



EFFORTS Europe 6th ANNUAL 2021 CONGRESS

ONLINE on Thursday 13 January 2022, 8:30 - 17:00

**'FORTIFIED HERITAGE in GREEN and BLUE –
A EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION'**



→ Participation in the now online congress on 13 January 2022 is free of charge for registered participants.

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Goals and Key Message of the 6th annual EFFORTS Congress

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 congress **key message**:

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.

This congress is organised with the support of the Zuiderwaterlinie organisation and Nico de Bont.



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2021 EFFORTS CONGRESS AGENDA

-08:15 - 08:30 **Online arrival of participants**

INTRODUCTION

-08:30 - 08:35 **Technical information and introduction**

by Rafaël DEROO, EFFORTS secretary-general

-08:35 - 08:50 **Congress Welcome**

by Frank PETTER, mayor of Bergen op Zoom, EFFORTS

by Stijn SMEULDERS, deputy of the Province of North Brabant, Netherlands

by Boudewijn DE BONT, directeur Nico de Bont, Netherlands

by Anne GRADY, head cultural heritage advisor, DG Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, European Commission

by Tom BERENDSEN, member of the European Parliament

-08:50 - 09:10 **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 defence of Europe's diverse heritage and therefore it is well-placed to present the possibilities of heritage today.



Part 1 : THE EU GREEN DEAL AND FORTIFIED HERITAGE

-09:10 - 09:30 **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

-09:30 - 09:50 **Introduction to the green and blue projects presented**

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

EFFORTS network 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

-09:50 - 10:10 Getting to a New European Bauhaus Initiative: a smart, green and blue fortification heritage policy

by Fabrizio PANOZZO, University Ca'Foscari of Venice, Italy

10:10 - 10:20 Break



-10:20 - 10:40 Future spatial planning of the Zuiderwaterlinie

by Dr. Ir Gerdy A. VERSCHUURE-STUIP, T.U. Delft Assistant professor Landscape Architecture and Heritage and Hermelinde VAN XANTEN, Kunstloc, Netherlands

-10:40 - 11:00 Watergate 's-Hertogenbosch

by Huibert CRIJNS, funding officer, heritage department, City of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

-11:00 - 11:20 Recapture the Fortress Cities Interreg project, Green and Blue Heritage

by Wim DEBAENE, project officer Regionale Landschappen, Belgium

-11:20 - 11:40 Magdeburg's Green Fortress Belt, planning and challenges

by Josephine KRONEBERG, project coordinator, City of Magdeburg, Germany

-11:40 - 12:00 The Green plans of Culemborg

by Sander BOOMS, project officer, City of Culemborg, Netherlands

-12:00 - 12:20 Zero-Waste project

by Đurđa VRLJEVIC SARIC, department head, Fortress of Culture Šibenik, Croatia

-12:20 - 12:40 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

-12:40 - 12:50 Discussion with participants

13:00 - 13:30 Lunch break



Part 2 : STATE OF EFFORTS

-13:30 - 13:55 **Socio-economic impact of fortified heritage and European cooperation between fortified port sites** and the EFFORTS Fortified Heritage Impact Study (FHIS), reflection on the EFFORTS Hellevoetsluis 7 July 2021 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

-13:55 - 14:20 **The European Cultural Route of the Council of Europe project and Via Hispania (the Spanish Road)**

by Dirk RÖDER, vice-president FORTE CULTURA

by Bernou WAGENAAR, tourism and international relations officer, City of Oost Gelre, Netherlands

by Jessica CASAGRANDE, project officer Liberation Route Europe Foundation

-14:20 - 14:30 **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 WWII detention sites or concentration camps

by Rémi PRAUD, director Liberation Route Europe Foundation
by Rafaël DEROO, secretary general EFFORTS
by Dirk RÖDER, vice-president FORTE CULTURA

-14:30 - 14:40 Discussion with participants



PART 3 : FUTURE OF EFFORTS

-14:40 - 14:50 **'EFFORTS Goes Green': The 2021 EFFORTS European Network project and beyond**

