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For the last ten years, several initiatives and research projects were carried out with teams from several African countries. Results regarding the analysis of rock art samples, characterisation of palaeontological specimens, and study of archival documents will be presented. Perspectives of advanced partnership within the European research infrastructure for Heritage science will be discussed.

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