

EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 18
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

We see that our fortified sites are coming to life again, after months of locked doors. We are therefore happy to present to you the **EFFORTS European Fortress Summer**, grouping all these initiatives and showing Europe that the **Forts are Open** ! Do register for this Europe-wide event and join us in the competition for the EFFORTS Award.

Over the last months, EFFORTS and its members concretized two workshops for you to participate and enjoy. You will find all information on this in this Newsletter :

- the EFFORTS Spring Workshop on the Impact of European Heritage, as a step-up for the EFFORTS Fortified Heritage Impact Study, that we are starting with the University of Venice and the **EFFORTS Knowledge Center** on 7 July.
- the EFFORTS Fall Workshop on the implication of youth and citizens in fortified heritage (as an official partner in the **EU Week of Regions and Cities**), in October.

Soon we will inform you on the following EFFORTS events : an **October conference on fortified sites that have been concentration or detention camps** that we will organize with Liberation Route Europe Foundation, and the **November EFFORTS Congress on the EU Green Deal**, organised with the Dutch Zuiderwaterlinie.

I wish you a good summer.

Frank Petter

Mayor of Bergen-op-Zoom, Netherlands
President of EFFORTS



→ THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2021 EFFORTS MEMBERSHIP!

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or contact the EFFORTS secretariat : info@efforts-europe.be

JOIN EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2021 !




EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER Registration information :

- You open your fort between now and European Heritage Days ? :
 - o Register by filling in the form on the EFFORTS website
 - o Or send a mail to info@efforts-europe.eu
- We will send you the logo's to use for the communication about your activity or event
- Use the logos and #EFFortsEurope #EuropeanFortressSummer
- Send back by 30 SEPTEMBER all visual information for us to publicize (free of rights).
- If you think you qualify for the EFFORTS Award (for the most original / innovative EFSummer participation), please follow all the above !
- See you at the Efforts 2021 Congress, end of November.



In 2021, the original EFFORTS **European Fortress Day** becomes the EFFORTS **FORTRESS SUMMER**, organised with EFFORTS members FORTE CULTURA and Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen. The participants of EFFORTS FORTRESS SUMMER will compete for the **EFFORTS Award**.

<https://www.efforts-europe.eu/european-fortress-day/>
<https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/fortress-summer>



EFFORTS survey for fortified sites across Europe - preparation for Congress 2020

"THE SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FORTIFIED HERITAGE: CRISIS RESILIENCE, PRESENT AND FUTURE"

Drew (fortified heritage manager)

This survey is the first site inventory & quantitative study on the importance and the socio-economic value of each of the European countries' fortified heritage and the results of this study will be presented at the 19th Annual EFFORTS Congress (2020). The Congress will be held in the heart of the historic Old Town of Amsterdam (NL) and the European study will be co-ordinated by the 2019 and 2020 ANNUAL EFFORTS.

EFFORTS is a European network organisation established in 2017 to share knowledge and expertise on military heritage, such as walled towns, forts and defence lines. Today EFFORTS has been a European public-private partnership of fortified sites. It is the consortium of Europe's leading military heritage representation of fortified sites. It is European and global. EFFORTS believes that European cooperation in the military heritage is vital.

1 IMPORTANT Filling in the survey is a prerequisite a condition for the free participation to the EFFORTS congress 2020.
More information about EFFORTS and its 19th 2020 congress: www.efforts.eu
Contact Secret: info@efforts-europe.eu



'FORTIFICATIONS IMPACT'

Address : Jan Blanken Droogdok, Dokweg 5, Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands



Register for 'live' or 'online' attendance at info@efforts-europe.eu. (mention 'live' / 'online')

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The Zoom Meeting link will be communicated after registration.

INTRODUCTION

Fortification sites are a specific category of structurally solid and well defined heritage: a large amount of sites, with a local to global importance, constituting suitable laboratories for heritage, tourism, environmental and spatial development and energy efficiency climate change mitigation measures.

In Covid-times we saw that many heritage sites were getting in financial problems. However, when one asks for more funding, one should know its value in the cultural, social, environmental and economic setting.

Every organisation should know its value and impact in all different fields. Every stakeholder organisation should know its sectoral impact, the economic, social and other impact its members have combined.

The European Federation of Fortified Sites wants to establish with this European Fortified Heritage socio-economic Impact Study (FHIS) a scientific position as to what constitutes the socio-economic and other impact of European fortified heritage that can be a tool for EFFORTS and decision makers, showing the economic, social, cultural and environmental importance of fortified sites in Europe.

