



# EFFORTS Annual Congress & Annual General Meeting

Fortified Heritage and Water - The European Dimension

Program November 27 till 29, 2019

Hosted by the City of Antwerp, Belgium





# Invitation

Welcome to the third annual EFFORTS meeting on “Fortified Heritage and Water. - The European Dimension” from November 28 till 29. Host of the 2019 edition is Antwerp.

EFFORTS strongly believes that local and regional authorities should work together to establish European quality projects in fortified heritage in order to preserve and re-use common European heritage through sustainable development, among which are water related projects. By this, they will contribute to the post-2018 European Framework for Culture and the 2020+ EU policies.

The main goals of the Antwerp edition are:

- to discuss water issues crucial to all fortifications at their building time, from today’s viewpoint. Antwerp has many examples on the use of water for fortifications, drainage, and climate adaptation measures. A great meeting place for in-depth discussions.
- To support EFFORTS members and future members on building European projects. Networking opportunities and exchanging information in workshops and at on-site visits are a central part of the Program.

# Program

**November 27, 2019**  
15.30 - 17.00

Felix Archive  
Oudeleeuwenrui 29  
Antwerp  
Belgium

Exclusive for  
Efforts members 2019

15:00    Welcome

15:30    **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- Announcements
- Approval of the Agenda
- Brief Activity Report 2018
- Membership Strategy status
- Financial Report 2018
- Auditors’ report (Lex Roolvink - Thomas O’Neill)
- Action Plan 2020-2021
- Budget 2020 - 2021
- Election of Board Members
- Other business

19:00    Informal meet-up in the city





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## Speaker presentation

Jana Kerremans

## Congress President Day 1

Frank Petter

08:30 Registration of congress participants and coffee

## INTRODUCTION

### 09:30 CONGRESS WELCOME

Johan Veeckman, Head of Heritage Department Antwerp, BE  
Frank Petter, President of EFFORTS, Mayor of Bergen op Zoom, NL  
Bart De Wever, Mayor of Antwerp, BE

10:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH** European Heritage Culture Policy Post -  
2018 / EU Climate Environmental policy.  
European Commissioner (tbc)

## PART 1 FORTIFICATIONS, WATER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

10:20 **KEYNOTE SPEECH** European military heritage and water  
engineering: past and present.  
Piet Lombaerde, University of Antwerp, BE

10:50 How can city fortifications contribute to present-day water  
management? The restauration of Lillo fortress and the SIGMA  
flood defence project  
Frederick Bruneel, Public Space Department, Antwerp, BE  
David Verhoestraete, Architect Cluster-Landscape, BE  
Karen Minsaer, Archaeology Department, Antwerp, BE

11:10 The Antwerp Waterfront projects and the Quays Masterplan  
Nancy Meijsmans, Real Estate, Antwerp, BE

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11:30 Climate change : a social issue and the role of fortification heritage  
Kathleen Van Brempt, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

11:40 Coffee

## PART 2 BREAK-OUT 1 MAPPING INTEREST IN WATER AND OTHER PROJECTS FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION

12:10 Simultaneous workshops

**WORKSHOP 1 Water for Defence / Defence for water**  
Discussion leader: Huibert Crijns, ‘s Hertogenbosch, NL  
Report: Arco Willeboordse, Sluis, NL

**WORKSHOP 2 Defence Lines (water and other defence lines)**  
Discussion leader: Mathieu De Meyer, Coordinator Raversyde, BE  
Report: Luc Olyslaeger, BE

**WORKSHOP 3 Fortified Knowledge for economic and social development**  
Discussion leader: Durđa Vrljević Šarić, Šibenik Fortress of Culture, RS  
Report: Bernou Wagenaar, Oost Gelre, NL

# WORKSHOP 1

**Water for Defence / Defence for water**  
Defence landscapes have in the past often combined engineering skills with amphibious landscape qualities. Now this European heritage offers chances for climate adaptation. Could the inundation fields be used to retain water or serve as overflow relief? Can we use the system of sluices and weirs to drive up water and use the kinetic power to generate energy, using old technology like waterwheels? Can we again open up canals and waterways to the tides, harnessing the tidal power even in a urban context, all the while creating a more climate-resilient landscape? And how far are we willing to go to change the very fabric of historic defence landscapes to adapt to a changing world? Can we use solar panels to evoke the shapes of defence works and inundation fields, adding visibility to an invisible landscape layer, while at the same moment generating energy? And what about the masonry conservation challenges? What do cities and regions do in the reuse of water fortifications and water management?

