

**EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 10**  
**JUNE 2019**



**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Dear members and sympathizers,

I am very proud to announce to you that the **EFFORTS Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting** will take place in **Antwerp, Belgium**, from **27 to 28 November 2019**. You will find all information on our website from 1 July on. The theme is water and fortifications and European Cooperation. We will be convening in the old Antwerp harbour area, combining visits in and around the city with working groups.

Further, and before the Congress dates, we organise again with EFFORTS members, the second **European Fortress Day 2019** and compete for the **EFFORTS Award 2019** in September ! Check our website for registration.

And EFFORTS is active in other events: the international event organised in **Grolle**, on the border with the Netherlands and Germany. EFFORTS also participates with a side-event at the **European Week of Regions and Cities** with a workshop on Fortification tourism, target groups and storytelling. And last but not least, our member **Camden Fort Meagher** in Cork, received the Dutch royal couple on it State Visit to Ireland.

EFFORTS is evidently still at work, but I wish you all already a beautiful summer and happy holidays !

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



## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR EFFORTS MEMBERSHIP 2019 FEE ?

Put Fortified Heritage high on the European agenda with us, and pay or renew your **EFFORTS membership** in 2019 :

-All present members received their invoice for payment in January.

-If you want to become EFFORTS member, apply via the website : <http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/> 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. Only EFFORTS full members can participate in the European Fortress Day or win the EFFORTS AWARD.

## BOARD NEWS



On 23 May 2019 the EFFORTS Board convened in the city of Bergen op Zoom.

### **BOARD MEETING main decisions:**

-The **EFFORTS Action plan** will be adapted by the Presidency with all board members under the coordination of the secretariat. The first budget overview was accepted.

-The **EFFORTS 2019 Congress and AGM** will take place in Antwerp 27-29/11. Raf Deroo and Tuija Lind will propose, in consultation of the Antwerp partner, to the board the draft agenda of the conference, based on Members' input in November 2018, the EU agenda and EFFORTS past and future actions. The **2020 EFFORTS Congress and AGM** will be organised in Šibenik, Croatia.

-**European Fortress Day (EFD)** will be in September 2019, around European Heritage Days. Starting 2020, EFD date will be at the beginning of the tourist season, end of April 2020. To be confirmed is 18 April.

### **-EFFORTS Funding Professionals Network (EFPN)**

The EFPN, as presented at the EFFORTS Annual General Meeting and Congress in Venice, groups the EU funding officers of each member. It is the central part in the planning of EFFORTS EU activities. It is an open network and all members are invited to actively participate.

- EFFORTS EFPN workshop in Olst-Wijhe (NL) on EU funding
- Interreg project EFFORTS Recapture the Fortress Cities 2019-2023
- EU Pilot project EFFORTS EU FORTS KNOW via the European Parliament
- European Commission Cultural Heritage Forum : Tuija Lind and Rafaël Deroo represent EFFORTS
- Wellington Barrier EU Cultural Cooperation project
- Heritage House in Brussels at the EFFORTS address
- European Heritage Label for fortification sites and defence lines
- European Heritage Alliance 3.3 and EFFORTS
- European Week of Regions and Cities EFFORTS workshop on Fortification, Target Groups and Storytelling, 10 October 2019, 14-17h. at the EFFORTS office.

*EFFORTS EUROPE Workshop*

# FORTIFICATIONS, TARGET GROUPS AND STORY- TELLING

Thursday 10 October 2019

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, 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](mailto: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

# EFFORTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

"FORTIFIED HERITAGE and WATER – the EUROPEAN DIMENSION"

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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](http://www.efforts-europe.eu). Registration opens on July 1st.  
Contact : [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu)



The preparations for the second EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY are well underway. In order to present Europe's forts and fortifications to a larger European public and international partners together with the Dutch foundation Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen we are organizing the second edition of the Europe-wide event 'European Fortress Day'.

2018, the European Year of Cultural Heritage, was at the basis of this initiative. In 2019 we will couple European Fortress Day to the European Heritage Days again. 'Days' indeed, since not all countries organize their Heritage Day at the same Day in September. This way your Fortress Day activity will be easier to catch on in your city or region. **We were 69 fortresses in 9 European countries doing the first EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY 2018.** All present at the EFFORTS Congress in Venice pledged to participate in the new version of the European Fortress Day in 2019 !

