



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

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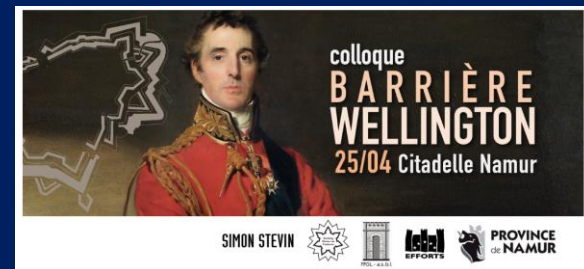
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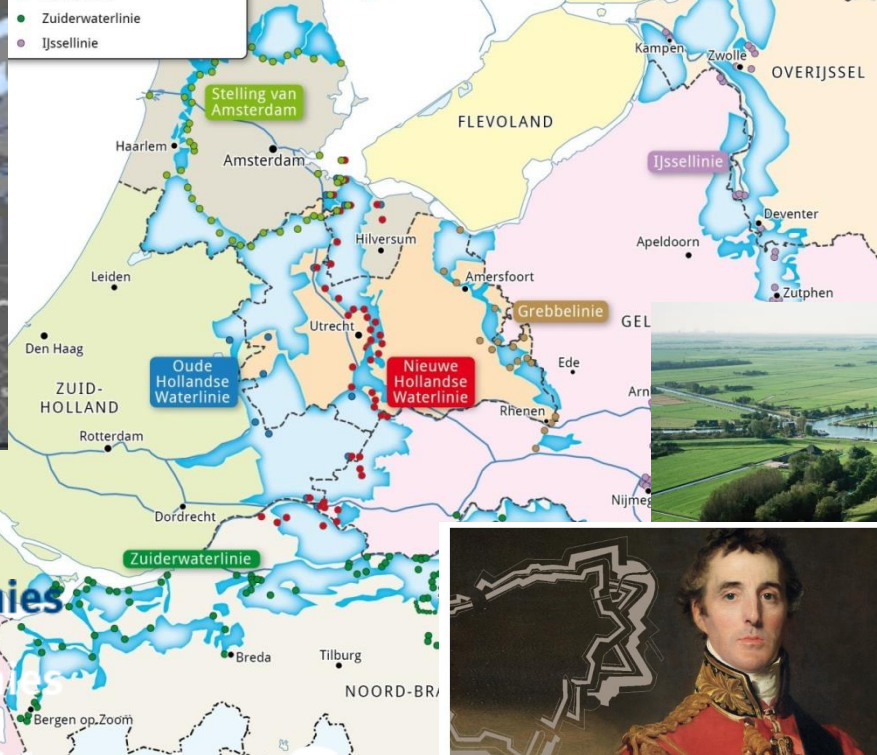
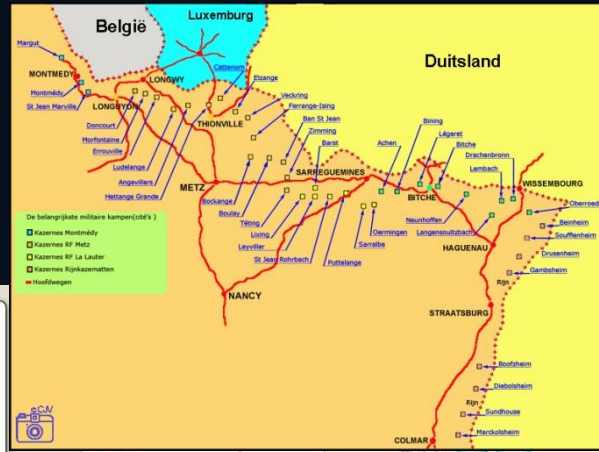


