## EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 11 OKTOBER 2019





#### **EFFORTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019**

"FORTIFIED HERITAGE and WATER - the EUROPEAN DIMENSION" Thursday 28 - Friday 29 November 2019

Venue : Felix Archive, Oudeleeuwenrui 29, Antwerp, Belgium





#### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members and sympathisers,

In these days the West of Europe is remembers 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **liberation** from oppression in the fall of 1944. So does Bergen op Zoom and the other cities in Belgium and the south of the Netherlands. I want to underline that we never forget what military heritage is about: remembering that we have constructed a society that has surpassed these times of horror. This is also why we are all active in a European association like EFFORTS. Through the inescapable remnants in our European cities and regions of earlier wars we remember those who gave their lives and suffered.

The main subject of this newsletter is the announcement of the program of the **annual EFFORTS** Congress in Antwerp op 28-29 November. Preceded by the EFFORTS Annual General Meeting, this third EFFORTS Congress will focus on water issues crucial to all fortifications at their building time. The Antwerp venue offers an excellent opportunity for discussion on the use of water for fortifications, drainage, and climate adaptation measures. Also, the congress will focus on workshops on building European projects. I am very thankful to our EFFORTS member, the city of Antwerp, for hosting this event with us.

In the meanwhile, EFFORTS organised, as one of the side-events in the European Week of Regions and cities a workshop on 'Fortifications, Target Groups and Storytelling' its second successful workshop in 2019. More information on the EFFORTS website. EFFORTS is also active in the setting up of a European cooperation in Wellington fortified cities. We are therefore grateful for the participation in the organisation in a series of conferences with our International Fortress Council partners and EFFORTS members.

But first of all, looking forward to seeing you at the **EFFORTS Antwerp congress in November**!

Frank Petter Mayor of Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands President of EFFORTS



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Local and regional authorities should make better use of the European dimension of fortified heritage in order to preserve and re-use the heritage in a more sustainable way. Not only do we share a common history, many topics are similar in the different countries. Fortified heritage offers many opportunities to make a positive contribution to EU priorities and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

During the 2019 annual conference of EFFORTS special attention will be paid to the topic of water. How can heritage contribute to a more sustainable water management and how can current water challenges be used to preserve our heritage.

The City of Antwerp, Belgium proudly hosts the conference and will share their expertise and projects on the use of water for fortified systems and climate adaptation measures.

Members, future members and interested parties are invited to attend the two-day event. We will offer you an active programme with representatives from European fortified towns, European Commission officials, break-out sessions, site visits and workshops creating new European projects.

EFFORTS invites members for its Annual General Meeting on 27 November in the afternoon.

Check the conference programme on www.efforts-europe.eu. Registration opens on July 1st. Contact: info@efforts-europe.eu

Check <u>www.efforts-europe.eu/annual-congress/</u> for the program, registration information and all practical information.

#### **EU WEEK OF THE REGIONS AND CITIES 2019**



Besides participation in the workshops organised by different European partners, EFFORTS organised its own workshop:

EFFORT'S EUROPE Workshop

### FORTIFI-CATIONS. TARGET **GROUPS AND** STORY-TELLING

14-17h

(doors: 13h.30) Trierstraat rue de Trèves 67, Brussels (Metro: Maalbeek)

Fortified sites, being precious testimony to the collective memory, represent a unique expression of Europe's connected cultural heritage. They are being discovered as a means of improving regions' and cities' economic performance and living environment. One of the angles is tourism. How do we present fortified heritage closer to the public? With the collaboration of the Dutch city of Oost Gelre (Mrs. Bernou Wagenaar), the Simon Stevin Stichting VVC (Region of Flanders), and other partners, Thursday 10 October 2019 EFFORTS wants to invite stakeholders to discuss best practices and European collaboration in the fields like target group research and storytelling systems for fortification heritage sites.



EFFORTS is the European Federation of Fortified Sites. Please register for the workshop at info@efforts-europe.eu by sending your name, title and name of your organisation.







This EFFORTS-EFPN workshop is a side event of the European Week of Regions and Cities

See the EFFORTS website for the take-aways and the presentations.

For the other workshops : check the event website : <a href="https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/">https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/</a> and later on the EFFORTS website or contact the EFFORTS European Funding Professionals Network (h.crijns@shertogenbosch.nl):

-Urban Development Network - Discover the new topics of the last UIA Call for the 2014-2020 period

- -Smart Specialisation and the Heritage City
- -Comprehensive planning for a sustainable development based on culture and Heritage
- -The adaptive re use of our built Heritage for a greener Europe
- -Understanding the economic impact of Cultural Heritage in European regions.



Problemen om dit bericht te zien ? **Bekijk het in je browser** 

WELLINGTON BARRIER – EUROPEAN BOULEVARD : EFFORTS parter with Belgian and Dutch IFC members and the city of Oostende



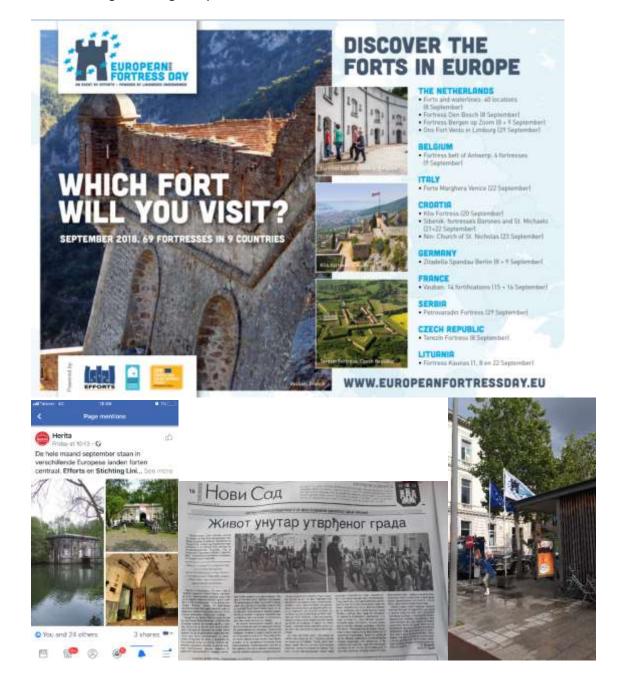
Check for all information at the Simon Stevin Stichting website and register on wellington@simonstevin.org.