All EFFORTS members are invited to open your sites on a day in that month and participate. **How can you participate in European Fortress Day?**

Go to [www.efforts-europe.eu/european-fortress-day](http://www.efforts-europe.eu/european-fortress-day)

- **PAY your EFFORTS MEMBERSHIP FEE for 2019** ([www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/](http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/)). From this year on, only EFFORTS Members can participate.
- **OPEN YOUR SITE TO THE PUBLIC** You are doing this anyway probably and organize a EUROPE-linked action.
- **LOAD THE COMMUNITY** Feed the 'Linie' community (for Dutch members of SLO) or the EFFORTS community (by sending photos to [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu)). We will make sure that your activity is highlighted at the international website of European Fortress Day.
- **USE THE LOGO** Insert the European Fortress Day logo in all communication material, like the EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS. This is free publicity and it is a fitting connection to the European fortress theme. Make an online flyer and present your activity in the online media. And of course, you can put up a banner on your website to highlight your European involvement.
- The logo can be downloaded from 1 June on via [www.liniebreed.nl](http://www.liniebreed.nl) or via [www.efforts-europe.eu](http://www.efforts-europe.eu)
- **SEND PHOTO US MATERIAL**
- In order to make a connection between the European fortress and fortified cities and sites, we are making a short film with slides. This will enable us to present European fortifications to each other and the public. We need therefore high quality images (min. 300 DPI) and a short description of the venue and your Europe-oriented activity. Dutch members of SLO can send their material to Liniebreed Ondernemen. We can only use your photos and texts if all material carries your site information.
- **USE THE HASHTAGS** #europeanfortressday #effortseurope



# DISCOVER THE FORTS IN EUROPE

## WHICH FORT WILL YOU VISIT?

SEPTEMBER 2018, 69 FORTRESSES IN 9 COUNTRIES

### THE NETHERLANDS

- Forts and waterlines: 40 locations (8 September)
- Fortress Den Bosch (8 September)
- Fortress Bergen op Zoom (8 + 9 September)
- Ons Fort Venlo in Limburg (29 September)

### BELGIUM

- Fortress belt of Antwerp: 6 fortresses (9 September)

### ITALY

- Forte Marghera Venice (22 September)

### CROATIA

- Klis Fortress (20 September)
- Sibenik: fortresses Barones and St. Michaels (21+22 September)
- Nin: Church of St. Nicholas (23 September)

### GERMANY

- Zitadella Spandau Berlin (8 + 9 September)

### FRANCE

- Vauban: 14 fortifications (15 + 16 September)

### SERBIA

- Petrovaradin Fortress (29 September)

### CZECH REPUBLIC

- Terezin Fortress (8 September)

### LITHUANIA

- Fortress Kaunas (1, 8 en 22 September)



Fortress belt of Antwerp, Belgium



Klis Fortress, Croatia



Terezin Fortress, Czech Republic

Powered by:



Vauban, France

[WWW.EUROPEANFORTRESSDAY.EU](http://WWW.EUROPEANFORTRESSDAY.EU)

*IN THE NEWS :*

<https://heritage.tribune.eu/europe/efforts-presents-second-european-fortress-day-in-september/>

If you have questions, EFFORTS members please contact : [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu)

SLO members contact [juke@liniebreed.nl](mailto:juke@liniebreed.nl)

<https://www.liniebreed.nl/nieuws/european-fortress-day>

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## **2109 EFFORTS AWARD**

All participants for Innovative fortification participation to the European Fortress Day compete for the annual **EFFORTS Award** that will be presented at the annual EFFORTS Congress (28-29/11/19 in Antwerpen). In 2018 this award went to the Šibenik Fortress of Culture, represented by Mrs. Đurđa Vrljević Šarić.



## CORK Camden Fort Meagher Royal Visit

### ***“EFFORTS Partner Camden Fort Meagher Hosts the Dutch Royal Family”***

*King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands visited EFFORTS partner Camden Fort Meagher on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as part of a three-day State visit to Ireland, the first during their six-year reign. The three-day visit took place against the backdrop of intensive moves to forge closer relations between the State and the Netherlands. The Royal couple travelled to Cork on the third day of their visit to Ireland, where they first met with the Lord Mayor of Cork City, Cllr. John Sheehan. Their Majesties King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima then travelled by boat to Cobh where their 800-passenger Dutch liner Prinsendam docked in the town, sounding its horn in celebration as the Royal couple disembarked their boat ahead of a trade delegation meeting in the Sirius Arts Centre.*

*From there, it was on to Crosshaven, and Camden Fort Meagher, where the Royal couple were met by Tánaiste Simon Coveney, and some local volunteer groups, including the Rescue Camden Volunteers, who King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima praised for their substantial contribution to the restoration of the Fort.*



