JOINT COMMITTEE EFFORTS – FORTE CULTURA

COOPERATION PROPOSAL

Arch. Fiorenzo Meneghelli:

We think that the ICOMOS and ICOFORT proposals to collaborate on topics of common interest with EFFORTS-FORTE CULTURA, also finds our interest in particular for the topic "Border places and European cooperation". This topic, which has an important historical and memorial value, also has importance in future cultural and social cooperation, not only between European countries. We think that border areas, which with their fortified systems through history have divided countries and communities, should become the new European cultural corridors and meeting spaces for young Europeans, to raise awareness of common cultural values. Common European historical heritage could encourage shared actions in which various territories recognize themselves in the common European identity. Fortified systems can become the connecting elements of exchange and collaboration in order to promote a balanced cultural and social development of communities to be increasingly integrated into the European unitary process.

On these ideas we could certainly work together ... Finally, it is appropriate to consider that ICOMOS and ICOFORT have a theoretical orientation of a general and international nature, so it is necessary to consider the importance of the FARO convention, which iss a theoretical document but inserted in the European cultural context and the basis for future cooperation in projects related to our common fortified heritage.

Nataša Urošević

 The members of our joint scientific committee are at the same time members of ICOMOS and ICOFORT from different European countries with a great experience in projects related to fortified heritage, so we plan to continue our cooperation through further development of scientific and research activities related to preparation of international projects; capacity building and awareness raising campaing; organisation of workshops, conferences and summer schools with the aim of transfer of knowledge and presentation of European best practice in fortified heritage management; international networking of universities and partner institutions, including researchers’ and students' exchange;  involvement of all interested stakeholders in research related to sustainable valorisation of fortified heritage through international networking; cooperation with European institutions and international organizations such ICOMOS, ICOFORT and the European Institute for Cultural Routes in developing and certification of the cultural routes of fortified heritage.