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Zuiderwaterlinie Liniemeeting & 6th EFFORTS congress

1 & 2 december 2021, Brussel





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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members, Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

At the end of a summer where we were happy to see that dozens of fortified heritage sites opened again to the public, I can say that we start the working year with renewed enthousiasm !

The summer was not spent idly at EFFORTS. More than 40 members and other participants joined the EFFORTS hybrid 7 July workshop on the <u>Impact of European Heritage</u>, as a step-up for the EFFORTS Fortified Heritage Impact Study, starting with the University of Venice and the **EFFORTS Knowledge Center.** At the same time we presented the possibility to organise European cooperation in the field of fortified ports.

During the summer months, EFFORTS also submitted to the European Commission its **Creative Europe Network project 'EFFORTS Goes Green'**, a three year action plan on green and inclusive use of built military heritage sites.

On **14 October**, the EFFORTS Fall Workshop on the <u>implication of youth and volunteers in fortified</u> <u>heritage</u> will an official partner in the **EU Week of Regions and Cities.**

On **20 October EFFORTS,** with its partner, the Liberation Route Europe Foundation, and in the frame of its WWII Liberation event days *Canadays*, will present in Bergen op Zoom their project route on fortified sites that have been concentration or detention camps.

And last but not least, **on 1-2 December EFFORTS**_with its members Zuiderwaterlinie and War Heritage Institute, will organise its <u>annual congress</u>, in 2022 on the EU Green Deal. The Annual General Assembly will be on 30 November. These events are all in Brussels, Belgium, in the Royal Museum of the Army and Military History.

I hope to see you at our events ! #WeAreEFFORTS

Frank Petter

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



EFFORTS PRESENTATION VIDEO

EFFORTS presented in the European Fortress Summer 2021 its new video and this thanks to its members ! Check it out at <u>www.efforts-europe.eu</u> or at <u>https://youtu.be/q9OWMtVwyzk</u>



EFFORTS 1-2 DECEMBER 2021 ANNUAL CONGRESS







The 2021 EFFORTS Congress is at the Royal Museum of the Armed Forces and Military History. This museum is part of the Belgian War Heritage Institute, an EFFORTS Europe member

Goals and Key Message of the sixth annual EFFORTS Congress and Zuiderwaterlinie Liniemeeting:

The Brussels 2021 EFFORTS Congress has as goals :

1. To present the key elements of the EU Green Deal for fortified heritage sites in Europe;

2. To present European local and regional authorities' fortified sites' **best practices** in sustainable heritage and energy and climate adaptation actions.

As Europe aspires to be the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. More energy-efficient, circular, and climate-proof solutions for economic recovery and development are needed.

The EFFORTS and Zuiderwaterlinie congress key message is:

The 2021 European Federation of Fortified Sites and Zuiderwaterlinie congress focus on the potential of fortified heritage to enhance social capital, boost economic growth and secure environmental sustainability, demonstrating the relevance of cultural heritage for achieving the ambitious goals of the European Green Deal This congress aims to demonstrate how fortified heritage contributes to a European sustainable future and so show fortified heritage's role in achieving these green ambitions.'

The programme and registration information will be send out via a special EFFORTS News Flash at the end of September / beginning of October.

You can pre-register already by sending a mail message at the latest on 1 October to <u>info@efforts-</u><u>europe.eu</u>.

The EFFORTS AGM will be on 30 November (afternoon) in Brussels.

EU WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES EFFORTS WORKSHOP 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, together with the EU URBAN project 'Culture and Cultural Heritage', led by the German Ministry of the Interior, EFFORTS organises as official partner of the EU Week of Regions, 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, with REMPART <u>www.rempart.com</u> and European Heritage Volunteers <u>www.heritagevolunteers.eu</u> *-Fortress of Culture Šibenik, good practice for citizens involvement into heritage development*: Đurđa Vrjlević Šarić, Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia.

For more information on Urban Innovative Actions for cities : <u>https://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/knowledge-lab</u>

Join the The Urban Agenda and EFFORTS *-new ideas on culture and heritage*-2021 EU Week of Regions and Cities Participatory Lab

Heritage is a cultural, economic and ecological resource whose potential is essential for urban sustainable development. In the 2021 EU Week of the Regions and Cities workshop, two European initiatives have merged to share their insights into how heritage can be protected and developed: the European Federation of Fortified Sites and the Urban Agenda for the EU's Partnership on Culture and the multi-level **Cultural Heritage Partnership**, coordinated by the German Ministry of the Interior and the Italian Territorial **Cohesion Agency and the Ministry of** Culture.

