

6th EFFORTS Congress & Zuiderwaterlinie Liniemeeting

**Fortified heritage in green and blue –
a European sustainable solution**



1 & 2 DECEMBER 2021

**Royal Museum of the Armed Forces and Military History,
Jubelpark / Parc du Cinquantaire, Brussels**



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WELCOME TO THE 6TH EFFORTS CONGRESS & ZUIDERWATERLINIE LINIEMEETING

In the light of the new EU programmes and investment possibilities, the congress focusses 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 can be a catalyst for a Green Europe.

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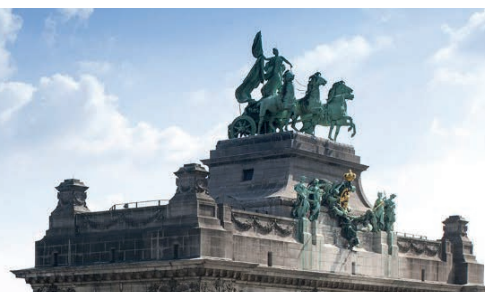


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This part of the program has been adjusted due to stricter Covid-rules from the Belgian and Dutch government.

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER

Fortified heritage and the EU Green

8.30 – 9.00 am | Registration and coffee

9.00 – 9.45 am | Welcome to the Zuiderwaterlinie Liniemeeting & 6th EFFORTS congress

Moderator Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS secretary-general.

- Koen Palinckx, president War Heritage Institute, Belgium
- Frank Petter, mayor of Bergen op Zoom, EFFORTS and congress president
- Stijn Smeulders, deputy of the Province of North Brabant, Netherlands
- Tom Berendsen, member of the European Parliament
- Barbara Gessler, head of Unit Creative Europe, European Commission

9.45 – 10.10 am | Keynote speech: The impact of heritage

By Jimmy Jamar, director European Office of Europa Nostra

The impact of heritage is multiple: cultural, social, environmental, and economic. Heritage has a profound influence on societies and people and vice versa. Europa Nostra is at the forefront in the defense of Europe's diverse heritage and therefore it is well placed to present the possibilities of heritage today.

10.10 – 10.25 am | The Green Revolutions

By Frank Riesbeck, President FORTE CULTURA, Germany

What are the challenges of the Green Revolution in Europe and the world? Does fortified heritage have answers and if so, which ones?



10.30 – 10.45 am | Coffee break

10.45 – 11.15 am | The contribution of heritage to the ambitions of the EU Green Deal

‘Putting Europe’s shared heritage at the heart of the European Green Deal’
by Bruno Rossignol, head of the climate and heritage program, European Investment Bank Institute, Luxembourg

The European Heritage Green Paper of Europa Nostra, ICOMOS, the European Investment Bank Institute and European heritage organizations focuses on the role and potential of cultural heritage in achieving the ambitions of the European Green Deal.

11.15 – 12.50 am | Fortified heritage as an inspiration – Best practices

Introduction by Ignace Schops, Director of the Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland, Belgium, president of the EUROPARC federation, full member of the EU chapter of the Club of Rome

- **Recapture the Fortress Cities Interreg project, Green and Blue Heritage** by Wim Debaene, project officer Regionale Landschappen, Belgium
- **Watergate ‘s-Hertogenbosch** by Huibert Crijns, funding officer heritage department City of ‘s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
- **Magdeburg's Green Fortress Belt, planning and challenges** by Josephine Kroneberg, project coordinator city of Magdeburg, Germany
- **The Green plans of the City of Culemborg** by Sander Booms, City of Culemborg, Netherlands
- **Zero-Waste project** by Đurđa Vrljević Šarić, project officer Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia
- **New European Bauhaus Initiative Award 2021 candidate ‘Resilient Fortress of Communities in Kaunas (Lithuania)’** by Ruta Lukosiunaite, regenerative placemaking practitioner, MSc in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science from Lund University, Sweden, in collaboration with public institution ‘Kaunas Fortress Park’, Lithuania

EFFORTS members are working at the greening of their heritage in local, national, and European projects. A series of short pitches showcases their experiences and challenges.



12.50 – 13.10 pm | Brussels region built military heritage

A study by Anna-Clementina Noël, Brussels Capital Region URBAN administration, Belgium



13.10 – 13.15 pm | Group photo



13.15 – 13.45 pm | Networking moment: lunch



13.45– 16.30 u | Visit to the BELvue Museum Coudenberg site, the Duchy of Brabant Brussels castle

Paleizenplein 7, Brussels (next door to the Royal Palace)



18:00 – 20:00 pm | Participants can join for a dinner moment, organised in separate restaurant facilities





THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

State of EFFORTS

9.00 – 9.30 am | Registration and coffee

9.30 – 9.50 am | Getting to a New European Bauhaus Initiative: a smart, green and blue fortification heritage policy

By Fabrizio Panozzo, University Ca' Foscari of Venice, Italy

9.50 – 11.00 am | Two break-out sessions – Discussion on European projects (part 1)

1a. Future spatial planning of the Zuiderwaterlinie. In 2020 and 2021, the Zuiderwaterlinie, the Dutch Schools in Landscape Architecture (DSL) and the LDE Center for Global Heritage and Development collaborated to propose innovative plans for the future of the Water Defence line in the province of North Brabant (The Netherlands). This resulted in a series of workshops presented by students to local stakeholders and experts at a National Landscape Manifestation. This lecture explains how this collaboration was part of a participatory design process on heritage issues. The results of the design workshop will be presented from both students' and teachers' perspectives. By Dr. Ir Gerdy A. Verschuure-Stuip, TU Delft Assistant professor Landscape Architecture and Heritage, Netherlands

1b. Socio-economic impact of fortified heritage and the EFFORTS Fortified Heritage Impact Study (FHIS), reflection on the EFFORTS Hellevoetsluis workshop by Daniele Sferra and Fiorenzo Meneghelli, EFFORTS Knowledge Center, Forte Marghera, Venice, and ISAM – Istituto per la Storia e l'Architettura Militare, Italy, with Agnese Gambini and Giulia Miraglia, Department of Economics, University Ca' Foscari of Venice, Italy, and with Marion Cloarec, Union REMPART, Paris, France

Fortified heritage is also about participation, training, and development. Fortification heritage has a large impact on the local and regional communities. In these workshops experts discuss these and future projects with the participants.



