was their strength, and inspiration and which resonates in the medieval building culture along the wayside to the present day. Discover next to the stone "contemporary witnesses", what connects times, people, and cultures, and what holds Europe together at its core.



The project area





DISCOVER, WHAT IS CONNECTED. TO SET AN EXAMPLE!	Be open-minded on the way	Live in moderation	Learn to see and be amazed	Make friends
Stand up for justice	Love	Be grateful and enjoy	Be aware on the way	Protect democracy
Be conscious	Donate moments		Practice tolerance	Maintain the creation
Be open to different cultures	Meet attentive and respectfully	Feel the spiritual world	Provide orientation	Seek silence and pray
Humility for life	Self-care welfare, precaution	Be connected with everything	Take Responsibility	BE AWARE OF ONESELF AND MAKE PEACE



Team spirit

Regionalverband Saarbrücken initiated the idea as a European model project in 2006 and has managed cross-border development in a process-oriented manner since then. The way signs are created as part of qualification measures for job seekers. Cooperation partners are the German Societies of St James (Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland, Lorraine, Alsace), many administrative districts, towns, communities, church and cultural tourism institutions along the routes of the project area as well as the Institute for European Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

The illustrated book

The poetic documentation contains contributions to the myth of the "Sternenweg", everyday stories of medieval pilgrims, and poems to pause and reflect. Additionally, all recorded medieval cultural monuments are documented along the routes of the project area. Format 245 x 290 mm, hardcover, 568 pages with a French abstract, 25 Euro (plus postage), publisher: Regionalverband Saarbrücken, 2017

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The website offers an interactive map that helps to plan a route and to locate the medieval gems along the way of the pilgrims in the project area. More background information, impulses, and a lot of cultural-historical tourist information on pilgrimage are available on the website.



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