

Fundación Cepsa and the Regional Government of Andalusia focus their efforts this year on the research of the Roman Forum of Carteia

- **Fundación Cepsa and the Regional Government of Andalusia renew their commitment to enhance the value of the Carteia archaeological site**

Fundación Cepsa and the Andalusian Government Agency of Cultural Institutions signed an agreement for another year of collaboration on the Carteia archaeological site, located in the municipality of San Roque (Cadiz).

Specifically this year thanks to the support of Fundación Cepsa, it will be possible to carry out the work of previous inspections and field data collection using georadar to detect objects and structures below ground level on the Roman Forum platform, in addition to the detailed report of interpretation and analysis of the data obtained, including geophysical exploration with GPR, post-processing, preparation and delivery of graphic materials of the areas described for the geophysical prospecting activities. Finally, archaeological work will be carried out in two areas of the wall surrounding the forum platform to collect data necessary to study and plan future consolidation and conservation actions.

Estrella Blanco, head of Fundación Cepsa in Campo de Gibraltar, said that collaboration with the archaeological site of Carteia is "part of the commitment of Fundación Cepsa with the region of Campo de Gibraltar, its history, and heritage. We will continue in this line, working with the Regional Government of Andalusia to enhance the value of this site and that year after year it becomes an enclave of greater relevance."

Cepsa's collaboration with the archaeological site of Carteia, owned by the government of Andalusia, goes back more than two decades, and is now led by Fundación Cepsa. Over this time, different actions have been carried out such as the conservation and enhancement of the Roman Circus, the visitors' trail and historiography, historical cartography, paleo-environmental studies and palaeo-topography studies, cleaning and preparing the spaces and entrances, among others. Thanks to the constant support and close relationship between both institutions and the involvement of their professionals, it has been possible to carry out not only minimal restoration and maintenance on the ruins and buildings, but also archaeological research and restoration, as well as sharing information with the scientific community and society as a whole.

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