

EFFORTS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members and sympathisers,

In January we welcomed the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. Everywhere in Europe our members are attending its initial events. EFFORTS, in its first year of existence, also plans to structure its activities in this important year around an EYCH2018 EFFORTS Fortress Day and an EYCH2018 EFFORTS Award, together with a EYCH2018 conference on Walls & Fortifications and European culture and values in the European Parliament in June 2018. Furthermore, EFFORTS is participating in other events of other partners, like the HUPG Dubrovnik "Sharing the Future of Cultural Heritage" conference in April. All of your organisations are invited by the European Commission to participate in this EYCH2018. All countries present dedicated websites for this and it is interesting to connect on this issue with partner organisations. Keep us informed on your events !



In the meanwhile we are preparing the 22 March board meeting that will take place in Brussels. In the center of this biannual meeting of the 8 Board members is the planning of the above mentioned events and the workings of our organisation (constitution of working groups, national groupings of members, etc...). I welcome all members to let me or other board members know by the end of February if they have ideas, innovations or actions that should be taken up by our young organisation. I will keep you informed on the agenda and the results of this important meeting.

And last but not least, let us not forget that the EYCH2018 slogan is Sharing Heritage, Sharing Values. Our European values, so often fought over on our European fortifications and lines, are still at the forefront of our activities, both professional and personal. It is what keeps us connected and focused. Have a nice end of the winter and a fruitful beginning of the spring.

Frank Petter
Mayor Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands

EFFORTS MEMBER OF HERITAGE ALLIANCE 3.3

We are proud to inform you that in this EYCH2018, EFFORTS has been accepted as a member of the Europa Nostra European Heritage Alliance 3.3. This is a European sectoral platform composed of more than 40 European or international networks and organisations active in the wider field of cultural heritage. The Alliance was launched in June 2011 on the occasion of the European Heritage Congress 2011 organised by Europa Nostra in Amsterdam; <http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/eych->

[2018/](#) and <http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/>. The next meeting of the Heritage Alliance is on 8 March in Brussels.



ANTWERP OPEN DAYS 'KIPDORP' - 10-11 FEBRUARY 2018

Excavations for a new subterranean tram line in Antwerp presents a unique opportunity for all to visit 16th century fortifications, city wall and 'Kipdorp' bridge at the east-side of the old city center. The archeological site will be incorporated in a new tunnel. Saturday 10th the site is open 13 to 22h. and Sunday 11th 10 to 18h. On the two days a large-scale event will accompany the opening of this fortification site. Venue : Rooseveltplaats / Kipdorpbrug, Antwerp, Belgium. Check also Karen Minsaer and Karen Gysen's presentation at Spandau in November : <https://effortseurope.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/2017-11-09-efforts.pdf>





INNOVATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE - 20 MARCH 2018

The high-level Horizon 2020 conference – organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation, in close cooperation with Directorates General for Education and Culture and for Communications Networks, Content and Technology – will showcase the dialogue between contemporary European society and the most promising innovations in the field of Cultural Heritage that European policies and funds have supported. The conference is part of the programme of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and will contribute to its legacy by launching the public discussion about the objectives of European research and innovation policy for Cultural Heritage beyond 2020.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/innovation-and-cultural-heritage-2018-mar-20_en

MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

Are you in Brussels anytime ? Need an ad-hoc workspace for a few hours or need to make a few copies ? We are happy to receive you @ the EFFORTS office in Brussels at Trierstraat 67 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels (around the corner from the European Parliament). You can make an appointment at rafderoo@gmail.com (EU liaison).

Also: if you need help contacting an EU official, service or a Member of the European Parliament or you need info on finding your way around Brussels, contact the same mail address.



BOARD MEETING - 22 MARCH 2018



Members of the board of EFFORTS are (photo, left to right) Andrea Theissen (DE), Frank Petter (President), Alessio Belin (IT), Karen Gysen (BE), Huib van Olden (NL), Peter Ros (Vice-President), Tuija Lind (FI), Andrea Bonifacio (IT), in the presence of Gerhard Hanke (city of Spandau). Please send all requests to the Board to the respective board members or to Rafaël Deroo. The Board members will convene in Brussels on 22 March for their first meeting and discuss the set-up working groups (like the one on the yearly Fortress Day), national committees and association structures. Each member of the Board will be active in one of the committees or groups, but all members will be asked to share in different organs. All members are invited to share their ideas and actions to be taken up by EFFORTS this year and the years to come. At the first board meeting, the Brussels EFFORTS office will be inaugurated.

