

project idea: 'Reviving of the Fortress Regions'

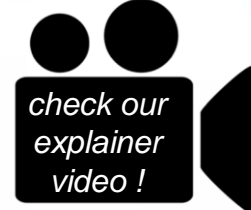
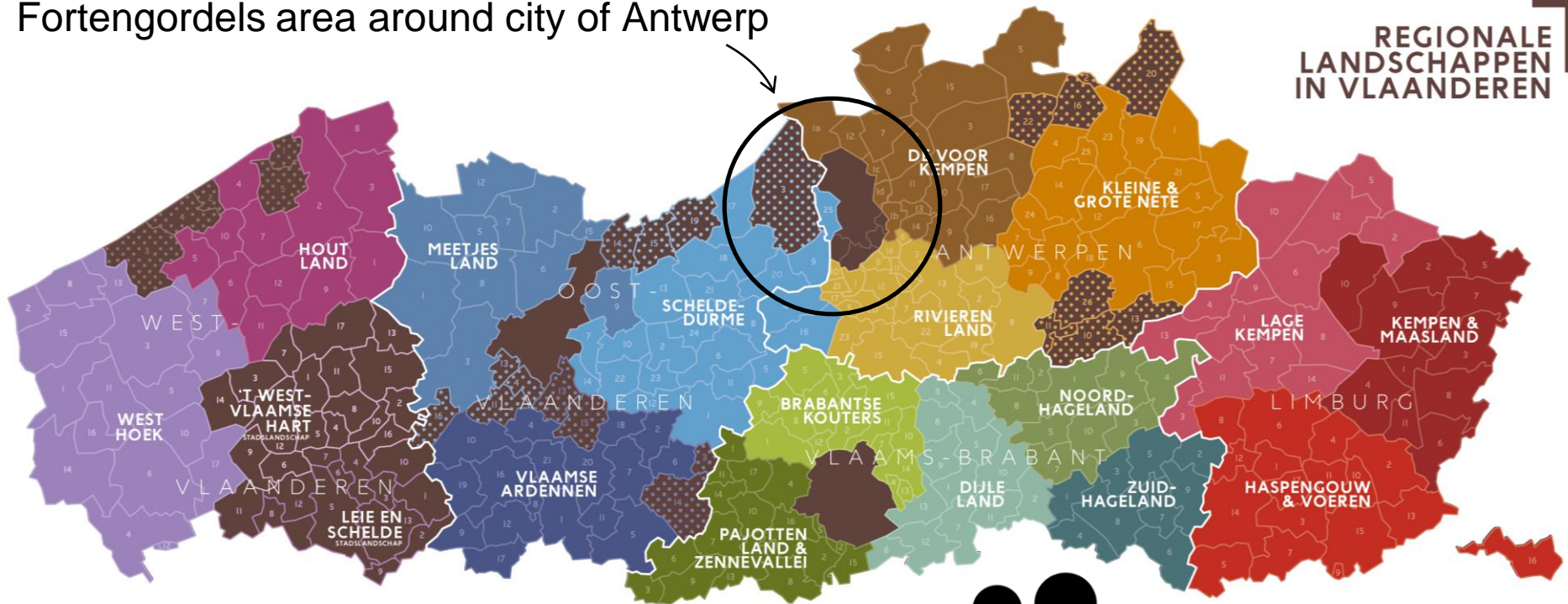


