

## EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 20 DECEMBER 2021



### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,  
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

At the end of another year, I am happy to reflect on the works of our organisation. With our annual **congress now prepared to go live on 13 January**, we can be confident that, even in these difficult

times, EFFORTS continues its mission to support the innovative development of fortified heritage in Europe.

The July EFFORTS **workshop at EFFORTS member Hellevoetsluis** on the Impact of Fortified Heritage was organised in a hybrid fashion. The October EFFORTS workshop on civil participation and volunteering, organised as **official partner of the EU Week of Regions, together with the URBAN Culture and Cultural Heritage project** was online - and so will be our 2021 Congress : first planned at the Brussels Museum of the Armed Forces and Military History, but **finally online on 13 January 2022**. I thank our partners, our new members in the Dutch Zuiderwaterlinie, the restauration company Nico De Bont for their ongoing support to bring you an inspiring congress programme.

EFFORTS presented its **Creative Europe Network project 'EFFORTS Goes Green'**, presented in August, will need some amendments for it to be fully supported by the European Commission. Together with the Board, we stay behind this project all the way and are supporting its adapted roll-out already in 2022-2023.

In the meanwhile, EFFORTS was present at a book dedication to it by our member in **Herceg Novi** (Montenegro), organised the third **EU Interreg Fortitude workshop**, and is preparing the thirds workshop in the **EU Interreg Recapture the Cities project**. EFFORTS also participated in the Barcelona conference on **Dissonant Heritage**, and presents in this field its own Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) project for 2022 : **'Forts/Unchained'**. On this occasion, Bergen op Zoom welcomed an EFFORTS and partners delegation in its own new heritage site 'Verborgen Vesting' ('hidden fortress').

In the meanwhile the **new EU budgetary period** is fully starting: 2022 will see CERV, Creative Europe, Interreg and Horizon Europe calls, to which our members will present their projects. Good luck to you all !

I wish you and yours all the best for 2022,  
**#WeAreEFFORTS**

*Frank Petter*

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



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**PRESENT MEMBERS** will receive their annual invoice by mail.

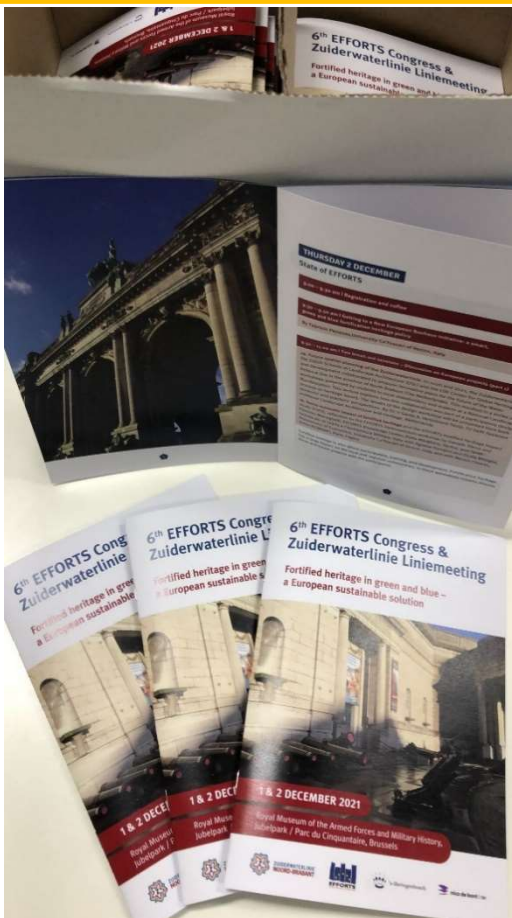
## EFFORTS 13 JANUARY 2022 ANNUAL '2021' CONGRESS



### 6th ANNUAL CONGRESS 'FORTIFIED HERITAGE in GREEN and BLUE – A EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION'

→ Online 13 January 2022

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The EFFORTS Congress will be online on 13 January, from 8h.30 to 16h.30.

→ The online EFFORTS congress is free of charge. You just need to register via the website : [www.efforts-europe.eu](http://www.efforts-europe.eu). Click on the '2021 Congress' button and find there the programme, speaker information and the link for registration.

Goals of the sixth annual **EFFORTS Congress** are:

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 congress **key message** is:

The 2021 European Federation of Fortified Sites 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.'

