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#### FUNDING APPEAL TO RESTORE

## THE MEDIEVAL CASTLE OF **EMPURANY**



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The picturesque little village of Empurany, nestled in the heart of the Ardèche department, is embarking on an ambitious restoration project to conserve and bring back to life its precious historic heritage. At the heart of this project are two ancient treasures: the fort's square tower, the medieval symbol of the village and part of the former presbytery. These buildings, witnesses of Empurany's rich past, are poised to find again their ancient splendour.

The restoration proposals cover the complete renovation of the tower, including replacing the roof. The facade of the presbytery, which has suffered the effects of time, will likewise be restored to retain its historic character. However, this project goes beyond just straightforward renovation. It plans to link the two historic elements, offering visitors an authentic dip into mediaeval life.

Two exciting exhibition spaces will be set up inside the renovated buildings. One dedicated to the fascinating history of the village, the other will focus on religious art. These spaces will be fitted out with interactive multimedia equipment to offer visitors, young and old alike, an in-depth educational experience. In addition, all information will be presented in English and French, guaranteeing a warm welcome to our foreign visitors.

This ambitious project seeks to to revitalise Empurany's historic heritage, opening it up to the public and providing visitors with an enhanced experience. It also offers an exciting opportunity for local schools to immerse their children in a voyage through the ages, exploring the history and culture of the village. Empurany aspires to become an unmissable tourist destination thanks to this innovative initiative. The restoration of these historic buildings will reinforce the link between past and present, whilst offering visitors a unique experience.

A funding appeal is being launched with the Fondation du patrimoine to restore this building. The total cost forecast at this stage is 648 443 €.

This appeal is addressed to all, individuals, and companies, who wish to participate in realising heritage, memorial, and historic projects. The Fondation du patrimoine will provide all donors with a receipt acceptable to the French tax authority.

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