Speakers will share results from actions and recommendations for cities and regions. Four breakout-sessions focus on heritage planning, management, resilience, citizen / youth engagement. Concluding is a panel discussion with urban experts. Join us on

> --Thursday 14 October 2021--9h.30 to 11h.00 The EU Week is entirely virtual.

Register via : https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/

For all questions, contact Jan.Schultheiss@bmi.bund.de or info@efforts-europe.eu

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Speakers and experts :

- Kieran McCarthy, Member EU Committee of the Regions
- Frédéric Saliez, Programme Officer, UN-Habitat Office for Europe
- Anne-Wil Maris, Brabant Heritage Agency, Netherlands : The future is Heritage, Young Professionals Dutch Provinces project
- Đurđa Vrjlević Šarić, Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia : Fortress of Culture Šibenik, good practice for citizens involvement into heritage development
- Daniele Sferra, Vice-President of the Istituto per la Storia et l'Architettura Militare (ISAM), Italy
- Sandra Gizdulich, Policy Officer, Agency For Territorial Cohesion, Italy
- Huibert Crijns, European Funding Officer, Heritage Department, City of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
- Jan Schultheiß, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany
- Moderator : Daniela Patti, Director Eutropian







For more information about the EU Urban Agenda https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda-eu/what-urban-agenda-eu 'FORTS/UNCHAINED', the EFFORTS – Liberation Route Europe Foundation route project

Join the <u>*Forts/Unchained*</u> project

Stories of forts, camps and persecution

EFFORTS Europe, together with Liberation Route Europe Foundation and the City of Bergen op Zoom (NL), on the occasion of the remembrance of the liberation of the city in October 1944, presents the call for a 2022 EU *Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values* project: the pan-European memorial route project '<u>FORTS/UNCHAINED'</u>, remembering European fortified heritage sites and cities, used as detention and holocaust concentration camps during WWII. *Join us on*

-<u>Wednesday 20 October 2021</u>-Venue : Oude Stadhuis, Grote Markt, Bergen op Zoom 10h30 for the CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

(*live* event by participating sites *- online* morning participation possible) 12h. Lunch network meeting 13h. *Live* afternoon sites visit

With :

-Frank Petter, mayor Bergen op Zoom / EFFORTS Europe president -Rémi Praud, managing director Liberation Route Europe Foundation -Dirk Röder, vice-president Forte Cultura

Registration by 15/10/21 : info@efforts-europe.eu







EU INTERREG FORTITUDE SEMINARS

In Bar, Montenegro, on 26 and 27 May 2021, EFFORTS, with experts from ISAM and 's-Hertogenbosch, organised with the Fortress of Culture Šibenik-led Interreg project first of three hybrid or live seminars, on Heritage and Interpretation. Banja Luka (BH, 1+2 September) hosted the workshop on Heritage and Tourism (with experts from EFFORTS members Oost Gelre and Oudenaarde), and Karlovac (HR, 12+13 October) will host the workshop on Heritage and Promotion (with experts from EFFORTS and EFFORTS member Forte Cultura).



FORTITUDE

Workshop HERITAGE AND TOURISM Tuesday 1 – Wednesday 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 Venue: Cultural Center '<u>Banski Dvor</u>',

Bana dr. Todora Lazarevic, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina



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FORTITUDE

Workshop HERITAGE AND PROMOTION Tuesday 12 – Wednesday 13 OCTOBER 2021 Venue: City Hall, Dr. I. Banjavcica 9

Karlovac, Croatia

This is a hybrid meeting and will be accessible via a Zoom link for registered participants.



FORTITUDE, an 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 <u>centers</u> at fortresses in 5 cities: Banja Luka (BiH), Šibenik (HR), Karlovac (HR), 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.

EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2021

During the summer of 2021, dozens of forts opened their doors to the public. Here are a few captures :

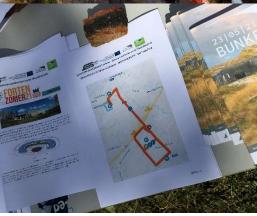


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Neue Partner im Europäischen Festungssommer

Ab 2021 bietet der Europäische Festungssommer durch die Kooperation mit unserem Partner EFFORTS noch mehr Events in den Festungen Europas, weil der bisherige "European Fortress Day" nun zum gemeinsamen "European Fortress Summer" wird.



Erleben auch Sie unter dem Motto "Europäischer Festungssommer -Festungen sind COOL" mit FORTE CULTURA und EFFORTS das besondere

Fraugen sind COOL mit Port Cool for und Errorits das besonderte Flair von Kulturveranstaltungen in Festungsmonumenten aller Epochen, z.B. in der deutschfranzösischen Festungsregion am *Oberrhein*, entlang der *Elbe* oder in den Festungsmonumenten des 20. Jahrhunderts zum *Europäischen Bunkertag*.







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Festungssommer Oberrhein

Entlang des Rheins zwischen Mainz und Basel spannende Events in mehr als 20 Festungsmonumenten erleben (DE-FR)



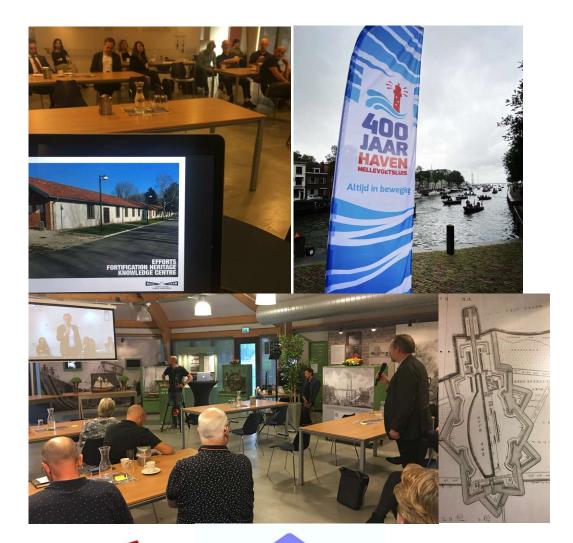




In 2022, the original EFFORTS European Fortress Day became the EFFORTS FORTRESS SUMMER. The participants of EFFORTS FORTRESS SUMMER compete for the EFFORTS Award. https://www.efforts-europe.eu/european-fortress-day/ https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/fortress-summer

HELLEVOETSLUIS EFFORTS WORKSHOP 7 JULI 2021

At the 2021 Spring / Summer EFFORTS workshop in Hellevoetsluis (NL), the **EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Impact Study** (FHIS) was presented, together with its author, the **EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Knowledge Center** in Fort Marghera (IT) with the University Ca'Foscari (Venice) and the FORTE CULTURA / EFFORTS Joint Scientific Committee. Also on the agenda was the call for interest in a project of fortified port sites (see also in the EFFORTS agenda on the Zwin exhibition on Sunken port cities). All presentations are on the website : <u>https://www.efforts-europe.eu/efforts-workshophellevoetsluis-presentation-efforts-fortification-heritage-impact-study-fhis/</u>



FORTE CULTURA & EFFORTS JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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.**

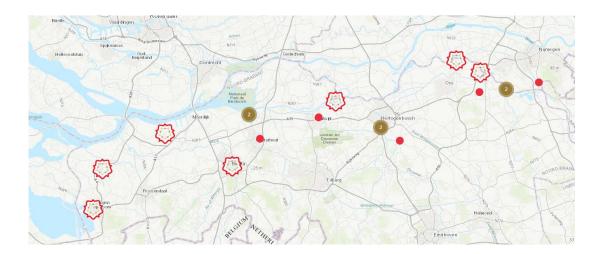
One of the first tasks of the Committee will be the **Fortification Heritage Study 2021-2022**. For your candidature or information, contact EFFORTS at <u>info@efforts-europe.eyu</u> or FORTE CULTURA at <u>office@forte-cultura.eu</u>

EFFORTS COMMUNITY 'ROLL CALL' : ZUIDERWATERLINIE

In the EFFORTS Roll Call, we present new EFFORTS members.