## 'FORTS/UNCHAINED', the EFFORTS/Forte Cultura - Liberation Route Europe Foundation route remembrance project

Bergen op Zoom and its mayor, EFFORTS president Frank Petter, presented the joint **EFFORTS-Forte Cultura and Liberation Route Europe Foundation project** call for candidates. This educational project wants to establish a **remembrance route between dissonant heritage sites**: European fortress sites that hosted or were linked to WWII detention centers and concentration camps.





## Join the ***Forts / Unchained*** 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 ***'FORTS/UNCHAINED'***, remembering European fortified heritage sites and cities, used as detention and holocaust concentration camps during WWII.



Citizens, Equality, Rights and  
Values programme



## EFFORTS AT THE FORTE CULTURA 2021 AGM

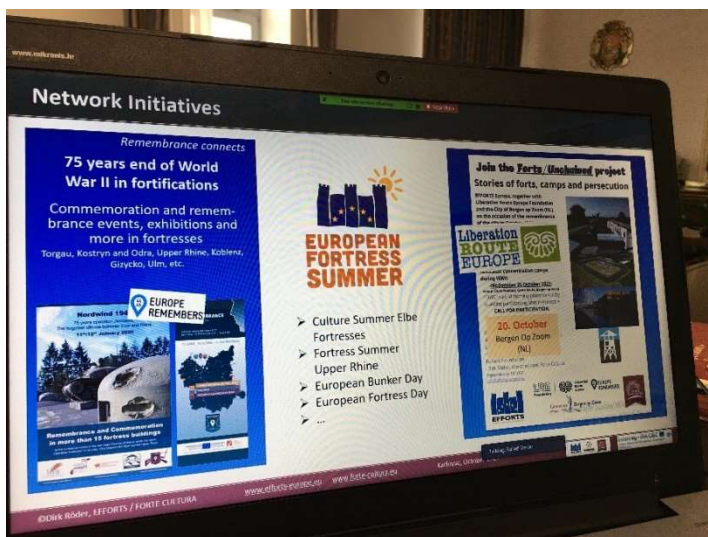
In the frame of the ever more closely cooperating networks of EFFORTS and its member organisation Forte Cultura, EFFORTS participated on 3 November at the FORTE CULTURA Annual General Assembly in Fort Königstein (DE). Huibert Crijns ('s-Hertogenbosch, NL) was elected Board member for Cultural Heritage.







the Star City of Karlovac (HR). This after the one in Bar (MNE, May) and Banja Luka (BiH, 1+2 September). Annexed to this workshop, EFFORTS was received in Fortress of Culture in Šibenik (HR).

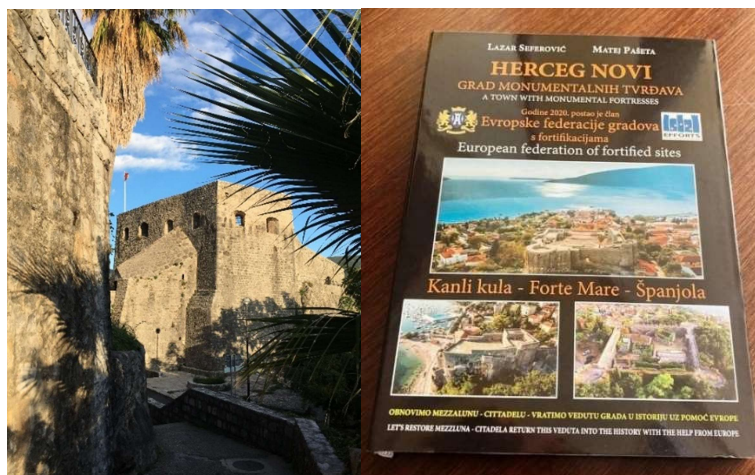




## HERCEG NOVI (MNE) FORTIFIED HERITAGE BOOK PRESENTATION

On 16 October, EFFORTS participated in the **Herceg Fest** co-presentation of a special publication on the city's aspirations with its fortified heritage.





## ONGOING 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 [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu) or FORTE CULTURA at [office@forte-cultura.eu](mailto:office@forte-cultura.eu)



## **EFFORTS COMMUNITY 'ROLL CALL' : Association des Espaces fortifiés des Hauts de France**

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



The Association of fortified sites in the north of France was born out of a political will to promote the fortified heritage through historical and leisure activities. It brings together in a united and dynamic network, fortified sites which now offer fields of heritage, tourism and leisure investigation. Become vast spaces of nature in the city, the fortifications are the identity of the territory. For nearly 40 years, the association organises "The Days of Fortified Spaces" which takes place the last weekend in April. Also, throughout the year, contests, exhibitions, thematic visits and meetings allow the public to discover their fortifications in a different way.

