New archaeological prospection studies marble archaeological pieces in France

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Marie-Claire Savin, Andrea Collado and Jordi Oliver, members of the ICAC's Unit for Archaeometric Studies (UEA), have traveled to the areas of Nièvre and Alier (France) to document some quarries that could have been exploited in Roman times.

Through this, the team will obtain valuable information to determine the characteristics of the marble in the area and thus be able to establish the origin of the archaeological pieces and, also, the area of distribution of the different varieties documented in the area.

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Marie-Claire Savin (ArPa) is part of the ArPA team working in the areas of Nièvre and Alier (France). Photo: ICAC (CC 4.0).

This intervention belongs to a research project of the **Archaeometric Studies Unit (UEA)** on archaeological pieces made of marble in France that made necessary to document the quarries in this central area of France emerged to verify if the pieces that are currently being studied were made with marble from Châtelperron and Chiddes.



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