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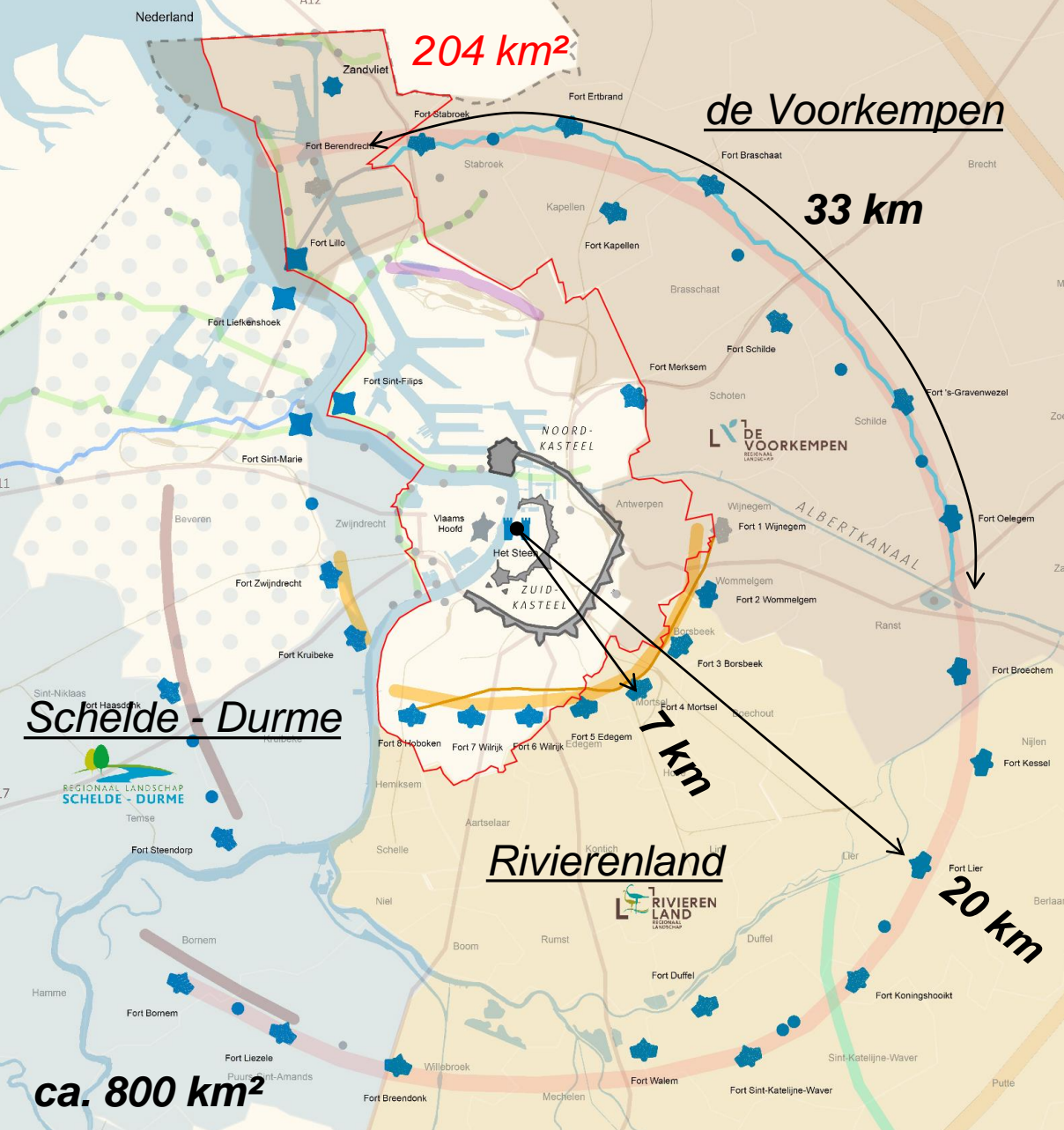
Fortengordels area around city of Antwerp

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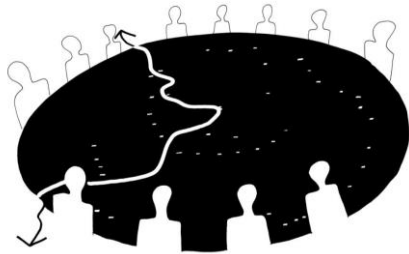
- Burcht - Steen
- Versterkt dorp
- Fort
- Fort verdwenen
- Gebastioneerd fort
- Schans
- Schans verdwenen
- Spaanse omwalling (1542-1553)
- Brialmontomwalling (1860-1864)
- Grote waterlopen
- Anti-tankgracht
- Parmavaart
- Defensieve dijk Tachtigjarige Oorlog (1568-1648)
- Veiligheidsomwalling Noord (1906-1914)
- Brialmontgordel (1860 - 1882)
- Krijgsbaan Brialmontforten (1860-1882)
- Pantsergordel (1909-1914)
- West- en Südabschnitt (1916-1917)
- Koninghooft-Waverlinie (1939 - 1940)
- Antwerp X luchtafweergordels (1944-1945)