# WORKSHOP 2

**Defence Lines (water and other defence lines)**  
Europe is composed of ancient and more recent defence lines, from UK’s Hadrian’s wall, via the Spanish fortifications and the Wellington Barrier and WWI and WWII defences, to the Cold War Dutch IJssel-line. Former signs of the division of the continent and its islands, their relevance, besides its architectural, technical and historical value, is to connect former European enemies in a modern European Union and its allies. Today, defence lines at their common European heritage have the role of a bridge between countries, cultures and people. Which are Europe’s defence lines? Which can play a role in future European collaborative projects, like historic and touristic routes or platform for cultural action, or can be the object of economic or environmental development ?

# WORKSHOP 3

**Fortified Knowledge for economic and social development**  
Cultural and creative industries can ensure innovation and high-quality services. Fortified heritage being an integral part of European cohesion, has the potential to build bridges between tradition, innovation and education. Its repair, maintenance and development – based on research and knowledge – offer opportunities not only for a large range of local businesses and larger companies professionals, but also for non-professionals and volunteers. Fortified heritage triggers a spill-over effect into other industrial sectors, such as tourism, retail, and digital technologies. With innovative initiatives, fortified heritage presents an opportunity for job creation. Moreover, the conservation cultural and catering sectors for instance are ideally suited for the influx of experienced professionals who can transfer their years of experience to younger generations or specific social groups distanced from the labour market. What can be concrete proposals for action in social economic development?



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13:10    Lunch

14:00    **SITE VISIT** Walk to MAS (Museum at the River), Waterfront projects, Waterfront Quays and the castle Het Steen

## PART 3 BREAK-OUT 2 MAPPING EUROPEAN FUNDING POSSIBILITIES

15:45    Simultaneous Working Groups

### WORKSHOP 1 Environmental EU projects

Discussion leader: Hans De Schryver, Nature and Forest Department Flanders, BE  
Report: Karen Gysen, Simon Stevin VVC, BE

### WORKSHOP 2 Cultural EU projects

Discussion leader: Barbara Gessler, Head of Unit Culture at the EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, DE  
Report: Hendrik Haafkens, Zutphen, NL

### WORKSHOP 3 Socio-economic and other EU development projects

Discussion leader: Hanne Witters, Antwerp Province Interreg Contact point,BE  
Report:Darragh O’Suilleabhain, Fort Meagher, Cork, UK

16:10    Coffee

16:45    **RESULTS** of the workshops and plenary discussion  
Lex Roolvink, Mayor of Grave, NL and 6 Workshop rapporteurs

# WORKSHOP 1

## Environmental EU projects

The EU LIFE program consists of funding for nature conservation projects in particular in the areas of biodiversity, habitats and species. It provides action grants for best practice, pilot and demonstration projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the implementation and development of EU policy and law, best practices and solutions. It also promotes knowledge sharing and integrated approaches, such as for climate change mitigation strategies and action plans at local, regional or national level. How can fortified heritage projects support this policy and vice versa ?

# WORKSHOP 2

## Cultural EU projects

The EU Creative Europe program is the only program focusing exclusively on cultural and creative activities and enterprises, it falls under the ‘Cohesion and values’ heading of the 2021-2027 EU budget. Under the proposed program, the economic dimension and the sector’s contribution to job creation and economic growth is one axis alongside its social dimension. What are the possibilities for fortified heritage partners cooperation in this field ?

