



EFFORTS : European federation of fortified sites, walled cities and defence lines

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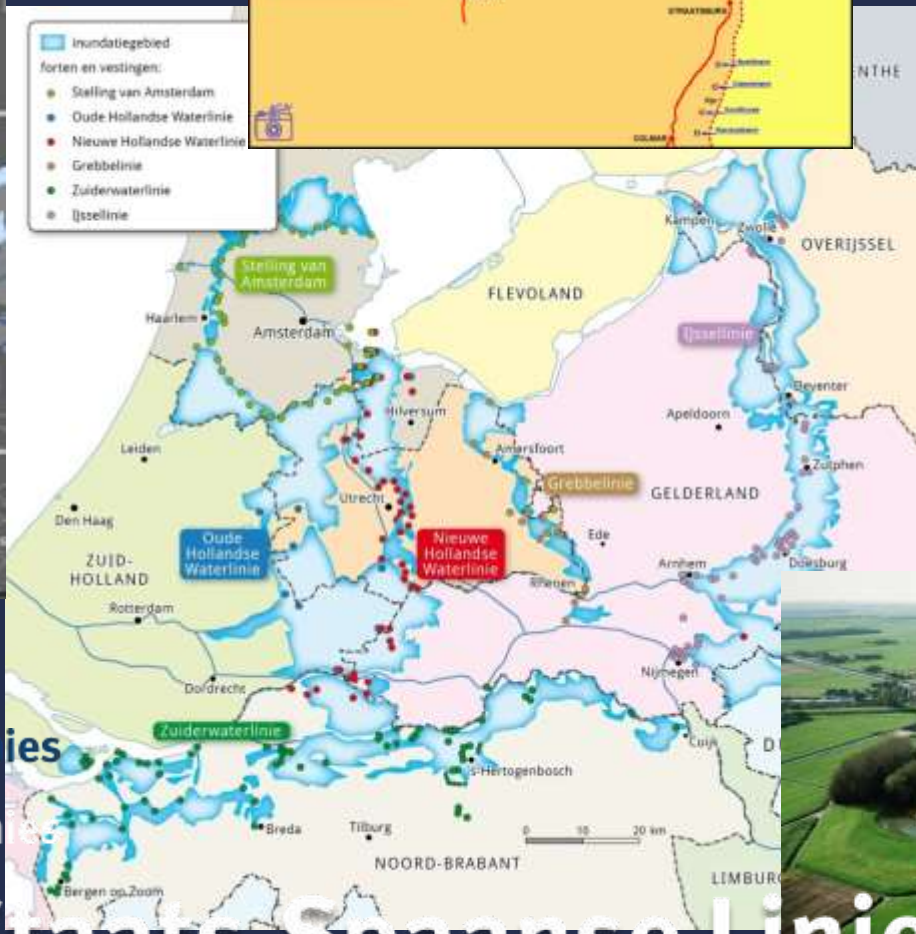
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Walled cities