EFFORTS was received on 18 November in one of the Association's members : Fort Seclin. We were presented with a family-owned fort and business. The fort comprises an ecological agricultural enterprise, a museum and a WWII execution site memorial. On regular intervals, the fort can be visited. The same day, the EFFORTS delegation visited other forts of the Lille region and the Musée des Plans et Reliefs, an EFFORTS Museum partner, where part of the Paris Museum collection is, among other, presented as part of a Pré carré and Netherlands forts exhibition of the fortresses in this region. Underneath examples of EFFORTS members Maastricht (NL, left) and Oudenaarde (BE, right).



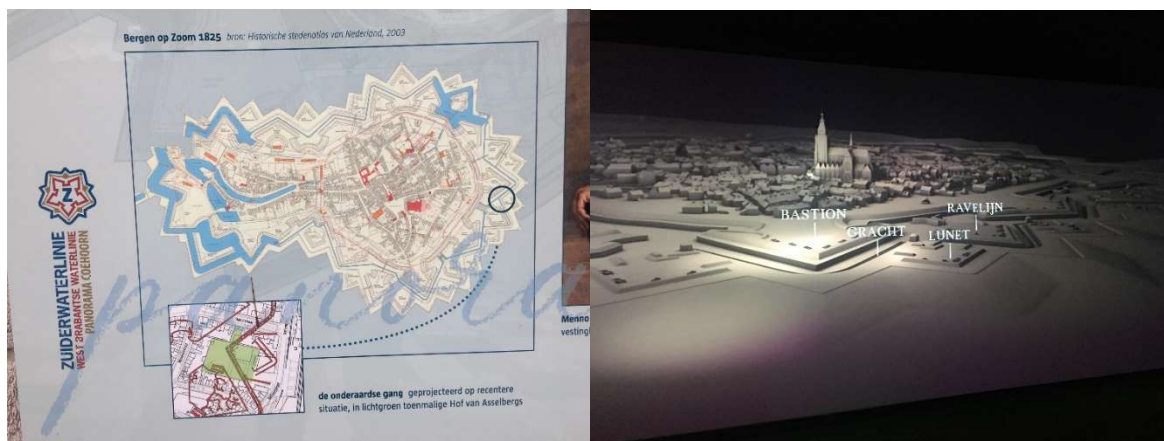






## OTHER EVENTS - RECAPITULATION

- The **Bergen op Zoom 'Verborgen Vesting'** site was visited by an EFFORTS – Forte Cultura delegation on 20 October. The interactive exhibition shows a Zuiderwaterlinie supported project on the discovered city walls.

