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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

Thank you all 100+ participants who were present at the **EFFORTS Europe 2021 online Congress** on 13 January. We were able to organise this largest EFFORTS network event with the help of our member organisation Zuiderwaterlinie and heritage construction entrepreneur Nico de Bont.

At the congress, EFFORTS members presented their site-based green projects and EFFORTS presented its **Creative Europe Network project 'EFFORTS Goes Green'**. This Green Deal – based action plan will be rolled out in 2022-2023.

Also at the congress was presented the EFFORTS Forte Cultura led '**FORTS/Unchained'** project on a remembrance route and educational concept for fortified sites that have been places of detention or concentration camps in WWII. We use the tool of dissonant heritage in the set-up of educational modules for all interested sites.

The **EFFORTS Congress of 2022** will take place in Kaunas, Lithuania, from 6 to 7 October, with board and AG meetings on the 5th. For this, we are very proud to be a partner of '**Kaunas 2022 European Cultural Capital of Europe**'. At the same time, EFFORTS is intensifying its collaboration with its member Forte Cultura and its **Cultural Route** actions and continuing the roll-out of its Europe-wide network in new member states.

In the meanwhile I hope we can enjoy the relaxation of Covid-measures Europe-wide and that we can meet soon in person!

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Frank Petter,
Mayor of Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands
President of EFFORTS



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**'FORTIFIED HERITAGE in GREEN and BLUE –
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Goals of the sixth annual EFFORTS Congress, with 100+ participants, were:

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.
3. To come to a joint EFFORTS network action plan based on the EU Green Deal

The EFFORTS congress **key message** was: 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's aim was to demonstrate how fortified heritage contributes to a European sustainable future and so show fortified heritage's role in achieving these green ambitions.

As a result, EFFORTS Europe presented its '**EFFORTS Goes Green**' action 2022-2024, that will be concretised in the EFFORTS 2021 Call to Arms, englobing the positions taken at the congress:

The '**EFFORTS Goes Green**' (EGG) **2022 – 2024 action plan** aims at improving and intensifying the cooperation between its members in all European countries, in particular between the local and regional cultural authorities, owners and users of fortified heritage, and all other cultural actors and professionals working with **environmental action driven fortified European heritage**.

The EGG project **builds capacities**, enhances cross-sector and cross-border cooperation and 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.

Therefore '**learning by sharing**' is the motto of the new collaborative digital platform FORTMEET to be set up, promoting active exchange and cooperation between the network members. In this platform project, fortified heritage's shared environmental and societal solutions become the framework for future European cooperation.

Essential are also the **EFFORTS workshops on climate actions / energy efficiency, green tourism, social integration and inclusiveness**, feeding into the ongoing EFFORTS **Fortified Heritage Impact Study** led by the University of Venice.

Through the annual European-wide public event on its sites (**European Fortress Summer**), the possibilities and achievements of integrating fortified heritage into climate action and the improvement of fortified sites' inclusiveness and accessibility for all, will be highlighted.

