EFFORTS ANNUAL CONGRESS
and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

“From Stronghold to Sustainable Military Heritage”
European Fortification Cultural Heritage challenges after
EYCH2018

Thursday 8 – Friday 9 NOVEMBER 2018
Venue and Biennale exhibition site FORTE MARGHERA
Via Forte Marghera, 30, 30173 Venezia-Mestre, Italy

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday 8 November 2018
8:30-9:00 Registration for Annual General Meeting participants and coffee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9:00 – 11:30
All interested paying the AGM or Congress fee can participate, only members can vote.

11:00-12:00 Registration of Congress participants and coffee

INTRODUCTORY PART

European cooperation on fortified heritage transforms the enemies of the past to partners in the European project, joining forces for a sustainable, cultural and safe Europe. The EFFORTS mission ‘From stronghold to welcoming arms’ is based on European cooperation, putting military fortified heritage on the European cultural heritage policy agenda.

During this 2nd European annual conference on fortified heritage, on November 8-9 2018 in Venice, the challenges and opportunities of our fortresses, walled towns and defence lines, christallised in a series of propositions for EU action, will be derived. These proposals can serve as a source of inspiration for, among other EU actions, the 2021-2027 Culture Programme Creative Europe, the Structural Funds Programmes and Horizon Europe.

12:00-12:40 Congress Welcomes and the EFFORTS Declaration of Venice
Frank PETTER, president of EFFORTS
Stefano MONDINI, President of Forte Marghera Foundation, Venice-Mestre, Italy
Francesco PALUMBO, Director General Tourism, Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage
The Future of Creative Europe and the New Agenda for Culture

Keynote: Silvia COSTA, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur (tbc)

Creative Europe and a new European Agenda for Culture
Adam KARACSONY, Hungarian member of the Committee of the Regions and rapporteur

13:00-13:20 Light lunch

PART 1: European values and economic and social challenges

Forts, fortifications, defensive walls and bunkers are monuments that raise strong feelings. They are therefore places of excellence to teach us European common past and make us understand the value of peace, democracy and tolerance.

To build up defensive works, extensive knowledge and labour force was needed. Today, their repair, maintenance and development offer working opportunities not only for a large range of professionals but also for non-professionals. With value-rich innovative initiatives, fortified heritage presents an opportunity for heritage preservation and job creation and challenges to find alternative solutions.

A reuse-project of many forgotten places has been the motivation to repair them. By transforming dead stones to living elements, these places can become productive in many ways. The financial input needed to create / maintain multipurpose (re)use can turn to cultural, social or economic output. Sustainability goes with long-term thinking.

14:20-14:40 European Heritage and European Values

Keynote presentation by Koen VAN BALEN, Europa Nostra

14:40-15:00 Zuiderwaterlinie in Noord-Brabant and a European network of European shared ‘line' heritage and values
Henri SWINKELS, Noord-Brabant Province executive for heritage, Netherlands (tbc)

15:00-15:20 Using history to understand the present
Andrea THEISSEN, Spandau Citadel Museum, Spandau, Germany

15:20-15:40 Contributing to European values: the example of Fort de Bilt (tbc)

15:40-16:00 Heritage Development Model
Gerco MEIJER, Heritage Expert bunkerQ v.o.f., Netherlands

16:00-16:20 Coffee

Alternative labour force: example of Suomenlinna prison
Tuija LIND, Suomenlinna Fortress, Helsinki, Finland

Sustainable job creation
Veronique STERN, Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands

Engaging participatory community
Fort Bàc, Hungary EUROPA NOSTRA Prize laureat / Kaunas Museum Park, Lithuania (tbc)

17:20-17:30 Conclusion PART 1: Fortification heritage – more than meets the eye
17:30-17:50 EFFORTS EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY: presentation of concept and 2018 results
Juke van NIEKERK and Titia de ZEEUW, Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen, Netherlands

17:50-18:10 Forte Marghera EFFORTS Knowledge Center project presentation
Andrea BONIFACIO, Forte Marghera, Venice-Mestre, Italy

18:10 Visit to the Biennale exhibition at Forte Marghera

20:30-22:00 Dinner offered by the City of Venice - at Forte Marghera

PART 2: Sustainable Fortification heritage

“For environmental reasons alone, using existing buildings efficiently must be a global priority”

Military architecture has a long lifespan. At its time, it was built to shelter big amount of people and a diversity of peace- and wartime activities. The efficient reuse of this existing heritage reduces the need to build new. At the same time – with a suitable reuse – we save cultural heritage and landscape. When an adaptive reuse is chosen, it requires a new layer to the historic fabric. The reversibility of additions is often considered as quality. But if reversibility means temporary – so that the new intervention is taken away one day – it is not a sustainable way to build. On the contrary the additions should be architecturally and technically of such a quality, that in future they become an integral part of the heritage.

Functional fortifications had a complex infrastructure and water, food and energy supplies to resist a siege. Combining know-how from the past, today’s technology and an ambitious attitude to front environmental challenges in a reuse project, the fortifications can serve as platform for the development of innovative and climate-friendly solutions for the use of large buildings and constructions.