EFFORTS SNAPSHOT

In this space we will present in every newsletter a member or other person active in or for EFFORTS and their activities today. We start with Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS EU-liaison in Brussels.



Born in 1968 in Delft, Netherlands, Raf lives in Brussels with his two daughters. He only studied in places with evident fortifications: in Belgium (Antwerp, 'Fortengordel' and walls, Leuven and Brussels - walls), USA (Minneapolis - Fort Snelling) and France (Strasbourg - Vauban fortifications) and graduated in law, political sciences and marketing. Having worked for 20 years at Flemish, Belgian and EU institutions, he is putting his expertise to work for EFFORTS. For ATLANTIKWALL Europe, the network of Atlantic Wall sites he helped creating, he presented with partners from seven European countries in November 2017 the Creative Europe EYCH2018 cooperation proposal. He is a guide at the Atlantikwall at the Cap de la Hague peninsula, west of Cherbourg. On Friday 11 May (in Normandy, next to Cherbourg) and on 18 May (in Brussels) his second book, on Atlantikwall heritage fortifications "A l'Attaque de la Hague" (OREP/Isoète) will be presented. All are welcome. On the events, check :

<https://www.facebook.com/events/387411888367104/> (11 May)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1976865342553903/> (18 May)

More info on the subject @  Les Sentiers de la Memoire au Cap de la Hague

Next 'EFFORTS Snapshot' is board member Andrea Theissen from Germany.

MEMBERSHIP

By now all prospective members have received a call for paying the membership fee. If you have not received our request, please send a message to rafderoo@gmail.com . Please pay the fee as soon as possible. On request we can make you an invoice. You will get a confirmation letter after payment.

EU CALLS INFO

- CULTURE #EYCH2018 #EuropeForCulture: participate in EYCH2018 : at all National Contact Points – for instance here in Germany : <https://sharingheritage.de/en/funding/> and at the European Commission's site: <https://europa.eu/cultural-heritage/>
- HORIZON 2020 (Research call) Innovative approaches to urban and regional development through cultural tourism: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/transformations-04-2019-2020.html>
- CREATIVE EUROPE (Culture call) Small and Large Cooperations (here info on the old call – a new call will be presented on this website by September 2018): https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2018_en

HERITAGE EVENTS TO COME

- Vice-president Peter Ros will represent EFFORTS at the European Commission DG Education and Culture Stakeholders meeting on the adaptive re-use of cultural heritage in Leuven on 15 February 2018. On the agenda is also the Davos Declaration "Towards a high-quality *Baukultur* for Europe" (on adaptive re-use).

- www.walledcities2018.com : "'Walled cities, open societies", international conference in Sibenik (Croatia), 5-6 March 2018
- Heritage Alliance 3.3 General Assembly on 8 March in Brussels (see above).
- Sharing the Future of Cultural Heritage (Synergies between Heritage, Tourism and Digital Culture) : international conference in Dubrovnik (Croatia), April 10-11 2018 at Hotel Dubrovnik Palace. The conference website is online soon. Workshop with Sites & Cites - HUPG - City of Dubrovnik on April 9th. EFFORTS is partner and is represented by board members Andre Bonifacio and Karen Gysen. Info on <http://www.efforts-europe.eu/events/>
- <http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/events/>

Past conferences :

- On 16 January 2018, the Flemish heritage administration had a Study day on the Faro-convention : check all presentations via <https://www.onroerenderfgoed.be/actueel/agenda/studiedag-faro-conventie-participatie-en-het-lokale-erfgoedbeleid/>

Members can send the secretariat info on calls and events that are of interest to all EFFORTS members, to be published here in the newsletter or, on request, by urgent mail by the secretariat to all or a group of members. Members of EFFORTS participating in events are kindly invited to share information they gather to the secretariat for further dissemination in the newsletters.

For more information, see the EFFORTS website : www.efforts-europe.eu



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