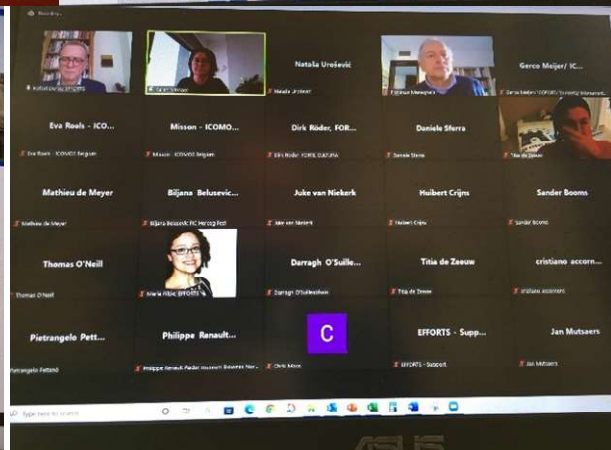
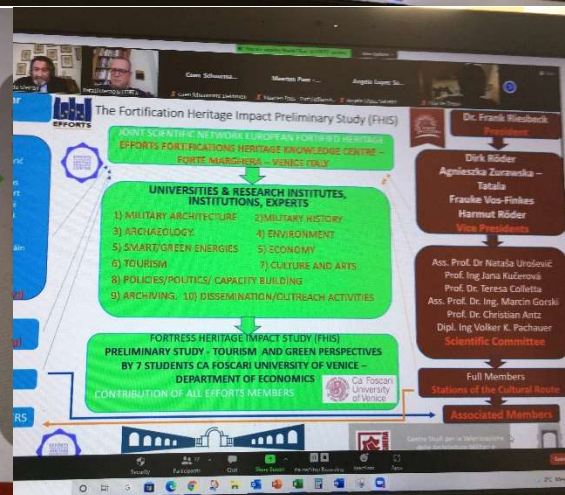
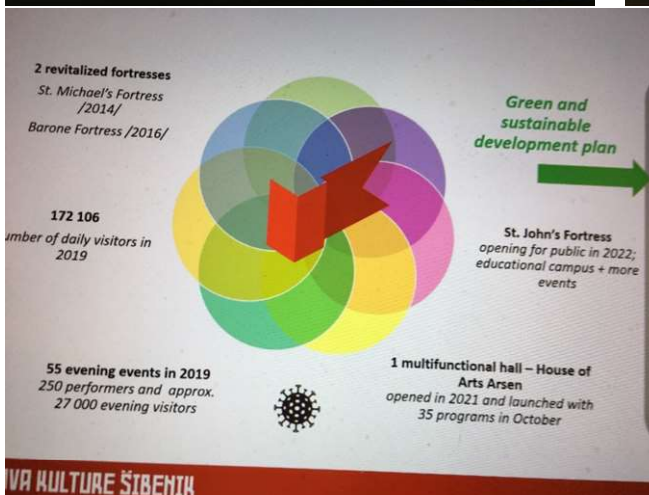
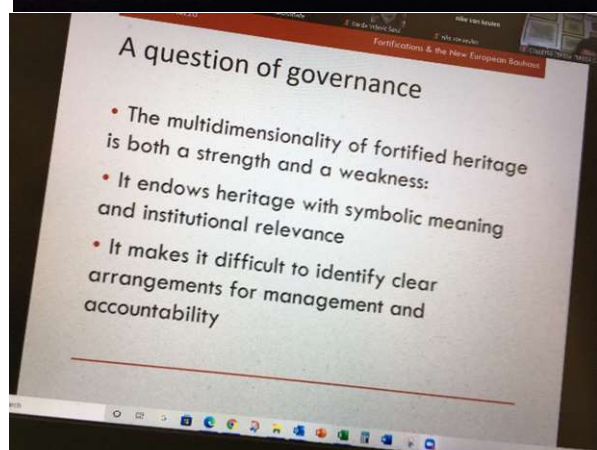
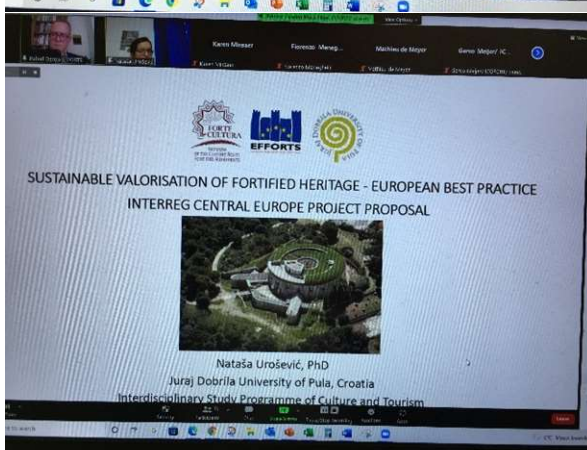
Finally, by means of the **future Charter on Green and Inclusive Fortification Sites**, the EGG project will promote EFFORTS members' potential to work towards a sustainable, culturally inclusive and safe Europe, demonstrating the solutions fortified heritage has to offer for the social, cultural and environmental challenges we face.

Finally, thanks to the work of Ca'Foscari experts at the congress the questions of **governance** and the **New European Bauhaus Initiative** were discussed, with the elements mentioned above, culminating in a Congress **Call to Arms**. The latter will be communicated soon.

