

Management of the right bank of the Gave de Pau river

➤ PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The right bank of the Gave de Pau river opposite the Grotto of Massabielle needs to be secured and redeveloped.

The project is divided into 3 phases :

Type 1: High-priority works aimed at structurally strengthening the bank through major interventions including rock fill and sheet piling

Type 2: Medium-priority works aimed at strengthening the embankments through gravelling, additional soil and re-vegetation

Type 3: Secondary and preventive works for the protection and upgrading of the embankments through planting and weirs.

In addition to technical studies and major interventions, particularly type 1, a large part of the project can be handled within a “youth training programme” with groups of young people. In line with Pope Francis’ Laudato Si encyclical, ecological and environmental education and experience could be shared between experts and young people.

➤ PROJECT IMPACT

Securing the embankments

Technical consolidations aimed at protecting the heritage of the Sanctuary

Development of the embankments of the Gave de Pau river

Improvement of the heart of the Sanctuary

Ecological and environmental education in the wake of Laudato Si





➤ BUDGET

Studies	€ 101 000
Type 1 works	€ 355 000
Type 2 works	€ 150 000
Type 3 works	€ 162 000
TOTAL	€ 768 000

➤ SCHEDULE

- Study phase: 6 months
- Work completion phase: 3 seasons of pilgrimages in order to include the participation of groups of young people.

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