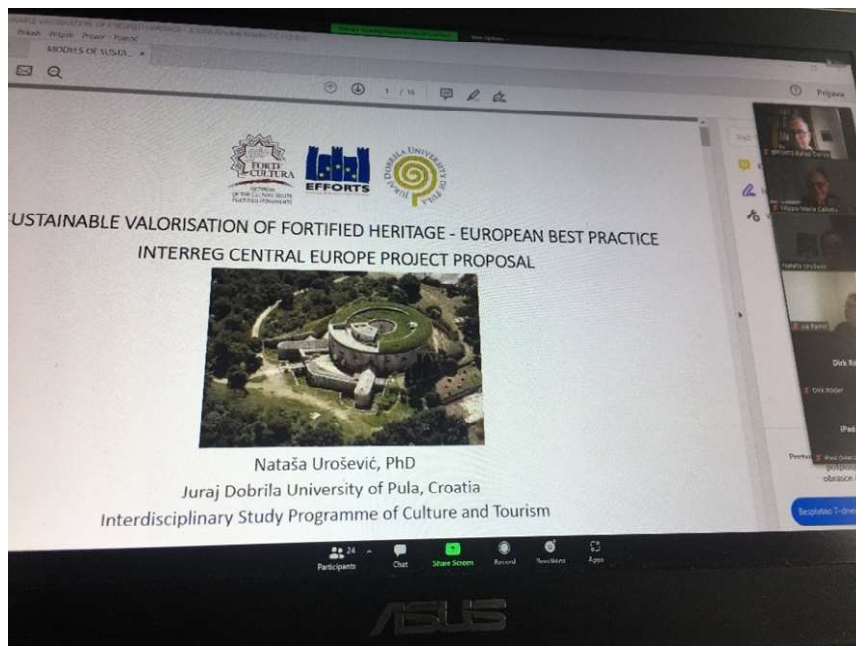


- In October, EFFORTS member 's-Hertogenbosch and its Heritage Department initiated the successful campaign to get the Ministry of Defence - owned Renaissance Fort Crèvecœur on the **Europa Nostra shortlist for the 7 endangered heritage sites**. More at <http://7mostendangered.eu/>  
Underneath : 's-Hertogenbosch alderman and EFFORTS Board member Huib van Olden at the presentation of the candidature of Fort Crèvecœur and a regional article on the matter.  
More can be found on the Zuiderwaterlinie website : <https://www.zuiderwaterlinie.nl/locatieoverzicht/3506250266/fort-crevecoeur>

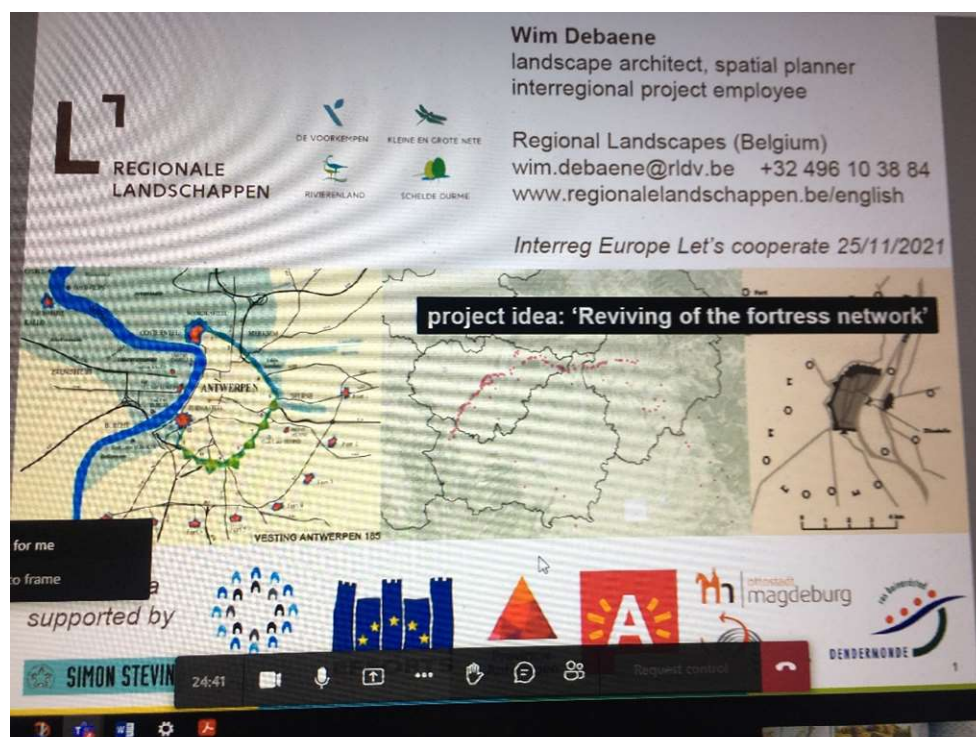


- The fortress port city of Pula, Croatia, organised in November a first information session on the project proposal for the **Interreg Central Europe** call.





- EFFORTS member Regionale Landschappen, Belgium, present a pitch for the now named **'Reviving the Fortress Regions'**, a project proposal for cities in and with regional fortress lines or belts.



- On 10 December, EFFORTS and its members Regionale Landschappen and Simon Stevin V.V.C. (BE) were invited to a stakeholders meeting **'Smart Fortress' in Fort 5 of the Antwerp Fortress Belt** to discuss, led by the Edegem District mayor on future plans for the fortress.





- In September, EFFORTS member Antwerp City organised its participation in the **Archeology Days** with visits to the archeological sites at the Antwerp 'Steen burcht'.