Read and watch the EFFORTS congress programme and presentations on:

<https://www.efforts-europe.eu/2021-congress/>

Underneath two articles about the congress, courtesy of prof. Nataša Urošević from Pula (HR) and a translation on the resume she made on the congress, together with a screen impression of the online conference :



“PULA COULD COOPERATE ON FORTIFIED HERITAGE VALORIZATION PROJECTS WITH EUROPEAN PORT CITIES WITH FORTRESS BELTS”

The key role of European fortifications in achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus were the main topics of the EFFORTS conference "Fortified Heritage in Green and Blue - a European Sustainable Solution" on European examples of good practice in transnational networking and project cooperation in the valorization of the common European heritage, applicable in the revitalization of Pula's fortifications. Due to the epidemiological situation, the conference planned in Brussels was transferred to the online format. Among more than 100 distinguished participants, representatives of European cities with fortifications, international organizations and European institutions, representatives of the Fortress of Culture from Šibenik and Juraj Dobrila University in Pula presented current project initiatives in Croatia.

CULTURAL HERITAGE IN EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

After an introductory presentation by EUROPA NOSTRA Brussels Office director Jimmy Jamar, Anne Grady, European Commission's Cultural Adviser, spoke about the **role of cultural heritage in the European Green Agenda in the turbulent times of pandemics and climate change**. Jimmy Jamar, Head of the European Heritage Office Europa Nostra, pointed out that culture and heritage as bearers of European identity and values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law are currently at the heart of all European initiatives linking the digital revolution to social inclusion and civil society participation. *“The **fight for climate goes hand in hand for the protection of cultural heritage**. We support cultural heritage, social innovation and research at universities, as cultural heritage creates new jobs, is a source of creativity and innovation and connects Europeans, ensuring the post-pandemic recovery of Europe as the world's major tourist destination. Our goal is to preserve heritage sites from destruction, from funding the European Capitals of Culture project to investing in urban regeneration projects of historic cities with fortifications like Valletta. By promoting ecological transition through the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus, we connect culture and social cohesion. We Europeans are connected by a common heritage that connects us to a sustainable future, said Bruno Rossignol, Head of Climate and Heritage at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg, which supported the **European Green Deal** by funding as many as 12,000 projects related to sustainable infrastructure, clean energy, innovative technologies and digitization.”*

Fortifications as a public good are an ideal medium for thinking about sustainable social welfare policies, as an incubator for experimentation, learning, innovation and transformation and the development of new forms of participatory local governance, said Fabrizio Panozzo of Ca' Foscari University in Venice, elaborating contribution of culture and creative sector in social cohesion and sustainability of local communities within the **New European Bauhaus**.

Presenting current projects of networking European cities with fortifications, such as the **EFFORTS Goes Green action**, the EFFORTS Secretary General Rafaël Deroo pointed out that many of the challenges facing European cities and regions can be addressed through cross-border or international cooperation. *“We are working on the sustainability of our cultural heritage, on routes of remembrance, on the development of knowledge networks, on endangered heritage, on heritage tourism. **We are currently developing cooperation projects of fortified port cities and cities with fortification rings**. As part of a European network of 150 cities with fortifications from 23 countries, it is easy for our members to connect quickly and find project partners. European fortified sites have much in common: from architecture, history of conflict, the need for revitalization and conversion of fortifications for various modern purposes. We also have to face the current energy challenges and climate change at European level, so this common heritage is a logical choice: European fortifications are ideal spaces for projects reflecting about a sustainable and responsible 'green' economy. At the same time, fortifications and their surroundings are excellent places for cultural, social, tourist and recreational activities of the local population. At our conference we present also **European examples of good practice in revitalizing belt fortress (port) cities**, which can be useful for Pula, such as Hellevuetsluis, 's-Hertogenbosch and Bergen op Zoom in the Netherlands, Helsinki in Finland, Antwerp in Belgium and of course Venice with its fortifications”,* points out Rafaël Deroo, Secretary General of the European Federation of Fortified Sites. As logical, he suggests cooperation with coastal cities in Croatia and Montenegro and Italy with similar heritage from the period of Venetian, Austrian and French rule. Since Pula has a European heritage from various periods from ancient time onwards, project frameworks for cooperation may include Central European heritage from the Austro-Hungarian period, Adriatic Venetian heritage, but partners can also be fortified port cities, fortified towns, green economy or sustainable cultural tourism development.”

