

# EFFORTS NEWSFLASH

## European fund granted to EFFORTS.

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**The European Commission has approved the Interreg Europe project Recapture the Fortress Cities (RFC) with a grant of €1.4 Million EU funding. For the first time, EFFORTS is partner in a European project.**

The RFC project aims at improvement of the coexistence of historical monuments – fortified cities and neighbouring forts. There is a number of former fortresses of big historical value in Europe, established in different times. They create the image of today's landscapes and are characteristic as the struggle and war around these cities have formed the current borders of municipalities, regions, countries and Europe. But in many cases such constructions are neglected, some derelict, some presented as historical monuments, or only partly utilised, and in majority of cases they are fragmented and there is a problem to keep them. This requires big financial amounts and a strong cooperation. The RFC project focuses on the development of innovative ways of utilisation of old fortresses with the aim to make their maintenance easier, to include the fortresses into the life of the city by development of sustainable strategies of the maintenance and exploitation of this heritage, by the integrated approach of the fortress structures as they are often viewed from a single point of view, mostly in a conservative way as protected heritage or environment. RFC seeks for the integration and the use of natural and cultural (military) heritage for current and future challenges. EFFORTS is partner to the project. The EU support to a coordination role of EFFORTS is about €80.000,- over a period of 4 years.



Partners of RFC are the Ústí Region (lead partner, CZ), Regional Landscapes Antwerp (B), Region of East Macedonia and Thrace (EL), North-West Regional Development Agency (RO), The Prešov Self-Governing Region (SK), Provincial Government of Teruel (ES), the City of Magdeburg (DE), the Estonian War Museum – General Laidoner Museum (EE) and EFFORTS, the European Federation of Fortified Sites (B).

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