In 2021 the Dutcb Zuiderwaterlinie cities joined EFFORTS. The Zuiderwaterlinie (Dutch Southern Waterline) is a unique chain of 11 Dutch Noord-Brabant fortified towns and their surroundings, linked by the typical Dutch story of defending with the water. It is the oldest, longest and most used water line in the Netherlands. Everyone can participate in heritage or other public events, choose between the numerous walking or cycling tours in or between the cities. For all events, consult www.zuiderwaterlinie.nl. In its first year of membership, the Zuiderwaterlinie cities partner with EFFORTS in the organisation of the EFFORTS congress in the former Duchy of Brabant capital of Brussels





VIA HISPANIA EUROPEAN CULTURAL ROUTE



ost Gelre

EFFORTS Member Oost Gelre with its fortified town Groenlo (Grolle) is the anchor point, together with the Province of Gelderland and the 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 **joining the Via Hispania cultural route and tourism project** ? Send a mail to info@efforts-europe.eu

Last spring already Oost Gelre opened an interactive walking route **'1627- Through Your Eyes'** around its 17th century fortified and immaterial heritage, with the Dutch Association of Fortified Cities.

In July this year, the Dutch Cycling Route, an element of the Dutch part of 'The Spanish Road', was officially opened by handing over the first brochure with the entire route of 525 kilometers. On this cycling route you follow the footsteps of the warring Spanish and Dutch armies and you pass 20 fortified towns in the Netherlands. The route is connected by junctions and you can also cycle in stages. Willemijn van Hees, mayor of the municipality of Heusden and chairman of the association of

Dutch Fortified Towns, cycled together with aldermen Thom Blankers, alderman of the municipality of Heusden, Mike Hofkens of the municipality Geertruidenberg and alderman Huib van Olden of the municipality of EFFORTS member 's-Hertogenbosch and Raf Deroo, Secretary general of EFFORTS, took a short round on the route.



NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS AWARD WINNERS



The New European Bauhaus initiative connects the European Green Deal to our living spaces. It calls on all Europeans to imagine and build together a sustainable and inclusive future that is beautiful for our eyes, minds, and souls. The New European Bauhaus is a creative and interdisciplinary movement in the making, and you can be part of it.

- It's a platform for experimentation and connection, fostering collaboration across thinkers and doers who want to design our future ways of living together.
- It's a bridge between the world of science and technology and the world of art and culture.

- It's an invitation to change perspective and to look at our green and digital challenges as opportunities to transform our lives for the better.
- It's a fresh approach to finding innovative solutions to complex societal problems together through co-creation. The initiative aims to shape our thinking, behaviours, and markets around new ways of living and building, including by influencing public procurement.

The New European Bauhaus will:

- bring citizens, experts, businesses, and Institutions together and facilitate conversations about making tomorrow's living spaces more affordable and accessible.
- mobilise designers, architects, engineers, scientists, students, and creative minds across disciplines to reimagine sustainable living in Europe and beyond.
- strive to improve the quality of our living experience. It will highlight the value of simplicity, functionality, and circularity of materials without compromising the need for comfort and attractiveness in our daily lives.
- provide financial support to innovative ideas and products through ad-hoc calls for proposals and through coordinated programs included in the Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

For the Award winners, check : https://prizes.new-european-bauhaus.eu/home

New European Bauhaus Initiative Award candidate **'Resilient Fortress of Communities in Kaunas (Lithuania)'** is coordinated by Ruta Lukosiunaite, professor Lund University, Malmö. She will be present at the 1-2 December 2021 EFFORTS Congress in Brussels.



BERGEN OP ZOOM OPENS NEW FORTIFIED SITE



From the speech of Frank Petter, Mayor of Bergen op Zoom and EFFORTS President : "We must establish that the fortified town of Bergen op Zoom was part of a West Brabant defense line, traces of which can be seen in the fortification line in Halsteren. The fortified town of Bergen op Zoom and the fortified line were in turn connected to the defenses in the north near Steenbergen and in the west with the fortified town of Tholen. This 'defense triangle' subsequently became part of what we now call the Zuiderwaterlinie. A defense system – and how could it be otherwise – designed by Menno van Coehoorn. This line stretched from Bergen op Zoom to just beyond Grave and was designed to use low-lying grounds that could be flooded. And it is precisely this Zuiderwaterlinie that indicates the importance of being in contact with each other. At the time that the line was in use as a means of defense, it was clear that the unity of the total of fortified towns and defenses in the line was a prerequisite for a successful defence.