The conference presented current examples of project cooperation in the valorisation of European fortifications, funded by various programs, from Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and European Capitals of Culture to

Creative Europe, Horizon and INTERREG cross-border cooperation programs. The potentials of cross-border and transnational cooperation between port fortified cities and cities with fortification rings were especially emphasized.

FASCINATING EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICES

Wim Debaene, project expert of the Regionale Landschappen presented the current **Interreg project "Recapture the Fortress Cities"**, while Josephine Kroneberg, project coordinator of the City of Magdeburg presented the Green Belt of fortresses that her city is currently developing to connect the remaining fragments of the former fortification.

Experts from the University of Delft presented the Zuiderwaterlinie (NL), a 290-kilometer-long fortification route along fortified towns, forts and surrounding villages in Brabant, the Netherlands, that has served to protect the country from attack for centuries. If the enemy got too close, the countryside could be flooded. The Dutch consider water and frequent floods at the same time as the problem, the challenge and the solution. Currently, three universities are working together to help the local community to interpret historic fortifications through participatory governance models. One of the most successful projects of this large system, Watergate 's-Hertogenbosch, was presented by Huibert Crijns, expert at the 's-Hertogenbosch city's heritage department (NL). The threats of climate change and the need to protect the old town with special flood barriers have forced the city administration of this Dutch city to start the process of revitalization of city walls through 17 different European programs and projects, to arrange public spaces with impressive fortifications, involve the local community in sustainable urban planning development and deserve the prestigious award of the international heritage organization Europa Nostra.

Experts and students from the Ca'Foscari University in Venice presented the **EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Impact Study**, presenting the socio-economic impact of fortified heritage and international potentials. Dirk Röder, Secretary general of the European Cultural Route of Fortifications organisation Forte Cultura, and Jessica Casagrande, representing the Liberation Route Europe Foundation presented the process of certifying the Council of Europe's cultural routes as well as the current project **Forts/Unchained**, which investigates European fortifications which were used in the WWII as places of detention or concentration camps.

VALORISATION OF THE COMMON HERITAGE

Đurđa Vrljević Šarić from the Fortress of Culture in Šibenik (HR) presented the current Zero-Waste City project implemented by the youth association "Youth in the EU" together with the public institution Fortress of Culture Šibenik and the company Green City Šibenik, aimed in educating young citizens in interesting and creative ways about the importance of recycling and environmental protection, and to enrich the city of Šibenik with infrastructure for responsible waste management.

Assistant Professor Nataša Urošević from Juraj Dobrila University in Pula presented previous experiences in valorization of Pula fortifications and projects involving researchers and students of the University of Pula, such as the **ADRIFORT pilot project** as well as current project initiatives of international networking of Central European cities with Austro-Hungarian fortifications in Central Europe: *"Modern Pula developed around the historic Arsenal, on seven city hills, with the Venetian Castle in the center and 30 major fortifications in 3 fortification rings that protected the former main Austro-Hungarian naval port. The Pula Naval Fortress was part of a wider system of Central European Austro-Hungarian fortifications, consisting of the fortified systems of Verona in Italy, Linz and Vienna in Austria, Olomouc, Krakow and Przemysl in Poland and Komarom/ Komarno on the Hungarian-Slovak border. We therefore believe that Interreg Central Europe is the ideal framework for the valorisation of this common Central European heritage. We have a quality documentation base, from the Catalog of Austro-Hungarian fortifications, prepared by our colleagues from Verona, to the feasibility study of valorization of Pula fortifications prepared by our University. The European Year of Cultural Heritage was an opportunity to valorize this common heritage, so together with 20 experts from Central Europe we prepared publication presenting European best practices in sustainable valorisation of fortified heritage through transnational networks, such as Council of Europe cultural routes or transnational nominations for the UNESCO list. Cooperation with European cities involved in the international networks Forte Cultura and EFFORTS opens new opportunities for cooperation of port cities with fortifications and fortress belts cities, as well as the development of cultural routes that will connect the common European fortification heritage at local, regional, national and European level."*

In the discussion on the potentials of cooperation between the heritage organizations ICOMOS and ICOFORT with European cities with fortifications, representatives of the Joint Scientific Committee of the international networks Forte Cultura and EFFORTS Nataša Urošević and Fiorenzo Meneghelli emphasized the topic of transnational cooperation of European border regions: European fortified systems, which throughout history

have divided countries and communities, should become new European cultural corridors and meeting places for young Europeans, in order to develop awareness of common European cultural values and heritage.