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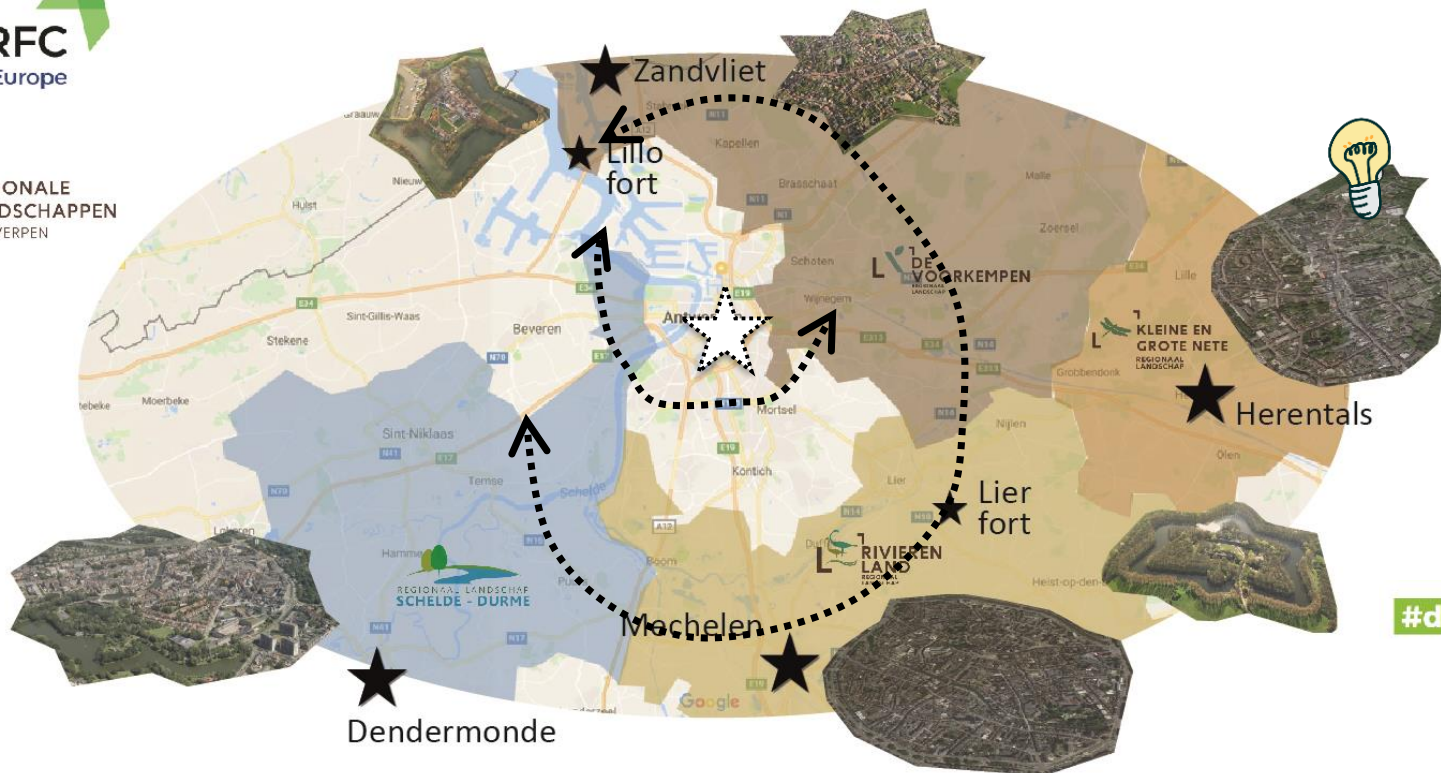
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operating context = current RFC-project
'Recapture the Fortress Cities'

Our current challenges in Antwerp

- > policy plan 'Kaderplan' = future vision on the two Fortress Belts
- > status: inactive since 2019
- > **ambition is reviving**
- > need to include the heart = city Antwerp
- > opportunity for fortress cities to join?



#duurzaamheid

#forten

#erfgoed

First idea



16,17/11/2021

Peer Review (Interreg Europe) on Reviving Fortress Network

> *highlight recommendations:*

1. Mix of funding is needed
2. Mapping of stakeholders and inclusion key players
3. Good governance structure (cfr. Zuiderwaterlinie)
4. Importance of volunteers
- ... other

25/11/2021

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pitch > Reviving the Fortress Networks

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REVIVING THE FORTRESS NETWORKS