9:00-9:20 Sustainable Fortified Heritage in Global Context
Keynote Andrea NANETTI, School of Art, Design and Media at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

9:20-9:40 Vauban’s heritage as example for sustainable building
Philippe PROST, APP, Paris, France

9:40-10:00 How can fortifications become a long-term, integrated solution for urban and environmental challenges?
Karen MINSAER (tbc) and Karen GYSEN, Antwerp, Belgium

10:00-10:20 Toolkit for sustainable reuse of fortifications
Marco ACRI, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia

10:20-10:40 Building added value: recovery of different types of fortification
Fiorenzo MENEGHELLI and Daniele SFERRA, Institute for the Military History and Architecture, Italy

10:40-11:00 Coffee

11:00-11:20 Vauban’s fortifications reference standard
Birgit WALLBORN and Thomas FLOC’H, Network of major Vauban sites, France

11:20-11:40 A general development vision on a European fortress town
Lex ROOLVINK, Grave, Netherlands

11:40-12:00 Strategies for the recycling of fortified islands: Cheradi in Taranto and Mamula in Montenegro
Nicola MARTINELLI and Giuseppe d’AGOSTINO, Polytechnic of Bari, Italy

12:00-12:20 The Battery of Capo d’Orso, the Maddalena archipelago in Sardinia
Michele MONTEMURRO (tbc)

12:20-12:40 Protecting fortification heritage: spatial development, tourism, and erosion
Gilbert SOETERS, Maastricht, the Netherlands

12:40-13:40 CONCLUSION and EFFORTS VENICE DECLARATION: the Future of Fortification Heritage in Europe
Signing of the EFFORTS VENICE DECLARATION

13:40-13:50 Short presentation by 2019 Congress organizing member and Closing Remarks
Frank PETTER, president of EFFORTS

13:50 End of the Congress and Press Moment

13:50-14:30 Light lunch

Optional visit per boat to two major Biennale sites: ARSENALE and GIARDINI. Fee to be paid separately (30-40 euro approx., entrance to the exhibitions included). Participants can decide at the Congress. Organisation: andrea.bonifacio@yahoo.it

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Congress central contact: Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS secretariat at info@efforts-europe.eu

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or

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Check what is appropriate (obligatory):
Participates in EFFORTS AGM (only members can vote):
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Participates in the 8 November Lunch: Y/N
Participates in the 8 November Dinner: Y/N
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2.) Pay for your participation to the AGM and Congress:

2018 paying Members of Efforts pay pp. 180 euro
All others pay pp. 200 euro
(only AGM participation: resp. 90 and 100 euro pp)

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Your registration is only valid when the fee has been received on the Efforts account on 1 November at the latest.
Dinner: please send your request for special dietary requests to andrea.bonifacio@yahoo.it

The entire event takes place at the Fortress Marghera site (FM): Forte Marghera, 30, 30173 Venezia-Mestre, Italy. FM is situated between Mestre centre (to the north) and Marghera (south), east across the bay from downtown Venice (ca. 8 km). The airport (Venice Marco Polo) is 15 km northwest. Venice-Treviso airport is 40 km to the north.

Public transport: tram line T1 / bus lines 5E, 9, 12L, 15, N2 (stop ‘Forte Marghera’, 700 m walk)
http://actv.avmspa.it/en

Hotels in Mestre in a 2 mile radius:

Hilton Garden Inn Venice Mestre San Giuliano
4 stars
Via Orlanda, 1, Mestre - Venice
14 minutes walking distance to Forte Marghera
connection with the airport by public bus, lines 5 and 15
connection with Mestre Train Station and Forte Marghera by public bus, lines 9 and 15
connection with Venice old town by line 12L and Tram T1 (in viale San Marco) and public bus, line 5

offers double rooms single use 80 € per night, double rooms 90 €, breakfast included, city tax excluded.

Efforts Congress participants book via a dedicated link online.

Laguna Palace NH Hotels
4 stars
Viale Ancona, 2, Mestre - Venice
20 minutes walking distance to Forte Marghera
connection with the airport by public bus, line 15
connection with Mestre Train Station and Forte Marghera by public bus, line 15
connection with Venice old town by line 12L and Tram T1  (in viale San Marco) and public bus, line 4 (in Corso del Popolo)

⇒ Hotel offers a social price following the links:
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Hotel San Giuliano
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Via Forte Marghera, 193/A, Mestre - Venice
14 minutes walking distance to Forte Marghera
connection with the airport by public bus, line 15
connection with Mestre Train Station and Forte Marghera by public bus, lines 9 and 15
connection with Venice old town by line 12L and Tram T1  (in viale San Marco)

⇒ Hotel San Giuliano offers a 12% discount for the booking online from the hotel website "www.hotelsangigianlo.com" by using the reserved Code: EFFORTS2018

Hotel Delle Rose
2 stars
Via Elia Millosevich, 46, Mestre - Venice
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connection with Venice old town by line 12L and Tram T1  (in viale San Marco)

Book rooms (using a credit card) from the website www.htldellerose.com
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