



## Workshop EFFORTS

### 'FORTIFICATIONS IMPACT'

The kick-off of the *European Fortified Heritage Socio-Economic Impact Study (FHIS)*

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

Wednesday 7 July, 9h00-13h30



***This is a 'hybrid' workshop, both organised in situ (live) and online (videoconferencing/streaming). Attending the workshop is free. Registration is required at [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu).***

## 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, vice-president of the Istituto per la Storia e l'Architettura Militare (ISAM), Italy, and member of the Board of EFFORTS

*10h.20 - Short break.*

10h.30 - **Michele Bettin, Monica Biasolo, Elisa Casagrande, Agnese Gambini, Emma Magistri, Giulia Miraglia, Nicole Paludo**, University Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy : The Fortification Heritage Impact Preliminary Study *and discussion*

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 and member of the Board of EFFORTS, Berlin, Germany

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

-The Jan Blanken dry dock : **Igor Kluin**, President of the board of Fortresse Holland, Hellevoetsluis and **Hans van Kerkhof**, President of the Jan Blanken Dry Dock Foundation

-The Suomenlinna dry dock development project : **Tuija Lind**, Senior Architect, Governing Body of Suomenlinna and member of the Board of EFFORTS, 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

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'.