# WORKSHOP 3

## Socio-economic and other EU development projects

The European Union is strengthening its economic, social and territorial cohesion. In particular, the EU aims at reducing disparities between the levels of development of its various regions and cities. Special attention is paid to, among others, rural and urban areas, areas affected by industrial transition and cross-border regions. Can fortified heritage reuse in Europe’s regions and cities contribute to the improvement of regional or urban spatial and socio-economic development ?



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## EUROPEAN FORTRESS DAY

17:45 EFFORTS European Fortress Days 2019 and 2020  
& EFFORTS Awards 2019

Frank Petter, EFFORTS President, NL

Juke van Niekerk, Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen, NL

19:00 Dinner reception offered by the City of Antwerp at the Congress Venue

21:00 Walk to the old town (Grote Markt area)





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08:30 Welcome coffee and luggage drop

## PART 4 FORTIFIED HERITAGE AND WATER

09:00 Considerations on sea level rise and the future of coastal and river strongholds  
Christiano Lepratti, University of Genua, IT

09:20 The Antwerp water plan and drought study  
Samuel Van De Vijver, Environmental Department, Antwerp, BE

09:40 Malta’s maritime fortifications: an investment in sustainable tourism  
Malcolm Borg, UN Global Compact - Cities, MT  
Program and EU Project Coordinator

10:00 Coffee

## PART 5 FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION

10:20 Recapture the Fortress Cities Interreg Europe project (with EFFORTS RFC partnership)  
Wim Debaene, Regionale Landschappen, Province of Antwerp, BE

10:40 European Quality Principles and Cultural Heritage  
Tuija Lind, ICOMOS, Suomenlinna, FI

11:00 Future fortified heritage cooperation  
Daniele Sferra, ISAM, IT

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(10 min walk to Central Station)

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11:20 Conclusions of the congress: ‘EFFORTS Antwerp Statement 2019’  
Frank Petter, EFFORTS President, NL

11:45 Presentation of the venue of the 2020 EFFORTS Congress  
Photo & Press Moment  
Frank Petter, EFFORTS President, NL

10:00 Lunch at Congress Venue

14:00 **SITE VISIT** Walk to Kipdorp Gate excavation site  
Femke Martens and Karen Minsaer, Archeaology Department, Antwerp, BE

15:00 Farewell drink at Kipdorp Gate - offered by City of Antwerp

16:30 Safe travels and see you in 2020



# Join us in Antwerp

**Register before November 15 following these steps:**

**1. Fill out this form**

<https://forms.gle/6yh8FRqBkdn2t2eq8>

**2. Your registration is complete after payment**

Congress Fee:

- members: 190 euro
- non-members: 210 euro

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# EFFORTS and partners



EFFORTS is a European network organisation established in 2017 to share knowledge and practical expertise on military heritage, such as walled towns, forts and defence lines. The basis for EFFORTS was laid during the final congress of the At Fort Interreg IVC project in Suomenlinna, Helsinki (Finland 2014) and international conferences on military heritage in 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands 2016) and Berlin-Spandau Zitadelle (Germany 2017). Today EFFORTS unites more than 50 European fortified sites and networks and is growing. Since 2018 EFFORTS has been a European professional representation of fortified sites. It is member of the Europa Nostra managed European Heritage Alliance 3.3. Today EFFORTS' main mission is the structuring of European cooperation and keeping military fortified heritage on the European policy agenda. EFFORTS believes that European cooperation is the key to achieving its goals. Any local or regional authority and any person actively engaged in the protection and re-use of military heritage at European, national, regional or local level is welcome to join EFFORTS. The EFFORTS' aim is to enhance structural European cooperation and coordination, to share expertise, to promote personal cooperation and to put fortified heritage on the agenda as a permanent link with our common European history. This in order to make a sustainable contribution to Europe's economic, energy, spatial development and social challenges.

More information : [www.efforts-europe.eu](http://www.efforts-europe.eu)