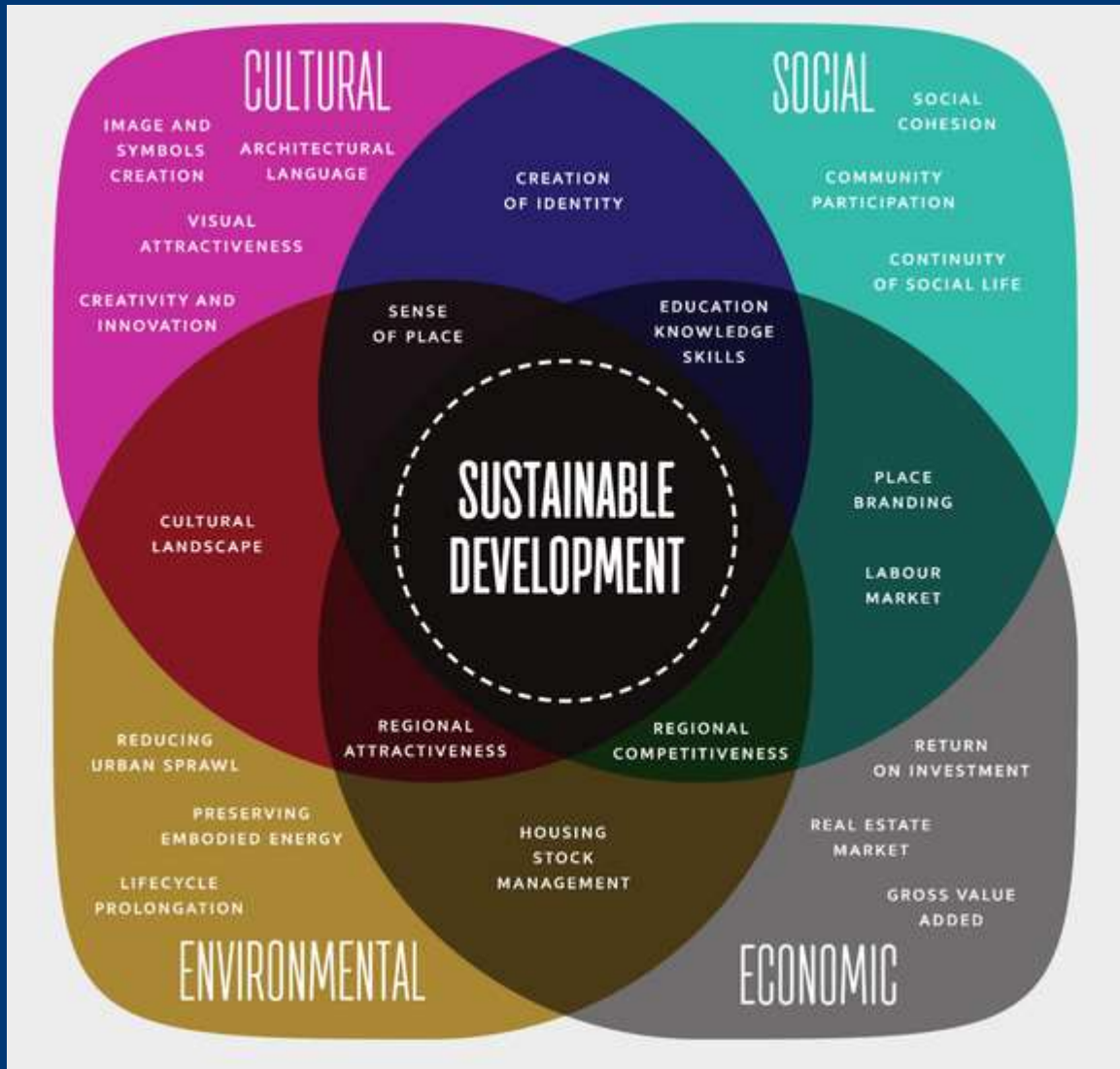
Lines and Forts




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Heritage is important in many fields



♦ EFFORTS Mission



To share expertise, promote cooperation and emphasize the significance of fortified heritage as a continuing connection to our common European history and as a condition for social, economic and spatial development.



• Tasks military built heritage (forts, lines...



- **Adaptation and re-use**

- Large field of action : history and values, archeology, spatial development, tourism, economy, social inclusion ecologie, sustainability, mobility and transport)
- Risks
- Need for innovation and creativity

- **Renovation and upkeep**

- Often expensive and complex
- Restauration taks often unique
- Knowledge is not centralized

- **Today's issues**

- Accessibility, logistics
- Sustainability
- Security
- Public cleanliness



♦ Membership EFFORTS :

- A portal to building partnerships
- Access to a relevant European knowledge network for fortified heritage
- Forum for future project development ideas
- Periodical scan of available national and EU funding programmes
- Awareness of EU policy
- Production of specific policy papers
- Annual European Conference
- An online library of best practice materials, case studies, technical specs, and toolkits
- Development of research and other projects
- European partner network for developing marketing and tourism strategies
- Expert-to-expert exchanges
- External project partner matching service
- Increased city profile at European level through visibility on an online European map of fortified heritage members
- News and information
- Website www.efforts-europe.eu

EFFORTS Activities



- **Exchange of knowledge**
 - *Heritage development (building & landscape elements), Restoration techniques, City marketing and Tourism, Education and Training, Environment and Sustainability, Mobility and Logistics*
 - EFFORTS European Knowledge Center and Network on Fortification : Venice / Noord-Brabant / ...
 - Financing and funding
 - Exchange, annual congress, workshops, European Fortress Day
- **Defence of common interest**
 - European and national policy and networks
 - Rules and regulations
 - Funding
- **Cooperation**
 - Network function
 - Project coordination, project administration

EFFORTS Members 2018 : +40 in 12 countries



- Bergen op Zoom NL (pres.)
- Culemborg NL
- Emden DE
- Eur. Cooperation Center DE
- Forte Marghera IT
- Fort Monostor HU
- Grave NL
- 's-Hertogenbosch NL
- Heusden NL
- Houten NL
- HUPG HR
- Isabellagroep NL
- Isabellakazerne NL
- Kaunas Fortress Regional Park LT
- Maastricht NL
- Olst-Wije NL
- Paola Heritage Foundation MA
- Sibenik HR
- Zitadelle Spandau Berlijn DE
- Suomenlinna Governing Body FIN
- Venlo NL
- Venlo Ons Fort NL
- Verona IT
- Ulcinj MNE
- Zutphen NL
- Province Noord Brabant NL



- Cork County (2 members) IE
 - Stichting Menno van Coehoorn NL
 - Simon Stevinstichting BE
 - Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen NL
 - International Fortress Council
 - AtlantikwallEurope, Creative Europe EU cooperation
 - Province West-Vlaanderen BE (preparing)
 - Vauban Cities Association FR (preparing)
 - Hellevoetsluis NL (preparing)
 - Sluis NL (preparing)
 - Novi Sad SE (preparing)
 - Province Utrecht NL (preparing)
 - Terezin CZ (preparing)
 - Klis HR / Nin HR (preparing)
 - Province Antwerpen – Fortengordel BE (preparing)
- +Individual memberships

European network for military built heritage



Short history

- *until 2014 European Walled Towns*
- Oct 2014 'At Fort' Interreg final conference, Helsinki
- Oct 2016 EFFORTS Letter of intent, 's-Hertogenbosch
- Febr 2017 Working gr. 'business case', Berlin Spandau
- Nov 2017 Founding Congress, Berlin Spandau
- March 2018 1st Open Board at Brussels office
- Sept 2018 1st European Fortress Day: 69 part-9 cties
- Nov 2018 +40 Members-12 cties, represented at 2nd Annual Congress and AGM, Venice : 'Decl. Of Venice'
- March 2019 : 2nd Open Board meeting
- September : 2nd European Fortress Day
- November 2019 : 3rd Annual Congress



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