

MEMORIST AND ITS EXPERTS FROM LA RELIURE DU LIMOUSIN ARE COMMISSIONED TO AUDIT AND RESTORE CIVIL STATUS DOCUMENTS IN SENEGAL



MEMORIST, the leading skills centre for the preservation, restoration, digitisation and sharing of heritage, has been commissioned by the Agence nationale d'État civil (National Civil Status Agency) through the Enabel organisation to carry out a national project to restore the 13,000 civil status registers of the Republic of Senegal. The project has been entrusted to teams from La Reliure du Limousin, a MEMORIST company. The operation was launched on 05 June in Dakar, in the presence of international experts from La Reliure du Limousin.

This project is part of the Nekkall programme, initiated by the National Civil Status Agency of the Senegalese Ministry of Local Authorities, Development and Regional Planning and funded by the European Union, which aims to make a practical contribution to the modernisation of civil status in Senegal.

The expertise of the teams at La Reliure du Limousin, one of MEMORIST's five companies, has been selected to restore both the historical value and the quality of the documents.



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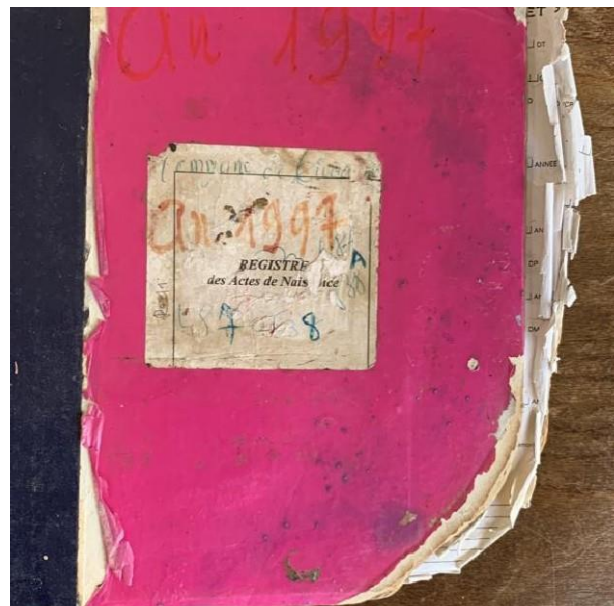
and use of all of this heritage, so that the civil registry service can fulfil its mission and restore a part of Senegal's demographic history. Ultimately, this work of conservation and modernisation should contribute to the quality of public service, the strengthening of citizenship and the rule of law, as well as territorial governance.

The restoration operations will be launched on 05 June in Dakar, in the presence of the national authorities and international experts from Reliure du Limousin. The mobilised teams have already criss-crossed the country to inspect the preventive conservation conditions in the dedicated civil registry centres, checking for health, insects, light and temperature changes.

In order to respect the wishes of the beneficiaries, i.e. the civil registrars, priority will be given to the most recent registers, which are likely to be used in the coming years. The oldest registers are rarely consulted, and are unlikely to be in the near future. Restoration will also give priority to centres with the most suitable conservation facilities, so that the restoration work bears fruit and the restored registers can be conserved in good conditions.

To bring this vast project to fruition, the teams at La Reliure Limousin have undertaken to train a team of 5 people on site for a month, recruited from the Université Gaston Berger in St-Louis, which teaches heritage protection. Civil registrars will attend this training, to raise their awareness of the issues involved in preserving their heritage.

La Reliure du Limousin, a MEMORIST company, is proud to be taking part in the restoration of this historical heritage, which has considerable territorial and social implications for Senegal. This new large-scale project on the African continent reflects MEMORIST's growing commitment to the sustainable development of expertise in the preservation of an immeasurably rich heritage.



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The Mobilitas Group has brought together five key players to create MEMORIST, the first skills centre for :

Preservation: MEMORIST offers strategic support to holders of heritage collections of all kinds, to establish targeted action plans.

Restoration: MEMORIST uses traditional methods to restore all types of ancient documents (parchments, bundles, covers, iconographic documents, film supports, etc.) and contemporary documents (administrative documents, audiovisual and film supports), in order to prolong their life and restore their appearance that has been altered by time.

