



Osiliana

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Our history constitutes national identity and values Saaremaa.

They say that information is the new petroleum. Osiliana mines this new petroleum and is thus a center for competence that aids us to see our earlier story as truthfully as possible through the obscure lens of time.

Terms and action

SA Osiliana focuses on the prehistory and early medieval period of Saaremaa. On the matter of prehistory, no period is prioritized, unless when action is linked to certain academic research. Information and notices about possible archaeological sites are welcome to the address: info@osiliana.eu.

SA Osiliana focuses mainly on the archaeological and historical sites relevant to Saaremaa, but also carries out ethnographic and folklore studies, when possible. Archaeological sites respond to the prehistorical objects (e.g. burials, hillforts, settlements, harbor sites, etc) as well as archaeological artefacts (from the prehistorical and medieval eras). Historical sites respond to the buildings (that also serves as an archaeological source), written sources (e. g, medieval documents, chronicles, but also sagas), folklore (place-related narrative, geographical names), and visual sources. The scientific analyses (e.g, dating, DNA analysis, isotope analysis) are employed for better interpretation of the above-mentioned sites.

In addition to the island of Saaremaa, the island of Muhu and surrounding smaller islands (e.g, Vilsandi, Abruca) are also included in the operations of SA Osiliana.

All the archaeological artefacts that are either gained through the operation of SA Osiliana or given to SA Osiliana, will be conserved and organized by the expenditure of SA Osiliana, and artefacts will be transferred to the Saaremaa Museum.

Collected information and written reports are also transmitted by SA Osiliana to the National Heritage Board. In addition to the National Heritage Board, the reports will also be transmitted to the archive of Tallinn University's archaeological research collection and the archive of Saaremaa Museum.

The artefacts registered by the SA Osiliana will be transferred to the National Heritage Board for heritage protection.