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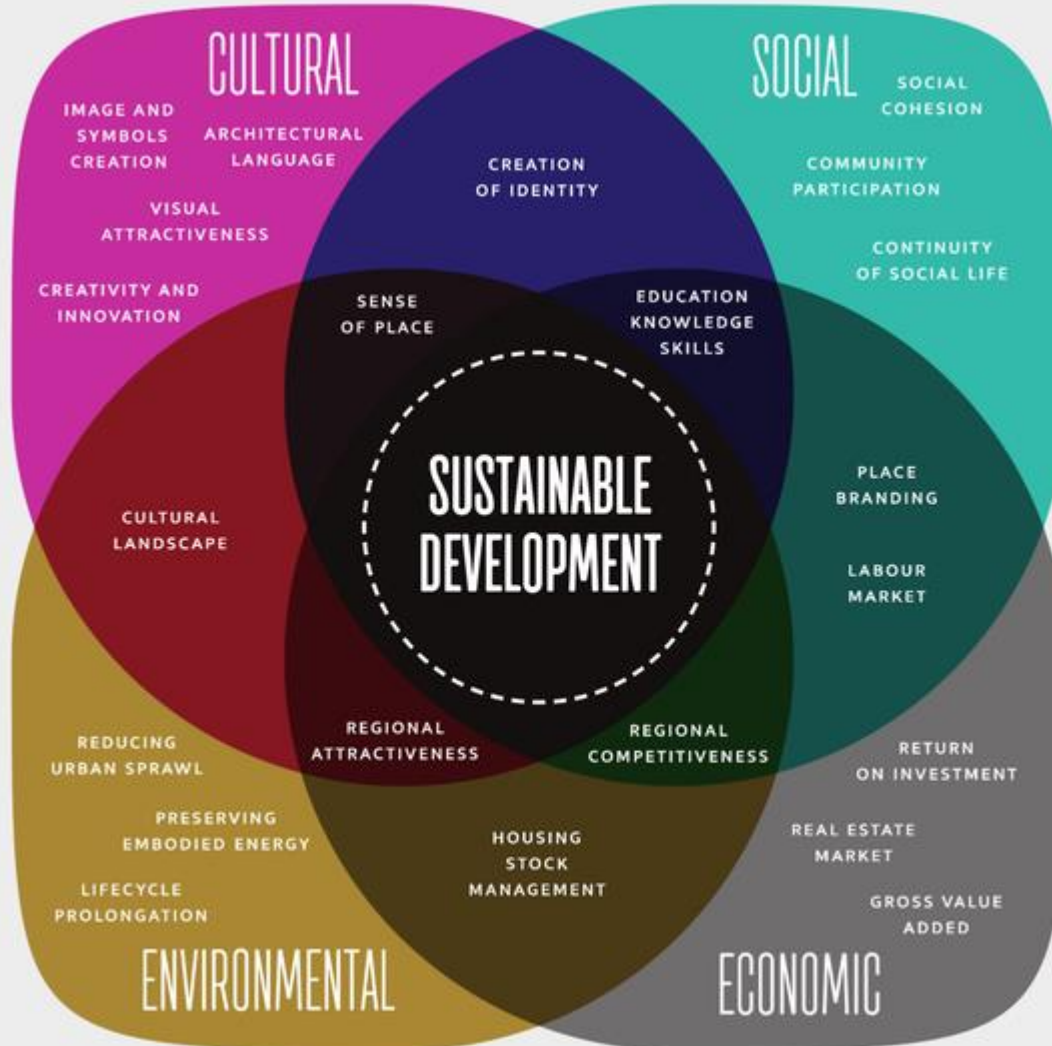
Walled cities



Lines and Forts



Heritage is important in many fields



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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**
 - Knowledge is not centralized
 - Often expensive and complex
 - Restauration taks often unique
- **Today's issues**
 - Sustainability
 - Accessibility, logistics
 - Security
 - Public cleanliness

EFFORTS Membership



- 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 developement (reuse, architecture, building & landscape elements), Restauration 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 2018-2019 : +40 in 12 countries



- Bergen op Zoom NL (pres.)
- Erfurt DE
- Emden DE
- Eur. Cooperation Center DE
- Forte Marghera IT
- Fort Monostor HU
- Culemborg NL
- 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