Thursday 25 November 2021, 14:00 - 14:30, CONNECTED

Forts are often part of a larger defense system with multiple forts in a circle (belt) around a city or line structure next to a border. Currently this system needs help, after loss of militaire purpose forts and city wall structures are reused by different associations and their common cause as system is affected. It is the objective to reactivate the network in a new context – to bring back the DNA of forts and city wall structures to be part of a larger fortress system and to build again the system of forts as a strong NETWORK for leisure, recreation, social use and also to connect the multiple forts again to the city or border. It is also about building a fortress COMMUNITY, the benefits are multiple: promotion and communication of the whole system reaching wider audience and visitors as a form of sustainable tourism (walking, cycling between forts are the perfect getaway), support of forts in specific advice and expertise in for example restauration techniques (craftsmen academy?) or stimulating start-up of entrepreneurs in forts, funding support for restauration of multiple forts, start new innovative projects. From within this network also VISION is important as the former design of the fortress network(s) have a military strategy and architectural origin and background. Currently this militairy use is not longer needed (luckily). Instead other needs come up such as need for green accessible parks, new touristic routes, events or festivals and all kind of cultural activities, by activating the network and community the next step is vision development. This step is needed to make new plans or projects so the fortress network can be strong, innovative & self-sufficient. This project idea is written and initiated by the Antwerp Regional Landscapes (Belgium) and supported by city of Antwerp & Dendermonde (Belgium) and Magdeburg (Germany) – al three cities have old defensive city walls and forts belt around the city. We are looking for partners with the same fortress situation and ambition.

★ I'm interested

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Interested in: Leading a project, Joining a project, Sharing a project idea, Networking with peers, Participating in peer reviews, Exchanging good practices, Attending networking events, Following online learning activities

city wall ?

fort belt
or line?

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BUILD A STRONG NETWORK

after loss of military purpose the fortress defense systems needs help & contemporary approach

splitted onwerships, different associations ...

reactivate the network in a new context, bring back DNA of forts and city wall structure to be part of a larger system ...

city wall ?

A FORTRESS COMMUNITY

multiple benefits: larger promotion and communication of the whole system reaching wider audience and visitors, advice experts, techniques, support entrepreneurs and start-up, sustainable tourism, funding support, smart ...

A CENTRAL VISION AND STRATEGY

originally build and designed as military strategic and important defense structures

new needs come up such as green parks, touristic routes, events and festivals, cultural activities ...

need for making new plans and projects to be strong & self-sufficient

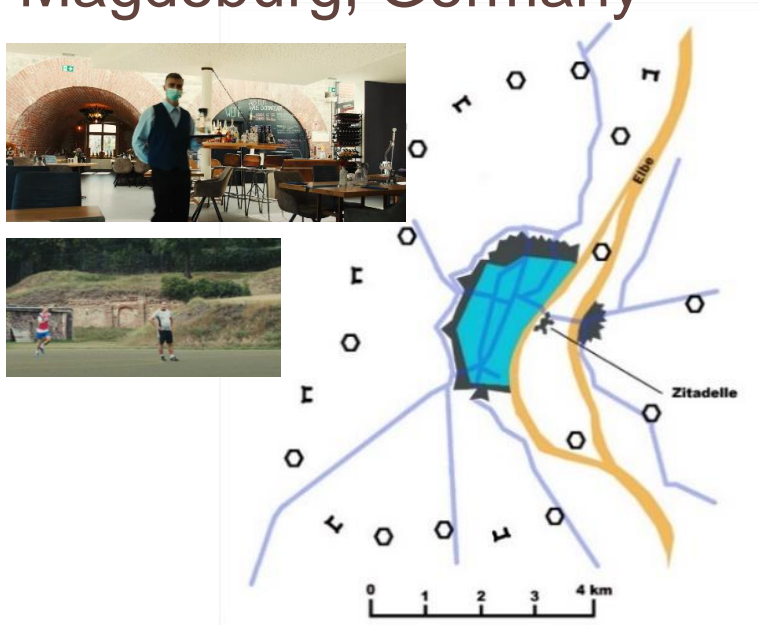
First idea > Reactions & follow-up

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| Nov & Dec '21 | Good reactions and interest before & after IE pitch session (= ongoing ...) |
| 7/12/2021 | Approval of RFC Good Practice 'Fortengordel' by IE policy officer > next step: incl. database |
| 8 > 17/12/2021 | 1st project outlines – written by: <i>Regional LS, Efforts, Forte Cultura, Magdeburg</i>
> new approach & improvement in line with new project funding program – such as:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SMART connected, vision, digital...2. GREEN environment, nature, sustainable...3. SOCIAL community, story telling, support. |

First idea > Reactions & follow-up > **Open partner search ...**

Magdeburg, Germany



Transylvania, Romania



Zuiderwaterlinie, Netherlands



Partner X ... ?

Partner Y ... ?

Partner Z ... ?

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Who are we looking for ? Possible project partners

- Partner with larger fortress network / defense: **belt or line**
- Partner with **ambition for improvement** fortress network
- If possible good practice on theme **smart / green / social**
- Good **EU spread** >

We need you !



• **Geographical coverage**

Geographical areas	Countries covered
North	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden
East	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
South	Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain
West	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland



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Thank you!

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