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Forte Cultura EFFORTS Joint Scientific president Nataša Urošević (Forte Cultura) and vice-president Fiorenzo Meneghelli (EFFORTS) emphasized the importance of transnational cooperation between sites and experts of European border regions: *European fortifications, which throughout history have divided countries and communities, should become new European cultural corridors and meeting places for young Europeans, in order to develop awareness of common European cultural values and heritage.*

ONGOING CALL FOR CANDIDACIES FOR THE FORTE CULTURA – EFFORTS JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Soon 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 work with the **EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center** in Forte Marghera (IT). One of the tasks of the Committee will be the **Fortification Heritage Study 2021-2022**.

For your candidature or information, contact EFFORTS at info@efforts-europe.eu or FORTE CULTURA at office@forte-cultura.eu



'FORTS/Unchained', the EFFORTS Forte Cultura - Liberation Route Europe Foundation route project

As a proposal in the 2022 Creative Europe Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) call, this educational project based on the premises of dissonant heritage 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. Fortress sites Kaunas Fort 9 (LT), the Theresienstadt Centre for Genocide Studies (CZ) and Fort Breendonk (War Heritage Institute, BE), together with Liberation Route Europe, the Dissonant Heritage Action group and EFFORTS Forte Cultura join forces in this.

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



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EUROPEAN HERITAGE TRIBUNE TO COLLABORATE WITH EFFORTS

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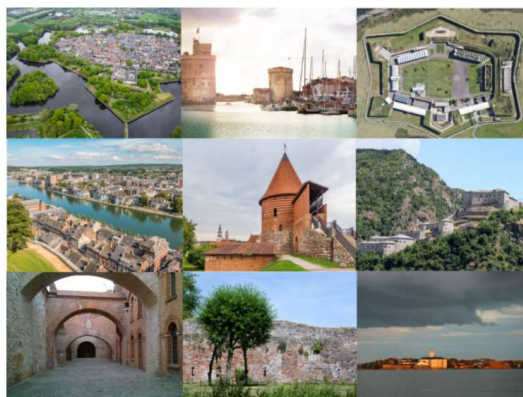


The European Heritage Tribune is pleased to announce a collaboration with the European Federation of Fortified Sites (EFFORTS).

EFFORTS is an organisation that connects fortified sites across Europe, which aligns with the European Heritage Tribune's goal of starting conversations between heritage enthusiasts around the continent. By joining forces, the Tribune hopes to share more content that highlights how much of this particular heritage Europe has, and how we can use this heritage to symbolise unity instead of division.

“ *Fortified sites, being precious testimony to the collective memory, represent a unique expression of Europe's cultural heritage.*

EFFORTS Mission



Fortresses and fortified cities across Europe. Images: Canva

A Welcome Transformation

EFFORTS was founded in 2017 with a belief in this heritage to be a force for good, and as a call to arms for sites across Europe to share expertise and aid each other. Whilst castles and fortresses can often appear cold and inhospitable, reuse of these sites can transform them into something welcoming.

There is much potential for these places to be welcoming: locals and tourists visit forts across Europe every year in vast numbers. These sites are often icons of their regions and focal points for their local communities. EFFORTS believes that there should be a strong network to support this interest. Fortified sites should be able to tell the stories of their pasts, but they should also be prepared for the future.