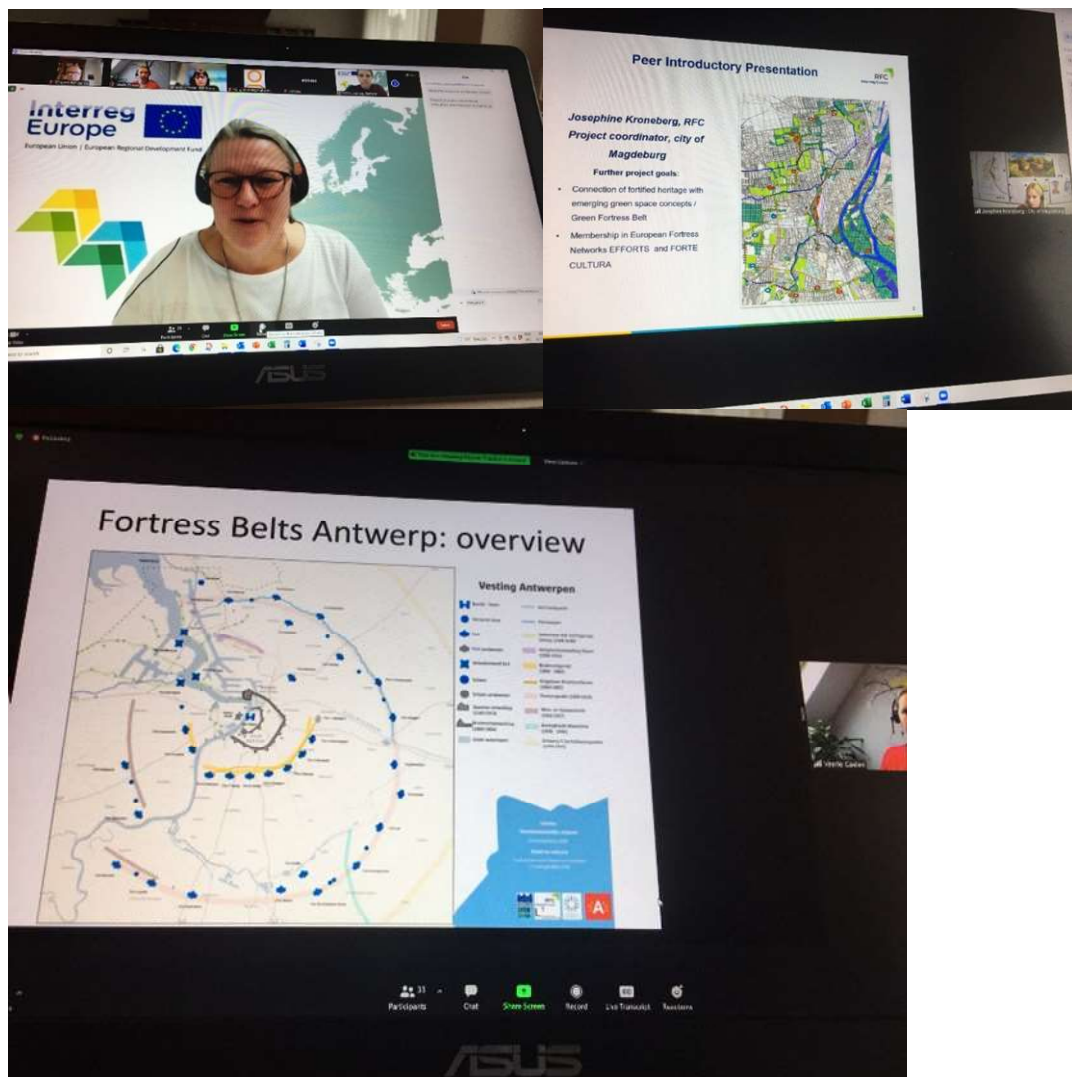


- On 25 October, EFFORTS member the City of Oost Gelre organised with EFFORTS in the framework of the preparation of the **project Via Hispania** on the fortified and immaterial heritage of the Spanish Route in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, a visit by the Department of Archeology of the City of Antwerp in fortified city Groenlo. Karen Minsaer and colleague were received by mayor and EFFORTS Board Member Annette Bronsvort.