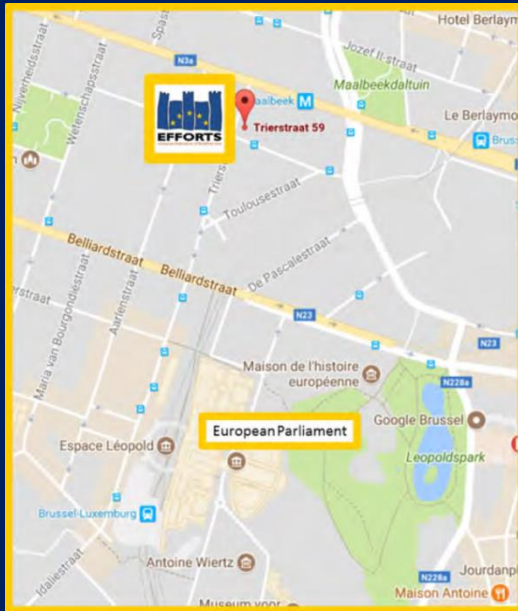


- Hellevoetsluis NL
 - Province Utrecht NL
 - Cork County (2 members) IE
 - Stichting Menno van Coehoorn NL
 - Simon Stevinstichting BE
 - Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen NL
 - International Fortress Council
 - AtlantikwallEurope, Creative Europe EU cooperation
 - Province Noord Brabant NL (preparing)
 - Province West-Vlaanderen BE (preparing)
 - Vauban Cities Association FR (preparing)
 - Sluis, Naarden NL (preparing)
 - Novi Sad SE (preparing)
 - Terezin CZ (preparing)
 - Klis HR / Nin HR (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 + EFPN
- September 2019 : 2nd European Fortress Day
- November 2019 : 3rd Annual Congress



EFFORTS European funding network



EFFORTS priority is the set-up a European network organisation sharing expertise and improving EU funding possibilities.

- EYCH2018 : great opportunity, *post 2020 even more*
- EFFORTS and EFFORTS members have experience

Membership/ fees are not enough / are not the goal

EFFORTS Goals



Structural support:

- **‘European Network’** (Creative Europe new programme post-2020)

If : representation of the ‘profession’ (membership)

Therefore : activate ideas and projects on EU level

→ European structural support (recognition, policy influence, financial means) → more members → more projects → ...

- **EFFORTS as partner:** for EU, for members, others



EFFORTS Funding Professionals Network :

- sharing of expertise
- sharing of plans
- showing of EFFORTS as a representative organisation
- support of Annual EFFORTS Congress
- implicate EFFORTS for members' projects and attract project partners to EFFORTS



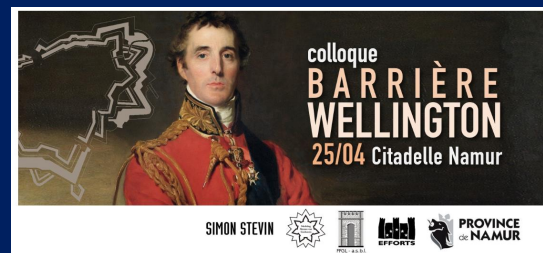
Today :

- Working towards EU institutions (Brussels rep.)
- European Commission consultations, calls
- European Heritage Alliance 3.3
- Brussels Heritage House idea, with Brussels European Heritage associations
- Ideas for European Heritage Label improvement, with Europa Nostra and European Commission
- Partnership and facilitation of EU projects :

Examples of EFFORTS

EU project work 1/2018 - 5/2019:

- Partner in Interreg 4th call 'Recapture the Fortress'
- Set-up of Culture Cooperation project 'European Fortress Day'
- Registered Pilot Project EU FORT KNOW with IFC partners (SSS-VVC, McCS, Forte Marghera, MEPs)
- Upcoming : **'Between the Lines' - Defence Lines and other EU projects workshop (16/5 Olst-Wijhe, NL)**



EU FORT KNOW



- ***EFFORTS European Open Source Platform on Fortification Heritage Knowledge and Development for EU Cities and Regions ('EU FORT KNOW')***
- **EU PILOT PROJECT PROPOSAL** : registered in April 2019, result selection by September 2019.
- Knowledge and research platform for the re-imagining of military heritage spaces for regeneration in the social, environmental and economic development of Europe's cities and regions.
- Support of the two largest (pre-election) political groups in the Parliament
- 2 mio euro budget requested.

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