The study is necessary to list the factors that show the exacts impact of the fortified sector in Europe, to show their value in society, and to prepare each stakeholder for future challenges and to help them come up with innovative solutions for future challenges.

Together with the city of **Hellevoetsluis**, with its **400 year Fortified Port Anniversary** and social entrepreneurship in its Jan Blanken dry dock and its rich fortification history, forming the basis of its present development, EFFORTS presents at this European Funding Professionals Network workshop the start of its **Fortification Heritage Impact Study (FHIS)**. This launch of the study on the added value of fortified heritage sites and their workings, will be illustrated by examples : **the drydock economic and social activity** of two EFFORTS members and the road to a possible **European cooperation between European fortified port cities**. The FHIS will be supported by the **FORTE CULTURA – EFFORTS Joint Scientific Committee and the EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Institute** in Venice, Italy. Both will be presented at the workshop.

PROGRAMME

8h.30 - Entry of participants

9h.00 - Welcome

- **Milène Junius**, Mayor of Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands : 400 Year Port Anniversary (20 min)

- **Frank Petter**, President of EFFORTS and Mayor of Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands (5 min)

9h.25 - Presentational round by all participants

9u.50 - Presentation of the fortified sea port of Hellevoetsluis : **Bob Benschop**, Regional Archives, Voorne-Putten region, Netherlands

10h.10 - Presentation of the FHIS and the preliminary study : **Daniele Sferra**, Representative of Fondazione Forte Marghera and vice-president of the Istituto per la Storia e l'Architettura Militare (ISAM), Italy, and member of the board of EFFORTS

10h.40 - Short break.

11h.00 - The Fortification Heritage Impact Preliminary Study : University Ca' Foscari, Italy

11h.20 - Presentation of the Forte Marghera EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center: **Stefano Mondini**, President Fondazione Forte Marghera and **Fiorenzo Meneghelli**, Director of the EFFORTS International Fortification Knowledge Center, Venice-Mestre, Italy

11h. 40 - Launch and presentation of the FORTE CULTURA / EFFORTS Joint Scientific Committee: **Dirk Röder**, vice-president FORTE CULTURA, Berlin, Germany

12h.00 - Today's socio-economic impact of sea fortresses and their drydocks

-The Jan Blanken dry dock : **Duncan Peltenburg**, Director Fortresse Holland, Hellevoetsluis

-The Suomenlinna dry dock development project : **Tuija Lind**, Senior Architect, Governing Body of Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland

12h.30 - Road to European cooperation between fortified port cities, projects and funding synergies: **Huibert Crijns**, Funding officer, Heritage Department, City of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, and **Daniele Sferra**, ISAM / EFFORTS.

13h.00 - Discussion

13h.20 - Conclusions

- **Margriet den Brok-Swakhoven**, Elderwoman, City of Hellevoetsluis

- **Rafaël Deroo**, EFFORTS Secretary General

13h.30 - End of the workshop, lunch.

14h.30 to 17h.00 - Guided livestreamed tour of the historic Hellevoetsluis ramparts and drydock, by 'Stichting Verdedigingswerken Hellevoetsluis' and 'Jan Blanken Dry Dock'.



CALL FOR CANDIDACIES FOR THE FORTE CULTURA – EFFORTS JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The joint Forte Cultura - EFFORTS scientific committee will be active, via established sub-committees or ad-hoc committees in heritage, history, management, social science, environment and climate, architecture, archeology, digital development and databases and fortress management. We are looking for experts in these fields. The committee will be linked with the **Forte Marghera EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center**.

One of the first tasks of the Committee will be the **Fortification Heritage Study 2021** (see elsewhere in this Newsletter under Workshop Hellevoetsluis 7 July). For your candidature or information, contact EFFORTS at info@efforts-europe.eu or FORTE CULTURA at office@forte-cultura.eu



EFFORTS COMMUNITY 'ROLL CALL' : City of Namur

The city of Namur is strategically located on the European map. Close to France, the Netherlands and Germany, the city has served as a point of defense throughout history. The Citadel is located on a rocky outcrop located at the confluence of the Sambre and Meuse rivers. Its construction spanned several centuries. Initially a defensive castle and home of the Counts of Namur from the 10th to the 15th century, it was extended in the 16th century to cope with the evolution of artillery. The area called 'Médiane' was born, with its bastioned walls and casemates.