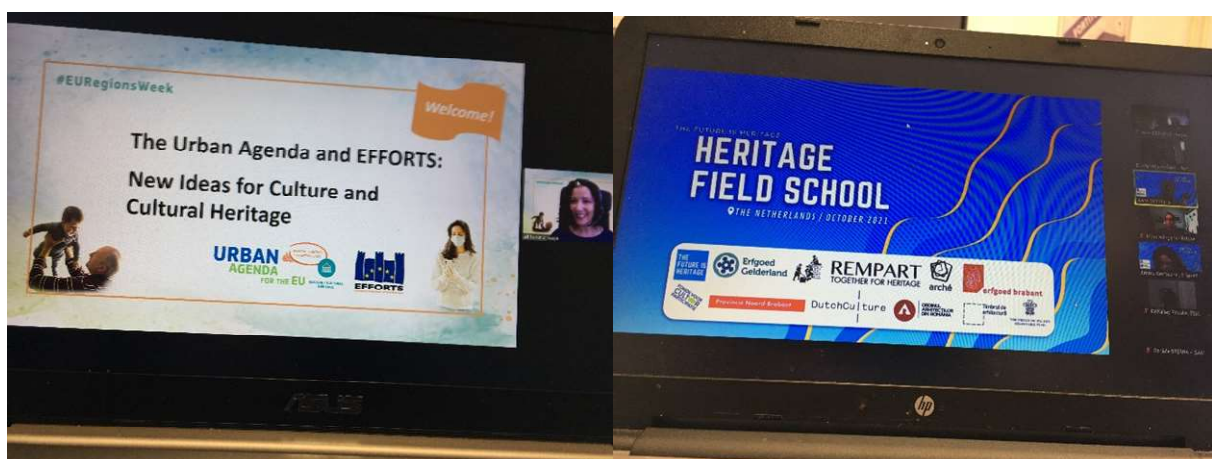


- Op 16 and 17 November, EFFORTS members City of Antwerp, Regionale Landschappen (BE) with EFFORTS and organised with the EU Interreg Policy Learning Platform and cities and regions in Europe a **Peer Review of the Antwerp region fortress belt**.





- EFFORTS was **official partner of the EU Week of Regions** and organised on 14 October a workshop with partners URBAN Culture and Cultural Heritage project, with presentations on **civil participation and volunteering in fortified heritage** by Zuiderwaterlinie, REMPART and European Heritage Volunteers.





- Barcelona saw in October the URBAN Culture and Cultural Heritage conference on **Dissonant Heritage**, with EFFORTS, Atlantikwall Europe. On the foto : Mathieu de Meyer (Atlantikwall Museum Oostende, BE) and Tsjalling Wierdsma, expert in Dissonant Heritage. Underneath also an image of the visit of the expert group to the Barcelona mass grave memorial of the WWII Franco era in Monjuic. Also underneath, two images of the adjacent Montjuic fortress.



- On 8 November, EFFORTS joined the EFFORTS Member War Heritage Institute (BE) **Belgium Battlefield of Europe network**.



- In December, EFFORTS member Kaunas Fortress Park participated in the **Daugavpils Interreg Latvia – Lithuania cross-border programme meeting**.



- In 2022, the original EFFORTS **European Fortress Day** became the EFFORTS **EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER**. The participants compete for the **EFFORTS Award**.
  - Participate in the **13 January EFFORTS congress** to see which member won the **2021 EFFORTS Award**!
  - In 2022 : participate in the **2022 EFFORTS FORTRESS SUMMER**!

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



## EFFORTS NETWORKS

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



- EFFORTS is a partner of the **International Fortress Council (IFC)** : <http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html>, **Liberation Route Europe Foundation** [www.LREFoundation.eu](http://www.LREFoundation.eu) [www.liberationrouteeurope.eu](http://www.liberationrouteeurope.eu) and War Heritage Institute's 'Belgium Battlefield of Europe' network [www.belgiumbattlefield.be](http://www.belgiumbattlefield.be)



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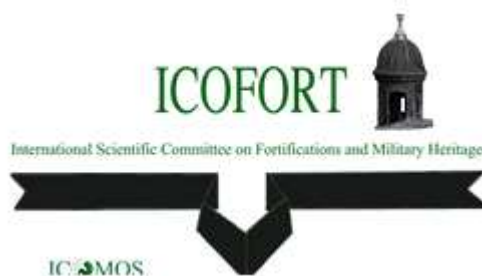
- With the IFC, EFFORTS will inform on the upcoming **Wellington Line conferences** in Belgium (26 November 2020 in Oostende) and the Netherlands. See the Simon Stevin V.V.C. website for confirmation of the events, some co-organised with EFFORTS members



**Wellington Barrier**  
European Boulevard

- EFFORTS and the **UN International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** and the **International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (ICOFORT)** mutually support each other: <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



- 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 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 [www.regionalelandschappen.be](http://www.regionalelandschappen.be). This is the meeting series : (Contact [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu) if you want to participate)

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

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

→ **27 Mechelen 2021 : Recreatie, toerisme en beleving (Mechelen)**

15 March 2022 : Ruimtelijke planning en landschapsarchitectuur (Herentals)

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



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## EFFORTS PRESENTATION VIDEO

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



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