Chronology of the Norse TransAtlantic Colonies and Territories

Fact Sheet

Project Information

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Project description

First contact: understanding timing, duration, geographical extent and lasting significance

The Norse were present in the Americas in 1021 CE, before Christopher Columbus. Filling in major gaps in our knowledge, the EU-funded CONTACT project will explore when, where and for how long Europeans went to the Americas prior to Columbus. It seeks to shed light on who they may have encountered and whether there were any lasting impacts of these first transatlantic connections. It will use the newly developed tools of spike radiocarbon dating and ancient DNA provenancing to test Norse transatlantic expansion. Project work will include a framework for reanalysing the earliest connections between the Old and the New Worlds.
Fields of science

natural sciences > biological sciences > genetics > DNA

Programme(s)

HORIZON.1.1 - European Research Council (ERC)

Topic(s)

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Call for proposal

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Activity type

Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

Links
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Links

Contact the organisation Website Participation in EU R&I programmes HORIZON collaboration network

Other funding

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