EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 22 MAY 2022



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

EFFORTS celebrates its 5th year! Congratulations to the 120 members that made this possible!

I am therefore happy to announce that the seventh **EFFORTS Congress of 2022** will take place in Kaunas, Lithuania, from 6 to 7 October, with Board and AG meetings on the 5th. We are very proud to be a partner of **'Kaunas 2022 European Cultural Capital of Europe'.**

EFFORTS members are again fully opening their sites and organise their events. With EFFORTS we want to support this and give this common heritage a platform. Therefore we set up the **European Fortress Summer** (EFS). Read in this newsletter on how to register and participate in the run for the **EFFORTS Award** for most innovative participant in EFS.

EFFORTS is also proud to connect with Ukrainian fortified sites and cities as was presented in April in the EFFORTS – Forte Cultura – Ukraine Cooperation and Twinning programfme. We support our colleagues in this war-torn country. 4 Partnerships are in the making today. Join this initiative by letting the EFFORTS secretariat know.

Enjoy the coming summer months and European Fortress Summer!



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



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http://www.efforts-europe.eu/membership/

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EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2022







In order to present Europe's forts and fortifications to a larger European public, international partners, together with EFFORTS, the European Federation of Fortified Sites and defence lines and its partner FORTE CULTURA present the annual Europe-wide event 'European Fortress Summer'. From all participants, the annual EFFORTS AWARD is selected and presented at the EFFORTS annual congress.

-> REGISTER on https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/fortress-summer/efs/efs-registration

European Fortress Summer brings together events on sites of fortified heritage spanning the larger summer season (May to September). **JOIN US** by **registering on this website** and your site and event will

- -be part of the European Fortress Summer agenda with dozens of European Fortified sites' events
- -be communicated on EFFORTS Europe FORTE CULTURA social media
- -be presented at the October 2022 EFFORTS Congress and compete for the EFFORTS AWARD.

In 2022 the EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER EVENT is **'EFFORTS Goes Green'**, using your event as a showcase for EU Green Deal Actions.

After registration, communicate your event, to the public *anywhere*, and the event can be anywhere during the summer, tag your social media posts with **#effortseurope #europeanfortresssummer**, take note of visitor numbers and send on **office@forte-cultura.eu** by 30 September the event participant amount number, with good photos or film (especially with people).

Good luck! Enjoy the European Fortress Summer!



EFFORTS 6-7 OCTOBER 2022 7th ANNUAL CONGRESS



In July registration will be made possible for the

KAUNAS BOARD, AGM and CONGRESS



-PROVISIONAL AGENDA-

Tuesday 4 October 2022

Arrival of participants

Wednesday 5 October 2022 - Venue: Kaunas Municipality Hall

10:00 - 12:00 : **BOARD meeting**

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Board members

14:00 -16:00: Annual General Meeting for EFFORTS members (same building)

16:00 - 18:00: Meeting and tour EFFORTS members and 'Kaunas European Capital of Culture'

representation

19:00: Informal dinner

Thursday 6 - Friday 7 October 2022 - Venue: Vitautas Magnus University

EFFORTS 7th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Community building for European Fortified Heritage

Inclusive, creative, innovative and green solutions - increasing cultural access and participation

The EFFORTS annual congress is a partner of the Kaunas 2022 Capital of Culture and part of EFFORTS Goes Green network project

Over the years European fortified sites have been transforming into places for participation in arts, culture and memory. They also reveal their potential in regional sustainable development and climate change adaptation. The 2022 EFFORTS Europe congress is organised on fortified heritage revitalisation subjects: horizontal integration of the role of fortified heritage, re-use and adaptation strategies, and social integration and creative innovation in local communities. Join us in the European Fortified Heritage community co-creation: the 2022 EFFORTS CONGRESS, partner of Kaunas European Capital of Culture 2022 welcomes you in Kaunas, Lithuania.

3 PARTS:

PART 1 - HERITAGE COMMUNITIES

Heritage Communities value specific aspects of cultural heritage which they wish, within the framework of public action, to sustain and transmit to future generations. Focus on European fortified heritage diversity and on common values: reclaim, redefine and adapt through local participation, volunteerism and community-based cooperation.

Key elements: Culture and creativity, aesthetics, architecture, design, creative industries-hubs: open fortified sites by encouraging people to participate in culture and art, participation, accessibility and communication, memory institutions, heritage volunteers, heritage operators and stakeholders or placemakers (building of identity and memory, education, dissonant heritage and Forts/Unchained EFFORTS project).

PART 2 - ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

- 1. COMMUNITES OF SHARED MEMORY: Museum of Ninth Fort
- 2. REGENERATIVE PLACEMAKING: Fort no. 1., Fort no. 3.
- 3. PROTOTYPING FUTURE: Kaunas Fortress Park Workshop Office
- 4. INCREASING PARTICIPATION: Fort no. 4
- 5. SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

PART 3 - GREEN CULTURAL ROUTES AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Cooperation for tourism, cultural routes and local development. How to make fortified heritage sites inclusive, resilient and sustainable? Focus on different examples of how fortified sites contribute to the development of sustainable tourism. Learn about a variety of cross-border and regional cooperation projects co-creating green cultural routes and contributing to local development.

Keywords: heritage supporting environmental quality, social business, social cohesion, inclusive economic development, equity, access for all to fortified heritage sites, community well-being and resilience.