The King and Queen of the Netherlands are informed on EFFORTS and the European Fortress Day

*Commenting on the visit by the Dutch Royal couple to Camden Fort Meagher, John Forde, Director of Camden Fort Meagher Developments DAC (the company now responsible for the management and operation of the Fort), affirmed that: “The feature of the visit was to get a sense of how volunteerism is integrated into the fabric of Irish community life. The Royal couple seemed keen on the impact volunteerism has on the community. With the work of the volunteers, Camden Fort Meagher also participates in the annual EFFORTS EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY, in September. It is a reflection of all the work volunteers put in over the last number of years. These volunteers are on site every weekend, summer and winter, and even mid-week too. They only take December and January off.”*



#### **EFFORTSsnapshot : Slavica Vujovic**

is a Ph.D. conservation architect, adviser and chief of the Architectural Sector at the Provincial Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Petrovaradin, Serbia. With a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade (“Modern doctrine improvement in built heritage preservation,- The *Centuries of Bač* Project experience”), she works on local development projects based upon the cultural heritage valorisation, where heritage preservation is put into a broader social context. Since 2006, she is an initiator-manager of the Development Project of Integrated Protection of the Heritage “Centuries of Bač”. This project is awarded of Grand Prix EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards 2018, with focus on the Bač Fortress. She is author of the book “Cultural Heritage - How to Preserve it and Utilise it - Centuries of Bač Contribution” and +50 books and articles. In 2013 she was elected Council of Europe Expert in Rehabilitation of Architectural and Archaeological Heritage of South East Europe. Member of ICOMOS, the Conservators Society of Serbia (president 2002-2006) and Europa Nostra, Serbia.



## Open Letter to EU leaders by Europa Nostra's president Plácido Domingo

Ahead of the adoption of the EU Strategic Orientations 2019-2024 by the European Council on 20-21 June, Plácido Domingo, President of Europa Nostra, urged European Council President Donald Tusk and the 28 EU Leaders to recognise the strategic value of our shared culture and cultural heritage for the future of Europe. Following a successful European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, Europa Nostra and its President call upon them to explicitly mention Europe's shared cultural heritage in all pillars of EU's future strategy. EFFORTS strongly supports this.

<http://www.europanostra.org/open-letter-to-eu-leaders-by-placido-domingo/>

### 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 [rafael.deroo@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:rafael.deroo@efforts-europe.eu) (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.

### Historic find in Hellevoetsluis

Preparing a terrain in the center of EFFORTS member Hellevoetsluis (NL), within its original fortress limits, remnants of a large 17<sup>th</sup> century brick wall came to the surface. The municipality considers integrating the find in the new constructions on the site or in a public area.



Article in Dutch : <https://www.rotterdam.nl/bestuur-organisatie/archeologie/#comp:00005ce2264c:0000000a7e:7107>



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**Oost Gelre**

# Save THE Date

**18, 19 en 20 October**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
IN THE FORTIFIED TOWN OF GROENLO (NETHERLANDS)!**

*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.*



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Gelderland



Cost for the weekend € 125,00 per person. This includes, dinner on Friday and Saturday, lunch on Saturday and Sunday and all lectures and workshops (hotel stay is not included). For bookings and further information, contact Bernou Wagenaar via: [b.wagenaar@oostgelre.nl](mailto:b.wagenaar@oostgelre.nl)

## EFFORTS AGENDA

- **EFFORTS – September 2019: Heritage Days in Europe.** EFFORTS organizes for the **SECOND TIME the EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAYS** : participate with your site and promote EFFORTS and EU cooperation. See above for more info.
- **EFFORTS-EFPN Workshop in the European Week of Regions and Cities ‘Fortifications, target groups and storytelling’** : 10 October at EFFORTS office, Trierstraat 67 1000 Brussels, 14-17h. (see announcement earlier in this newsletter)
- **International Fortress Council General Assembly**, 10 October, Graz, Austria <http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html>
- **Battle for GROLLE International Conference event**, Groenlo, Netherlands, 18-20 October (see information above)
- **EUROPA NOSTRA European Heritage Summit** in Paris, 27-31 October <http://www.europanostra.org/european-heritage-summit/>
- **EFFORTS Annual Congress and Annual General Meetings 2019**: 27-29 November 2019, Antwerp, Belgium. See announcement above and from 1 July on [www.efforts-europe.eu](http://www.efforts-europe.eu).
- 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)** : <http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html>. 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)**: <https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/regional-activities-europe/39374-upcoming-events-save-the-date>

### 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.**

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