Digitisation: MEMORIST digitises paper, iconographic, audio, video and film documents in 2D, and sculptures, monuments and historic sites in 3D, for the purposes of conservation and distribution to different audiences.

Sharing: MEMORIST facilitates the enhancement of heritage, whether historical, documentary or architectural, by relying on a perfect mastery of digital and immersive technologies.

MEMORIST's unique expertise is undeniably recognised on the French market, and it is part of a group that is resolutely focused on the future.

with an international outlook and a presence in almost 100 countries. Its 240 experts deploy their know-how, in France and abroad, to support museums, public and cultural institutions, private companies and NGOs.

The combination of traditional techniques and innovative technologies supported by human talent means that we can implement tailor-made solutions or large-scale projects.

MEMORIST offers a full arsenal of expertise in the field of heritage enhancement, whether tangible or intangible, paper, photos, audiovisual, tangible or built.

MEMORIST's achievements in France include the restoration of eighth-century parchments, the 3D digitisation of the Victory of Samothrace at the Louvre, and the management and preventive conservation of Renault's heritage collections.

Other projects include the complete digitisation of Mont-Saint-Michel Abbey and Notre-Dame de Paris, as well as an immersive experience at the Musée d'Orsay thanks to a virtual reality system.

Internationally, Memorist has deployed its expertise in Switzerland (UN, TAG Heuer), South Africa (Jagger Library), Kuwait (Ministry of Information), Austria (National Library), the United Arab Emirates (Louvre Abu Dhabi) and Ethiopia (holy city of Lalibela).

The MOBILITAS Group

Founded almost 50 years ago and now run by the 3rd generation of the Taïeb and Castro families, the MOBILITAS group is a medium-sized company (ETI) specialising in the mobility of goods and people, physical and digital archiving, and the digital preservation of heritage. The group, which is present in 97 countries and employs more than 4,400 people, relies on its own network on the one hand and its Exclusive Agents on the other to offer its customers an unrivalled service in all its sectors of activity. The long term reflects its philosophy and culture, which guide its major business and investment decisions. Decisions that regularly shape and strengthen the Group as it moves towards new processes, new businesses and new horizons.

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MEMORIST EXPERT COMPANIES

Arkhênum: a leader in digitisation and heritage enhancement, Arkhênum helps to shed light on the past and preserve what exists so that history can be passed on to future generations. From archive audits to collection development consultancy, Arkhênum supports its customers at every stage in the development and deployment of their heritage strategies. With the largest technology park in Europe, Arkhênum digitises all types of media, from the simplest to the most complex, whatever their format, material or state of preservation.

Art Graphique & Patrimoine: from laser scanning to 3D digitisation, from 3D modelling to augmented and virtual reality, AGP offers its innovative approach to art and historic monuments, for museums, institutions and businesses. Thanks to its R&D division, which specialises in architectural and archaeological surveys, in 2009 it developed the first mobile augmented reality prototype for reconstructing decors.

La Reliure du Limousin: since it was founded in 1950, the company has been restoring precious works from the libraries of the Senate and the National Assembly, and later from the departmental and municipal archives. From the restoration of antique collections to traditional bookbinding, the company does its utmost to appraise, conserve and restore the written collections of our past. In 1990, La Reliure became a training centre for the craft of heritage conservation. Since 2010, La Reliure has been a Living Heritage Company.

TRIBVN Imaging digitises all types of photographic documents (glass plates, cellulose nitrates, cellulose acetates, polyester, etc.), images graphic documents (drawings, tracings), images of textiles and accessories, creates "high-performance" digitisation lines for projects requiring them, takes photogrammetric images and carries out preventive conservation work (repackaging in permanent paper, polyester sleeves, cleaning).

Vectracom: founded in France by Gérard Letienne, Vectracom is now run by Célia Letienne and François Tranchand, representing the second generation. This family management of the company echoes that of the Mobilitas group. Vectracom offers content digitisation, digital preservation, metadata creation and film remastering services, as well as a multimedia laboratory (digitisation from all types of media, colour grading, image and audio restoration, etc.).

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