11.00 – 11.30 am | Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 am | Two break-out sessions – Discussion on European projects (part 2)

2a. Zuiderwaterlinie, Antwerp Fortengordels and regional projects by Anne-Wil Maris, director Zuiderwaterlinie, Netherlands, with Karen Minsaer, 'Interreg Peer Review Fortengordels Antwerp', head of unit Archaeology Department, City of Antwerp, Belgium, and with Eva Sobotik, 'Sensing the civilisations' project, Karlovac County Agency, Croatia

2b. European Cultural Routes by Dirk Röder, vice-president of FORTE CULTURA, with Jessica Casagrande, project and communication officer Liberation Route Europe Foundation, and with Bernou Wagenaar, 'Via Hispania' (the Spanish Road) project, Tourism and International Relations Officer, City of Oost Gelre, Netherlands.

Military heritage as places to remember, presentation of the 'Forts/Unchained' project: EFFORTS/Forte Cultura and Liberation Route Europe Foundation joint project on fortresses used as detention sites and concentration camps during WWII by Jurriaan de Mol, deputy director Liberation Route Europe Foundation

Cultural routes, fortified lines and fortress rings around Europe's cities are a European cooperation. Participants will discuss the ins and outs of inspiring storytelling and how partnerships can be set up. These partnerships can join historic heritage places in common social, environmental, and economic development.



EFFORTS future action

12.30 – 12.40 pm | Introduction on 'EFFORTS Goes Green'

By Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS Secretary general

The 'EFFORTS Goes Green' (EGG) Creative Europe network project aims at improving and intensifying the cooperation between its members in all European countries. It builds capacities, enhances cross-sector and cross-border cooperation. It also enhances the exchange of experience on how to get the best out of this specific type of heritage and its social, cultural, economic, and environmental impact on the territory.



12.40 – 13.15 pm | Networking moment: lunch

13.15 – 14.15 pm | Future of EFFORTS Europe

EFFORTS members pitch in maximum 5 minutes presentations of cooperation or project ideas on green, inclusive, or other heritage:

- Mathieu de Meyer, director-curator Atlantikwall Museum Raversyde, Oostende, Belgium: continuing an Atlantikwall European project
- Karen Minsaer, head of unit Archaeology Department, City of Antwerp, Belgium: EU Interreg project on walls, gates, and quays
- Nataša Urošević, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Croatia: Interreg Central Europe project on European best practices in fortified heritage management.
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14.15 – 14.45 pm | ICOMOS and ICOFORT cooperation with EFFORTS and EFFORTS Scientific Committee

By Eva Roels, City of Oudenaarde, Jean-Sébastien Misson, City of Namur, presidents ICOMOS Belgium, Gerco Meijer, BunkerQ, Oosterbeek, Netherlands and ICOFORT Europe coordinator, and Nataša Urošević, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Croatia, president of the Forte Cultura Scientific Committee

14.45 – 15.30 pm | Concluding presentations

- **Presentation of the 2021 EFFORTS Fortress Summer and the EFFORTS Award,** with Frank Petter, EFFORTS president
- **Presenting the venue for the 2022 EFFORTS congress and European Capital of Europe**
- **Congress conclusions: call for action for Green and Inclusive fortification sites and lines** by Daniele Sferra, EFFORTS Knowledge Center, Forte Marghera, Italy

15.30 – 17.00 pm | Networking moment: farewell reception & optional tour of the Belgian Royal Museum of Armed Forces and Military History





Maria stronghold in 's-Hertogenbosch

Anticipating the climate when restoring monumental fortresses

A careful handover of our built heritage to future generations, that is the mission of Nico de Bont. Every day, our enthusiastic professionals work on restoring, reallocating, transforming, and preserving dozens of historic buildings in a large part of the Netherlands.

The Netherlands has a rich history when it comes to water. Without our dikes, half the Netherlands would be under water. Water has had an important role in times of war as well. Our fortified heritage expert team is dedicated to the restoration of monuments that are in or near water.

The restoration of fortresses and fortified elements is an excellent opportunity to use these monuments as accelerators on many different levels. As a characteristic landmarks in urban developments, and as drivers for climate adaptation, energy transition, and biodiversity.



Transplantation of the 16th century fortress wall

The reconstruction of the Maria Bolwerk in 's-Hertogenbosch is a perfect example, where a rainwater storage and settlement basin are part of the project. The basin can be used to temporarily store dirty water in the event of extreme rainfall. The same applies to the conversion of the Geofort in Herwijnen, where a helophyte filter has been installed to purify the dirty water. And for the restoration of the city walls in Zaltbommel, where the greatest effort has been made to preserve and develop rare flora and fauna.



" We believe in vital heritage sites, being actively used and being prepared for the climate to come. For the future of our past. "



Restoration experts of fortresses and fortifications

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