In the 17th century, the fortifications were extended to 15 hectares with the construction of a new bastioned area, Terra Nova. The Citadel continued to expand in the 18th century to reach, including forts and detached walls, about 150 hectares (compared to 55 today). It was completely redesigned by the Dutch between 1815 and 1830 after experiencing a period of abandonment. At the end of the 19th century, the evolution of artillery and fire ranges made the Citadel obsolete and a belt of nine forts was built around the city, the Fortified Position of Namur (PFN), similar to the fortified positions of Liège and Antwerp.

The demilitarized land around the heart of the Citadel was then ceded to the City of Namur and developed for walking and leisure, marking the start of the site's tourist transition. In the early days of World War II, the PFN command post was installed in part of the underground passages of the Citadel of Namur. This will be the last major military work at the site. In 1977, the Army left the fortress for good and the Citadel has since been fully open to tourists and walkers. The fortified site and several of its elements, mainly walls and underground, have been classified since 1991 and 1996.

La ville de Namur est stratégiquement située sur la carte européenne. Proche de la France, des Pays-Bas et de l'Allemagne, la ville a servi de point de défense tout au long de l'Histoire. La Citadelle se trouve sur un éperon rocheux situé au confluent de la Sambre et de la Meuse. Sa construction s'est échelonnée sur plusieurs siècles. D'abord château défensif et lieu de vie des comtes de Namur du 10^e au 15^e siècle, elle est agrandie au 16^e siècle pour faire face à l'évolution de l'artillerie. La zone dénommée Médiane voit le jour, avec ses murailles bastionnées et ses casemates.

Au 17^e siècle, les fortifications sont portées à 15 hectares avec la construction d'une nouvelle zone bastionnée, Terra Nova. La Citadelle a continué de s'étendre au 18^e siècle pour atteindre, en comprenant les forts et les murs détachés, environ 150 hectares (contre 55 actuellement). Elle est entièrement remaniée par les Hollandais entre 1815 et 1830 après avoir connu une période d'abandon. A la fin du 19^e siècle l'évolution de l'artillerie et des portées de tirs rendent la Citadelle obsolète et une ceinture de neuf forts est construite autour de la ville, la Position Fortifiée de Namur (PFN), analogue aux positions fortifiées de Liège et d'Anvers.

Les terrains démilitarisés autour du cœur de la Citadelle sont alors cédés à la Ville de Namur et aménagés pour la promenade et les loisirs marquant le début de la transition touristique du site. Aux premiers jours de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, le poste de commandement de la PFN est installé dans une partie des souterrains de la Citadelle de Namur. Ce seront les derniers travaux militaires d'envergure sur le site. En 1977, l'Armée quitte définitivement la forteresse et la Citadelle est depuis lors entièrement ouverte aux touristes et promeneurs.

Le site fortifié et plusieurs de ses éléments, principalement murailles et souterrains, sont classés depuis 1991 et 1996.



EFFORTS AGENDA

On 8 June 2021 the Creative Europe 'Cooperation' and 'European Network' calls were publicized :

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/calls_en



EU Week of Regions and Cities : 11 to 14 October 2021



<https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/>

The 2021 #EURegionsWeek will take place digitally on 11-14 October, under the slogan “**Together for recovery**”, with four main themes:

- Green Transition: for a sustainable and green recovery
- Cohesion: from emergency to resilience
- Digital Transition for people
- **Citizens' engagement: for an inclusive, participative and fair recovery**

On 14 October (*tentative date*), together with the URBAN project ‘Culture and Cultural Heritage’, led by a the German Ministry of the Interior, EFFORTS organises as official partner of the EU Week, a joint workshop on the following issues:

The Urban Agenda and EFFORTS

-New ideas for Culture and Cultural Heritage-

- A: Strengthening cultural identity and wellbeing
- B: Sustainable cultural tourism and democracy building
- C: Reusing ‘forgotten’ spaces and buildings for cultural purposes
Strengthening urban resilience through heritage
- D: Citizens' engagement in fortified heritage, volunteers and youth :

Speakers:

-*The future is Heritage, Young Professionals Dutch Provinces project*: Anne-Wil Maris, Brabant Heritage Agency, Netherlands

-*Fortress of Culture Šibenik, good practice for citizens involvement into heritage development*: Đurđa Vrljević Šarić, Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia

With the REMPART youth heritage organisation www.rempart.com

For more information about the EU Urban Agenda

<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda-eu/what-urban-agenda-eu>



For more information on Urban Innovative Actions for cities

<https://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/knowledge-lab>

Oost Gelre '1627' Spanish heritage route



This spring, EFFORTS Member Oost Gelre opened an interactive walking route '1627- Through Your Eyes' around its 17th century fortified and immaterial heritage. Oost Gelre with its fortified town Groenlo (Grolle) is the anchor point, together with a Gelderland and Dutch cycling route along 80-Year War heritage, of a new **Creative Europe project proposal 'VIA HISPANIA'**, led by Oost Gelre and supported by EFFORTS and EFFORTS Member City of Antwerp.

Are you interested in still **joining the Via Hispania cultural tourism project** ? Send a mail to info@efforts-europe.eu

INTERREG Fortitude seminars

In Bar, Montenegro, on 26 and 27 May 2021, EFFORTS, with experts from ISAM and 's-Hertogenbosch, organised the Fortress of Culture Šibenik – led Interreg project first of three hybrid or live seminars, on Heritage and Interpretation. The next seminars, again with EFFORTS cooperation, are in Banja Luka (BH) on Heritage and Tourism, and Karlovac (HR) on Heritage and Promotion.

FORTITUDE

Workshop HERITAGE AND INTERPRETATION

26-27 May 2021

Address : Hotel Princess Bar, Montenegro



FORTITUDE, EU Interreg IPA CBC project

The objective of FORTITUDE is to develop and improve supporting tourism facilities at historic fortresses and to create joint cultural events that will increase tourism attractiveness of the programme area and increase the number of visitors out of high season. The results of the project will be reflected in the improvement of visitor centers at fortresses in 5 cities: Šibenik (HR), Karlovac (HR), Banja Luka (BiH), Herceg Novi (MNE) and Bar (MNE), in development of sightseeing routes featuring visits to fortresses and the stakeholder representatives will be trained in tourism heritage management. Project cross-border added value is reflected in development of long-term cooperation in managing joint manifestation, mutual digital promotion of sites via digital kiosks and standardization of heritage tourism management through capacity building training and know-how exchange.



OTHER EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- **Call for Citizens Debates on the Future of Europe in Heritage Sites**



“On the occasion of Europe Day, Europa Nostra – in association with other 50 member organisations of the European Heritage Alliance, which celebrates this year its 10th anniversary – launches a wide call to organise during 2021 inspiring and engaging citizens debates on the future of Europe in cultural heritage sites across Europe. This grassroots initiative is a meaningful contribution both to the Conference on the Future of Europe and to the New European Bauhaus, of which Europa Nostra and some other members of the European Heritage Alliance are proud official partners.”

If you want to participate, you can find all information and a communication toolkit on the Europa Nostra website :

www.europanostra.org/europa-nostra-calls-for-citizens-debates-on-the-future-of-europe-in-heritage-sites

- **ATLANTIKWALL EUROPE End Conference, 17 June 2021**



Atlantikwall Europe - 2018-2021 END CONFERENCE WEBINAR



17 June 2021

10h.15 – 14h.15 (Channel Islands time : 9h.15 – 13h.15)

Zoom meeting

Webinar participation is free of charge, but only via prior registration by 16 June at info@atlantikwalleurope.eu

Within 24 hours prior to the workshop you will receive the meeting link, manual and the final programme. At the meeting, you are invited to actively participate in one of the break-out rooms.

The webinar is in French and English, with interpretation available, and will be recorded. All presentations will be put on the www.atlantikwalleurope.eu webpages.

INTRODUCTION

Atlantikwall Europe is a partnership of cultural heritage organisations in the seven Atlantic Wall countries Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, and the Channel Islands. The aim is to build a European cooperation framework where Atlantic Wall sites, memorial sites, museums and institutions can share ideas, find guidance and connect with other partners. The network is open to all Atlantic Wall sites and interested organisations.

Atlantikwall Europe started in 2018 and ends in June 2021. The project is co-funded by the Creative Europe Program of the European Union.