Fortresses for the Future

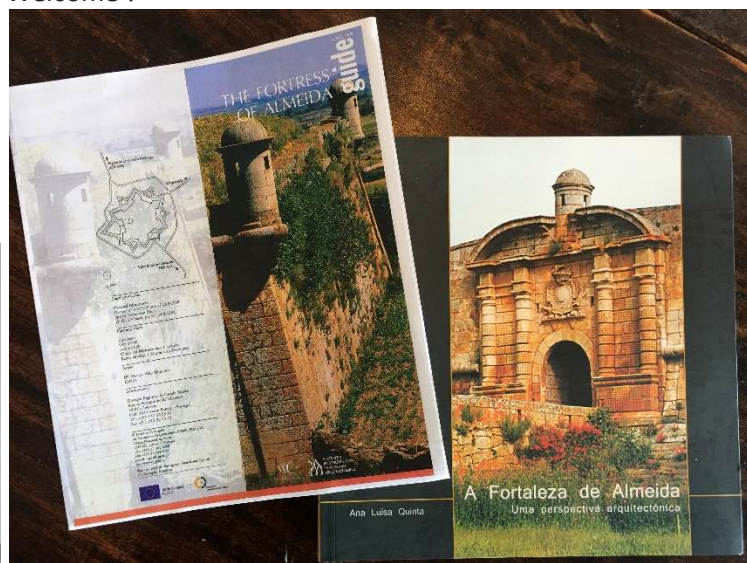
Heritage sites must consider how they will grow and change into the future. Sustainable development of culture and tourism is not always an easy goal to achieve, especially for military sites, that often wrestle with a dark past. There are thoughtful and practical ways to do this, such as incorporating heritage sites back into their natural surroundings. EFFORTS hopes to both innovate solutions and share them among colleagues throughout Europe.

Fortified heritage has shown how challenges of energy transition, climate adaptation, and migration have been dealt with in the past. These sites may represent a difficult history, but also opportunities for innovation and change.

EFFORTS and the European Heritage Tribune believe that the best way to protect and promote these iconic sites is through partnerships and joint action. Through this, fortified sites can negotiate for the resources that they need together, rather than standing alone.

EFFORTS COMMUNITY ‘ROLL CALL’

This year’s first new member is the Mrs. Ana Luísa Quinta, from the Portuguese Ministry of Culture, represented by (photo). Welcome !



Ana is an Architect (Lisbon, 1988) and master in Recovery of Architectural and Landscape Heritage (Évora, 1997), with the dissertation «**The fortress of Almeida - Proposal for a methodology for its recovery**» (see photo). She was the coordinator of the Local Technical Office of Almeida, between 1989 and 1991, which prepared the detail plan for safeguarding the historic center. Between 1999 and 2007, she worked at Instituto Português do Património Arquitectónico (Ministry of Culture) where she prepared the Strategic Program for the Safeguarding and Enhancement of the Lisbon Napoleonic war era defence lines «**Linhas de Torres Vedras**» (1810) and coordinated the team formed by the six municipalities responsible for carrying out the inventory of the existing military works and preparing the respective Safeguard and Enhancement Project. Since 2012, she works at **Direção-Geral do Património Cultural (Ministry of Culture)**, first, at the Department of Studies, Conservation Works and Inspection and, since March 2018, she is dedicated to the classification of cultural heritage. She collaborated with the **International Fortress Council** (The Netherlands) in the elaboration of the **Multilingual Fortification Dictionary (Portuguese language)** and has promoted the publication of brochures on castles and fortresses. In the field of military architecture, she developed an investigation into the constructive evolution of the **Tower of Belém (Lisbon)**.