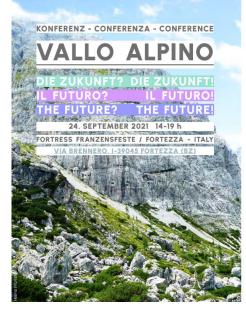
In our society today, we also see that working together takes us further. This certainly applies when there are fairly specialist subjects, such as our fortress history. That is why Bergen op Zoom is a member of a number of national and international partnerships in the field of military heritage. For example, we are a prominent member of the Association of Dutch Fortified Towns and of the internationally operating EFFORTS (European Federation of Fortified Sites). The expertise within these associations serves us well and membership in these clubs enables us to share our fortress past and the relics that can be seen here with a

large group of people."

The Dutch Menno van Coehoorn Foundation is EFFORTS member: www.coehoorn.nl

BUNKERLINE 'VALLO ALPINO – The Future' FRANZENFESTE CONFERENCE

Rafaël Deroo, Secretary general of EFFORTS participated in Franzenfeste in the conference, starting a new network of fortified heritage in Italy's Süd-Tirol border region.



Programm - Programma - Program

Andrea Di Michele - Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione, Libera Università di Bolzano -Il Vallo Alpino alla luce dei rapporti tra Italia e Germania tra anni Venti e Trenta

Waltraud Kofler Engl - Plattform Kulturerbe, Freie Universität Bozen -Bunker. Ein dissonantes Kulturerbe

Ute Bauer Wassermann - IFAG -Interdisziplinäres Forschungszentrum Architektur und Geschichte, Wien -Vom Fundort zum Gedenkort? Zum Umgang mit historisch belasteten Bauten

Anna Scuttari - Eurac Research. Center for Advanced Studies -Progetto MyBZ e alcuni esempi di altri progetti locali che hanno elaborato la propria memoria storica.

Mona Schieren - Hochschule für Künste, Bremen -Zu(m) Bunkern künstlerisch forschen Simon Graf - Zürcher Hochschule der Künste, Universität Freiburg (CH) -Panzerspernen in der Schweiz Zwischen Kulturerbe, ökologischer Aufwertung, Gartenaccessoire und Abenteuerspielplatz

Rafaël Deroo - European Federation of Fortified Sites -Establishing fortified heritage and bunker lines in Europe

Carl Philipp Hohenbühel – Südtiroler Burgeninstitut – Beispiel erfolgreicher Interessensvertretung von Iokalen Festungsbauten: das Südtiroler Burgeninstitut

Alessia Zampini - Facoltà di architettura, Università di Bologna -The Galla Placidia Line A shared path between University and Heritage Communities

Hendryk von Busse - Wall & Space association, Halle - ARTlantic Wall - Painting the Coast + artistic intervention "STILL" by Wall & Space during the conference

Hannes Götsch - Basis Vinschgau -Legales und Illegales in Südtiroler Militärstrukturen

Dieter Haas - Kellerei St. Pauls Sektproduktion in einem Bunker

Markus Krauss- Transsolar Energietechnik GmbH, München -Klima und Energiepotentiale von Bunkern

Heimo Prünster – Landesmuseum Franzensfeste – Report on the Research Project "Vallo Alpino"

The conference will be available online via Zoom on the website of the Fortress Franzensfeste / Fortezza

Bitte hier anmelden - Please register here - Si prega di registrarsi:





OTHER EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- EFFORTS will participate in its member Forte Cultura's Annual General Meeting on 3 October in Königstein (DE).
 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. <u>https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/netzwerk-en/activities</u>
- Heriwell conference on 4 October 2021 on Cultural heritage as a source of societal well-being



ESPON HERIWELL ('Cultural Heritage as a Source of Societal Wellbeing in European Regions')

Workshop Invitation: HERIWELL Population Survey 2021, 4th of October, 14.00-16.00 CET, online

How to participate

This workshop will be held online on **4 October 2021, 14.00-16.00** CET time. For registering to the workshop please fill in the following form: <u>HERIWELL Survey to Population: findings and debate</u> (wufoo.com). Following your registration, you will receive a link that will later connect you with the event.

Please, connect some minutes before the start, to check your camera and microphone connections.