All information and registration : www.atlantikwalleurope.eu and info@atlantikwalleurope.eu

- Register for the **Heritage and Interpretation conference** of Interpret Europe, a European Alliance member <https://www.interpreteuropeconference.net/>
- Check out the **Cultural Heritage in Action** project (contact: Julie.herve@eurocities.eu): <http://www.culturalheritageinaction.eu/> EURO CITIES, in partnership with KEA, ERRIN, Europa Nostra and the Architects Council of Europe, has been selected by the European Commission to implement Cultural heritage in action, a peer-learning scheme financed by the European Union on cultural heritage to support exchanges between large numbers of cities, regions and stakeholders, thus building a broad learning community. It was presented at the 2020 EFFORTS congress.



- 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>.



- With IFC, EFFORTS will inform on the upcoming **Wellington Line conferences** in Belgium (26 November 2020 in Oostende) and the Netherlands. See the Simon Stevin VVC website for confirmation of the events mentioned underneath, some co-organised with EFFORTS members



Wellington Barrier
European Boulevard

- EFFORTS supports 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>

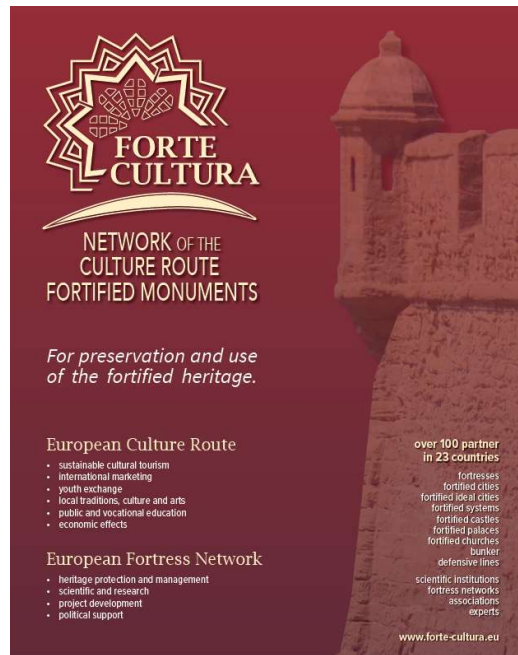
ICOMOS
conseil international des monuments et des sites

- For more European news on cultural heritage : <https://heritagetribune.eu/>

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- Check EFFORTS member **Forte Cultura's network actions and Culture Route** : <https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/netzwerk-en/activities>



Since June 2020, the fortress networks EFFORTS and FORTE CULTURA have been linked by a cooperation agreement. **EFFORTS members are automatically associated members in FORTE CULTURA and vice versa.** Associate members, however, have limited access to the extensive services of the cultural route in fortress marketing and tourism. New online marketing tools, tour guide certifications or the joint development of tailor-made tourist offers and promotions are just some of the advantages of full membership. FORTE CULTURA e.V. offers all EFFORTS members the opportunity to upgrade to full membership with a discount of 25% on the membership fee of the first 2 years. That means for a city 450€ than 600€ per year.

Become an **official station** of the **cultural route FORTE CULTURA, which is about to be certified as Cultural Route of the Council of Europe.** For more information, please contact Dirk Röder in the network office Berlin: office@forte-cultura.eu www.forte-cultura.eu
<http://www.forte-cultura-project.eu/>

- EFFORTS, via its members Regionale Landschappen and Simon Stevin V.V.C., participates in the set-up of the **regional meetings in Flanders (BE)**, organised within the EU Interreg Europe project **Recapture the Fortress Cities.**

<https://keep.eu/projects/21538/Recapture-the-Fortress-Citi-EN/>

The next meeting is in Lier on 22 June. Alle meetings are in Dutch. Results of these meetings can be found on www.regionalelandschappen.be. This is the meeting series:

20 January 2021 : Vestingsteden en forten in groen en blauw (Dendermonde)

22 June 2021 : Forten, visie en financiering (Lier)

September / October 2021 : Recreatie, toerisme en beleving (Mechelen)

January 2022 : Ruimtelijke planning en landschapsarchitectuur (Herentals)

May 2022: Innovatie en opbouw van netwerken, open erfgoed en publiekswerking (Antwerp)

RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES



Regionale Stakeholder Meeting

FORTEN, VISIE EN FINANCIERING

Samenwerking tussen stakeholders: overheden, middenveld en privé-sector
in het ontwikkelen van vestingserfgoed

Lier, dinsdag 22 Juni 2021, 8u.30- 13u.30
Online event (Zoom)



RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES



#Lier #RecapturetheFortressCities #RFC

Contact, inschrijvingen en vragen : info@efforts-europe.eu

Online Zoom organisatie : EntityOne



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 (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.

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