Underneath: the venue of the Wellington Barrier conference: Oostende's Fort Napoleon.



#### **SEPTEMBER 2019: EFFORTS EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY**

Almost a hundred sites in 11 European countries participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY in September, in Belgium (Flanders) together with the Open Monuments Day. We will publish at the EFFORTS congress a larger impression of this annual event.













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#### **EFFORTSnapshot: Karen MINSAER**



After her masterstudies in Oriental Archaeology and History of Arts at Louvain University (Belgium), Karen followed in 1989 a further specialization on Middle Eastern archaeology at the Panthéon-Sorbonne in Paris. During these studies and later as scientific researcher, she was member of the Belgian Archaeological Expedition in Iraq and Syria. Since 2002 she is working at the Archaeology Department of the city of Antwerp, where she started as project archaeologist for the 16th Century

fortifications. Later she became advisor and was responsible for the coordination of 'Forts and Lines', the Interreg IVA-project Flanders-the Netherlands. She worked especially on the activation of the States-Spanish lines in Antwerp, where three larger projects were added: 'Fort Lillo, the Emperor's Bastion and the Kipdorp Bridge'. Since 2014 she is leading the Archaeology Department of the EFFORTS member city Antwerp. Her main topics are public awareness of heritage and the valorization of archaeological remains during infrastructural projects (the City Fortifications, the Oosterweel tunnels and The Waterfront of the river Scheldt).

#### **MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS**

Are you planning coming to Brussels? 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 <a href="mailto:rafael.deroo@efforts-europe.eu">rafael.deroo@efforts-europe.eu</a> (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.



#### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR EFFORTS MEMBERSHIP 2019 FEE?

In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting on 27 November, please check if you paid or renewed your EFFORTS membership in 2019:

-If you want to become EFFORTS member, apply via the website: <a href="http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/">http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/</a> and pay your fee, or contact the EFFORTS secretariat (see below).



Only EFFORTS full members can vote at the AGM, participate in European Funding Professionals Network or EFFORTS activities.



Welcome to 1627. The Spanish flag waves over the church tower in Grolle. Children play a game in the street, merchants are haggling about the price of their wares, pigs are roasting on the spit. Everything seems quiet ... Until the message comes that the Dutch States' army led by Prince Frederick Henrick is approaching. Horses gallop across the field, guns roar and muskets fire: the re-enactors go to battle.

# Grolle is in State of siege.

On 18, 19 and 20 October 2019, the 7th Edition of the historical-cultural event "Battle for Grolle" takes place. For three days and nights Grolle goes back to the year 1627.

The municipality of Oost Gelre organizes during this weekend, in cooperation with EFFORTS, Achterhoek tourism, the Slag om Grolle, Saxion Hogeschool, Euregio and the province of Gelderland, an International Congress weekend packed with knowledge and skills on the theme of the Eighty Years' War and fortified towns in general. We would like to invite you to be present at the festivities and attend the International Congress.

A Congress weekend about new insights into cultural tourism, marketing, organizational knowledge, security and cultural history. We will send you the complete program in July.





Two impressions of the original and present state of the Grol fortifications.

#### **EFFORTS AGENDA**

- Battle for GROLLE International Conference event, Groenlo, Netherlands, 18-20 October (see information above)
- Wellington Barrier European Boulevard conference in Fort Napoleon, Oostende, Belgium, by Simon Stevin Stichting, Menno van Coehoornstichting, Herita, Oostende and EFFORTS http://www.simonstevin.org/www.simonstevin.org/wellingtonnl
- **EUROPA NOSTRA European Heritage Summit** in Paris, 27-31 October <a href="http://www.europanostra.org/european-heritage-summit/">http://www.europanostra.org/european-heritage-summit/</a>
- **EFFORTS Annual Congress and Annual General Meetings 2019**: 27-29 November 2019, Antwerp, Belgium. See announcement above and from 1 July on <a href="https://www.efforts-europe.eu">www.efforts-europe.eu</a>.
- EFFORTS is member of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3 check out the calendar : http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/events/
- EFFORTS is a partner of the International Fortress Council (IFC): <a href="http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html">http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html</a>. See above on the joint meeting in January. Check there on the upcoming Wellington Line conference in Belgium.
- The UN International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS): <a href="https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/regional-activities-europe/39374-upcoming-events-save-the-date">https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/regional-activities-europe/39374-upcoming-events-save-the-date</a>

#### **SEND US YOUR NEWS**

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. This information may become the object of a separate Newsflash. Members of EFFORTS participating in events are kindly invited to share information and send the photos they gather to the secretariat for further dissemination in the EFFORTS Newsletters.



#### NEXT EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 12: DECEMBER 2018. Send in your information by 1 DECEMBER.

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