Background of the HERIWELL project and survey

HERIWELL is a project launched by ESPON EGTC (Luxembourg) and carried out by a partnership led by Istituto per la ricerca sociale (IRS, Milano) with subcontractor Acume, the ERICarts Institute & Network (Cologne) and the Associazione per l'Economia della Cultura (AEC, Rome). Many experts from across Europe are involved in the project that aims to develop, until 2022, a pan-European methodology and territorial analysis of impacts of Cultural Heritage (CH) that can be associated with 'societal well-being' (SWB). More details of the concept and current state of the HERIWELL project are available on the <u>ESPON website</u>.

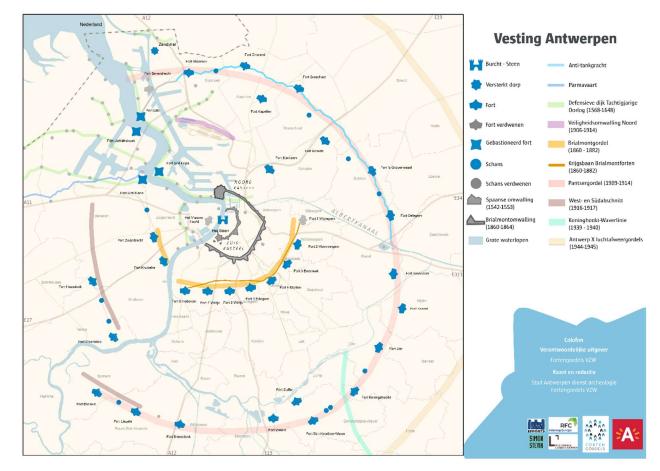
Register via the Heriwell website or via dissemination@heriwell.eu

• Interreg Peer Review for EFFORTS member Antwerp and the Antwerp Fortress Belt : on 16 and 17 November 2021, with the support of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform EFFORTS members City of Antwerpen, Regionale Landschappen and the association of Antwerp forts 'Fortengordels', supported by EFFORTS, organise together with Interreg secretariat the Antwerp fortress belt Peer Review. European specialists in diverse fields will shed their light on the possibilities of cooperation between the Antwerp region forts.









EUROPA NOSTRA HERITAGE SUMMIT, Venice, 21-24 September 2021



Read and watch all about the Europa Nostra 2021 Summit and the Heritage and Ilucidare Awards at https://www.europanostra.org/

EFFORTS CONNECTIONS

• EFFORTS is member of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3 - check out the calendar : <u>http://europeanheritagealliance.eu/events/</u> and the Climate Heritage Network and the Heriwell project.



EFFORTS is a partner of the **International Fortress Council (IFC)** : <u>http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html</u> and the Liberation Route Europe Foundation : <u>www.LREFoundation.eu</u> <u>www.liberationrouteeurope.eu</u>



• 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



EFFORTS supports the UN International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and the International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT) <u>https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/regional-activities-europe/39374-upcoming-events-save-the-date</u>



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



• Sluis Zwin ports exhibition 'Verborgen Havens' (The Losts Zwin Ports) The Zwin Center in the west of Flanders (BE) hosts the excellent interactive exhibition on the forgotten ports of this maritime and historic region between Bruges and Sluis.



<u>www.zwin.be/en/lost-zwin-ports</u> : "The Zwin Nature Park offers a splendid view on the Zwin area as we know it today. Back in the middle ages, you would have been standing in the middle of the Zwin Channel, which connected Bruges to the sea and made Flanders experience its heydays. The Zwin Channel silted up and disappeared over time, but this year it has been brought back to life, including the international ports that were built on its banks. The exhibition area and the viewing centre will take you back in time to the middle ages. This is made possible through innovative technology, such as augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR). Based on research done by the University of Ghent, we have created a meticulous virtual 3-D world where, through image and sound, you can experience the evolution of the Zwin Channel and its international ports. »

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

The first meeting was in Dendermonde, and the last was in Lier on 22 June. Alle meetings are in Dutch. Results of these meetings can be found on <u>www.regionalelandschappen.be</u>. This is the meeting series:

20 January 2021 : Vestingsteden en forten in groen en blauw (Dendermonde) 22 June 2021 : Forten, visie en financiering (Lier) November 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)



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 the EFFORTS secretariat info@efforts-europe.eu. 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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