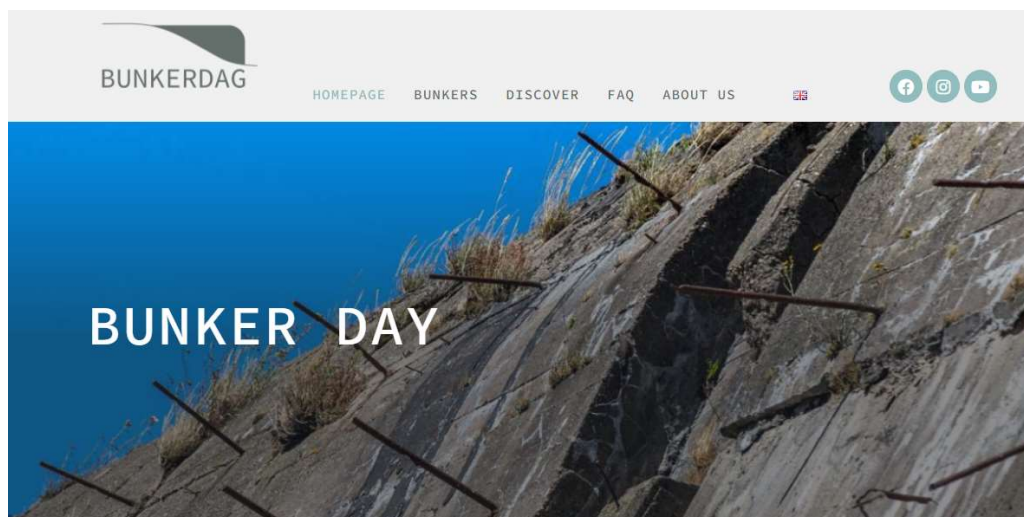
OTHER EVENTS

- On 16-17 February, EFFORTS' secretary general presents at the **Integrated Approaches to Europe's Dissonant Heritage – Insights, Networks, and Future Perspectives** Conference the EFFORTS Forte Cultura / Liberation Route Europe **FORTS/Unchained** dissonant heritage project proposal for the EU Creative Europe Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (in its 'Market Place')
[Online Forum: Integrated Approaches to the Dissonant Heritage in Europe: Insights, Networks and Future Perspectives \(16-17 February 2022\) | Futurium \(europa.eu\)](#)
 The event (with the exception of the Market Place) can be viewed via live stream at:
<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/termine/EN/veranstaltungen/dissonant-heritage/veranstaltung.html>
 The Online Market Place will be held via the virtual platform Wonder under the following link:
<https://app.wonder.me/?spaceId=a82d82ef-594b-4e39-b8e2-4f5ce367f49f>

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



- The EU Creative Europe project ATLANTIKWALL EUROPE initiated **European Bunker Day 2022** has already dates in the Netherlands (28 May) and Belgium (5 June). Bunker Day has now become an annual tradition, the day on which you can visit very special places and bunkers. With countless activities such as guided tours, bike rides, theater, workshops, ... You can certainly discover bunkers over the whole coastline, but also inland. All info at EFFORTS member www.raversyde.be and at www.bunkerdag.nl.



- **FORTMED 2023_Pisa, 23, 24 and 25 March 2023 - Call for Abstracts** : the Department of Energy, Systems, Territory and Construction Engineering (DESTEC) of the University of Pisa will host **FORTMED 2023**, the sixth edition of the **International Conference on Fortifications of the Mediterranean Coast**. The conference will take place on **23, 24 and 25 March 2023**. **Abstract submission deadline: 25th March 2022**. <https://fortmed2023.blog/> E - mail: fortmed2023@gmail.com
- Since 2020, EFFORTS member Oost Gelre organises with EFFORTS a cultural route along the 80-Year's War heritage sites and immaterial heritage. It brought the Dutch municipality and

its neighbours to apply together for the **Dutch BNG Heritage Award**. EFFORTS is proud to support them.





We kennen elkaar van?
Wij kent mekare van?

Oost Gelre is een actief lid van deze Europese vereniging van regio's die hun ontwikkeling stimuleren door het inzetten van vestingserfgoed.

Op welk project met ons ben je het meest trots?
Op welk project met uns buj 't greust?

Via Hispania, dit is door Oost Gelre uitgegroeid tot een potentiële Europese culturele route die het verhaal wil vertellen over het gedeelde erfgoed, materieel en immaterieel, dat de Spaanse legers achterlieten in heel Europa. Oost Gelre is met zijn experts dit jaar in België, Duitsland en Kroatië geweest.

Wie ben je?
Wee buj?

Rafael Deroo

Waar ben je van?
Waar buj van?

EFFORTS



Wat zou je nog met ons willen doen?
Wat zoj nog met uns willen doon?

Dat gaan we doen bij de 2022 Slag om Grolle, waar EFFORTS graag mee de tweede internationale conferentie mee organiseert. Verder werken we met Oost Gelre een Europees netwerk van erfgoedtoerisme-experts verder uit.

Welke kleur past het best bij ons en waarom?
Welke kleure past 't beste bij uns en waarumme?

Paars! De ambities van Oost Gelre zijn grenzeloos. Het is magisch hoe de stad grote evenementen versterkt door inwoners te betrekken.