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

-14:50 - 15:10 ICOMOS and ICOFORT cooperation with EFFORTS and EFFORTS Scientific Committee

by Eva ROELS, department head, City of Oudenaarde, president ICOMOS Brussels - Flanders

by Jean-Sébastien MISSON, department head, City of Namur, president ICOMOS Belgium (Brussels-Wallonia)

by Gerco MEIJER, BunkerQ, Oosterbeek, Netherlands and ICOFORT Europe coordinator

with Nataša UROSEVIC, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Croatia, president of the FORTE CULTURA Scientific Committee

with Fiorenzo MENEGHELLI, EFFORTS Knowledge Center, Forte Marghera, Venice, and ISAM – Istituto per la Storia e l'Architettura Militare, Italy, vice-president of the Joint EFFORTS – FORTE CULTURA Joint Scientific Committee



15:10 – 15:20 Break

15:20 - 16:00 Pitch presentations

Europe EFFORTS members pitch presentations of cooperation or project ideas on green, inclusive, or other heritage

-15:20 - 15:30 Continuing an Atlantikwall European project

by Mathieu DE MEYER, director-curator Atlantikwall Museum Raversyde, Oostende, Belgium

-15:30 - 15:40 EU Interreg project on port cities, walls, gates, and quays

by Karen MINSAER, head of unit Archaeology Department, City of Antwerp, Belgium

-15:40 - 15:50 Interreg Central Europe project on European best practices in fortified heritage management

by Nataša UROSEVIC, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Croatia

-15:50 - 16:00 Interreg Europe project on regional fortress belts and lines 'Reviving the Fortress Regions'

by Wim DEBAENE, project officer Regionale Landschappen, Belgium :

-16:00 - 16:10 Discussion with participants

PART 4 : CONCLUSIONS

-16:10 - 16:20 Congress conclusions - *call to arms* for Green and Inclusive Fortification Sites and Lines

by Daniele SFERRA, EFFORTS Knowledge Center, Fondazione Forte Marghera, ISAM, Venice, Italy



PART 5 : ON THE PODIUM

-16:20 - 16:30 Presentation of the 2021 EFFORTS Fortress Summer and presentation of the 2022 EFFORTS Fortress Summer *EFFORTS AWARD*

-16:30 - 16:40 Presentation of the EFFORTS 2022 Congress venue

16:40 End.

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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 Hervijnen, 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.



Restoration experts of fortresses and fortifications

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



Centro Studi per la Valorizzazione delle Architetture Militari e dei Sistemi Difensivi

EFFORTS

EFFORTS is the European network organisation established in 2017 to share knowledge and practical expertise on military heritage, such as walled towns, forts and defence lines. The basis for EFFORTS was laid during the final conference of the At Fort Interreg IVC project in Suomenlinna, Helsinki (Finland 2014) and international conferences on military heritage in 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands 2016), Berlin-Spandau Zitadelle (Germany 2017), Venice (Italy 2018), Antwerp (Belgium 2019) and Oudenaarde (Belgium 2020). Today EFFORTS unites more than 150 European fortified sites and networks in 23 countries and is growing.

Since 2018 EFFORTS has been a European professional representation of fortified sites. It is member of the Europa Nostra managed European Heritage Alliance 3.3. Today EFFORTS' main mission is the structuring of European cooperation and keeping military fortified heritage on the European policy agenda. EFFORTS believes that European cooperation is the key to achieving its goals. Any local or regional authority and any person actively engaged in the protection and re-use of military heritage at European, national, regional or local level is welcome to join EFFORTS. The EFFORTS' aim is to enhance structural European cooperation and coordination, to share expertise, to promote personal cooperation and to put fortified heritage on the agenda as a permanent link with our common European history. This in order to make a sustainable contribution to Europe's economic, energy, spatial development and social challenges.

More information : www.efforts-europe.eu

With the collaboration of Maria Inês Felipe.