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- The improvement of the pandemic situation in Europe has led to relaxation of measures, with many of the **forts in Europe opening again for the public**. EFFORTS member StichtingLiniebreed Ondernemen (NL) is proud to announce it in its newsletter:



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- [We zijn weer open! Radiocommercial op NPO 2](#)
- [Verhuursite nu live](#)
- [Jouw activiteit in de online nieuwsbrief](#)
- [Start Fortenseizoen: 16-18 april DOE MEE](#)
- [Jouw vestingstad in VESTING! 2022 MAGAZINE](#)
- [Agenda 2022](#)



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 www.liberationrouteeurope.eu and War Heritage Institute's '**Belgium Battlefield of Europe**' network www.belgiumbattlefield.be



- 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



- 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>



- EFFORTS, via its members Regionale Landschappen and Simon Stevin V.V.C. (BE), participates in the set-up of the **regional meetings in Flanders (BE)**, organised within the **EU Interreg Europe** project **Recapture the Fortress Cities** focusing on best practices of fortified cities in the management of their fortified heritage. <https://keep.eu/projects/21538/Recapture-the-Fortress-Citi-EN/>

Alle meetings are in Dutch. Results of these meetings can be found on www.regionalelandschappen.be. (Contact info@efforts-europe.eu if you want to participate). This is the meeting series :

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

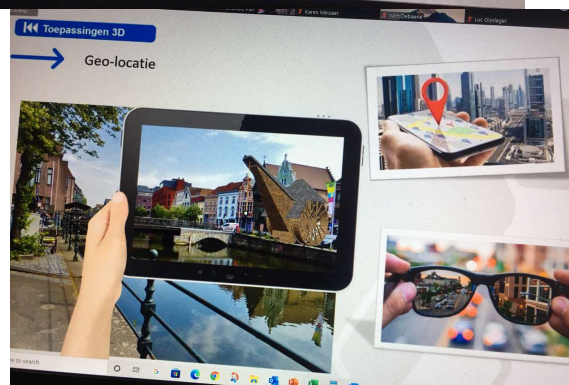
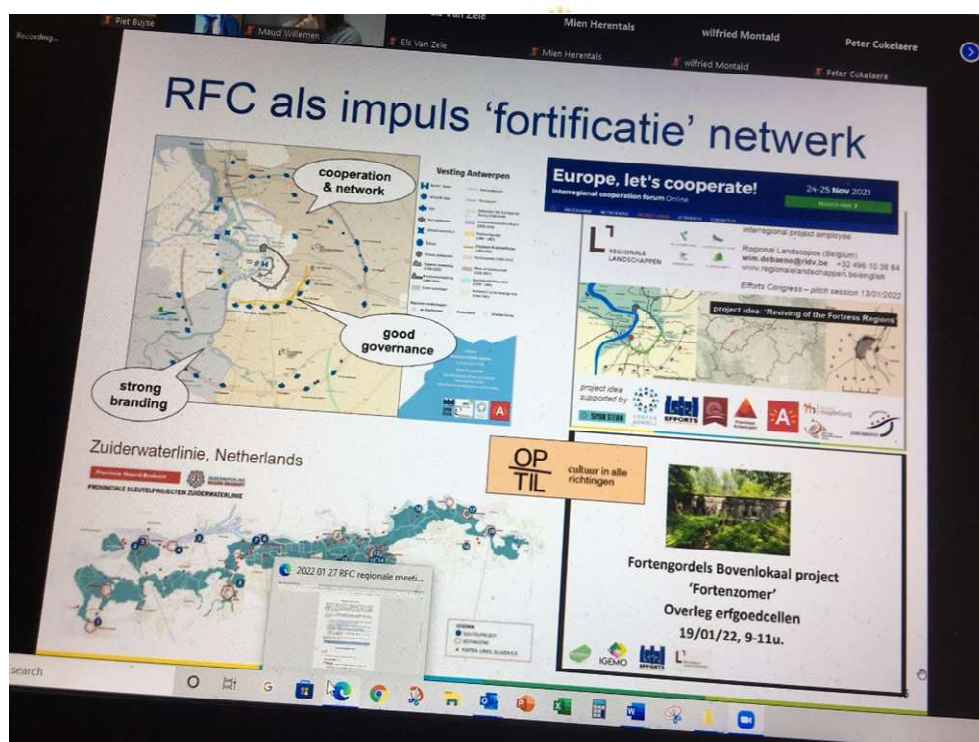
22 June 2021 : Forten, visie en financiering (Lier)

27 January 2021 : Recreatie, toerisme en beleving (Mechelen)

➔ **15 March 2022 : Ruimtelijke planning en landschapsarchitectuur (Herentals)**

Underneath : photo impression of the Mechelen meeting:

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



For more European news on cultural heritage, see EFFORTS partner : <https://heritagetribune.eu/>

MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

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