Also in the programme:

- 'Forts/Unchained', the EU CERV project proposal (EFFORTS, with among others Fort 9 Kaunas)
- Joint Scientific Committee Forte Marghera 2022 September launch
- EFFORTS Forte Cultura Ukraine Cooperation Twinning Programme
- European Fortress Summer and EFFORTS AWARD presentation
- Conference resumé 'From 2022 Brussels to 2022 Kaunas the call to action'

2021 EFFORTS CALL FOR ACTION

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 EFFORTS is fully continuing with the roll-out of these goals, 9 months after the last annual congress. It will work futher on its 2021 Call for Action:



The European Federation of Fortified Sites

HERITAGE CALL for ACTION 'EFFORTS GOES GREEN'

2021 CONGRESS, 13 January 2022

INTRODUCTION

Fortified heritage or built military heritage are forts, fortifications, fortified churches, walled cities, defence lines from Roman times to the Cold War. They uniquely exist in large numbers in every European country. Fortified sites, being precious testimony to the collective memory, represent an expression of Europe's cultural heritage. They demonstrate the intrinsic need to defend borders in the past, however, today this shared history contains symbols of our common European history, now uniting Europe instead of dividing it. They hold a significant potential for the definition of functions that tackle modern-day societal, technological and environmental challenges:

- reaching environmental targets, through:
 - innovation in climate mitigation by redevelopments and restorations taking into account zero-emission and renewable energy approaches;
 - 'green and blue' centers (nature/ parks and water);
 - being sites of unique biodiversity and bio-ecosystems;
 - contributing to the promotion of innovative technologies & new forms of entrepreneurship (incl. human centred approaches).
- increasing cultural access and participation and intrinsic cultural/artistic heritage values of fortified heritage (incl. shared European and international heritage, local traditions, wellbeing, all relating to the New European Bauhaus Initiative);
- enticing societal engagement, inclusion and diversity (incl. broader outreach), incl. heritage as a 'a societal glue', connecting within local communities (broader than only EU);

HERITAGE CALL FOR ACTION

EFFORTS therefore calls its members to work together, in the framework of the EFFORTS Goes Green project 2022-2024, on the following **ACTIONS**:

- Enforce a multilateral European cooperation framework for common projects, based on the exchange of knowledge (in the EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Knowledge Center in Forte Marghera (IT), with the EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee)
- Engage in capacity building for public and private stakeholders and achieving the European Green Deal goals trough adoption of climate change adaptation and socially inclusive action, making fortified heritage the catalyst for green urban development and cohesion and the driver of European social values.
- 3. <u>Establish</u> fortified heritage as a complementary key tool for the implementation of the **New European Bauhaus Initiative.**
- 4. <u>Foster</u> cross-cutting holistic green knowledge on management and rehabilitation of fortified sites using:
- -climate change actions;
- -state of the art energy solutions;
- -green responsible tourism;
- -social integration and inclusiveness and cultural diversity;
- -empowering local communities on the basis of the Council of Europe Faro Convention on the value of cultural heritage for society.
- 5. <u>Use</u> fortified sites as green buffers for post-pandemic community wellbeing locations and creative placemaking (European Fortress Summer).

For a full read of the EFFORTS Call for Action 2021:

https://www.efforts-europe.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-03-01-Call-for-Action.pdf

EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

On 15-16 September 2022, EFFORTS member Fondazione Forte Marghera will host the **EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee presentation**. The Joint Scientific Committee will an active database of experts in all fields of action of EFFORTS, 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 always looking for experts in these fields. The committee will work with the **EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center** in Forte Marghera (Venice Mestre, IT). One of the tasks of the Committee is the **Fortification Heritage Study** of which a first part was published by the Knowledge Center in 2021. It is linked to the ICOFORT expert data base.

For participation in the Forte Marghera Conference, your JSC candidature or more information, contact EFFORTS at info@efforts-europe.eu or FORTE CULTURA at office@forte-cultura.eu



Fiorenzo Meneghelli, Natasa Urosevic, Stefano Mondini and Daniele Sferra, heading the EFFORTS – Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee, the EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Knowledge Center, and Fondazione Forte Marghera, at Forte Marghera on 18 May 2022.





Forte Marghera

EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA – UKRAINE COOPERATION & TWINNING PROGRAMME

EFFORTS – Forte Cultura, together with Ukrainian partners are setting up a twinning programme, for EFFORTS members to join Ukrainian fortified sites and establish contact, foresee specialised help in heritage management. If you want to participate, contact info@efforts-europe.eu and we will look with you for a partnership ('twinning'). A special 2022 **EFFORTS Award** will be given to the Ukrainian sites.

All information on the EFFORTS website:

Other events, congresses, conferences and workshops - EFFORTS (efforts-europe.eu)



PROGRAMME OF THE PRESENTATION 'Cooperation with Ukraine for Heritage and Peace'

Thursday 21 APRIL 2022

10h. – 11h.

This is an open Zoom conference

Join Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/i/88951362990?pwd=5n8IM2FyMWpkU1o2Yz80MmphOUE0UT09
Meeting ID: 889 5136 2990 - Passcode: 155429

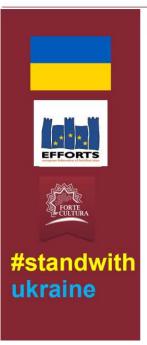
- Presentation by EFFORTS FORTE CULTURA of the 'Cooperation for Heritage and Peace with Ukraine' Fortified Heritage sites twinning programme, by Rafaël Deroo, Dirk Röder and Agnieszka Zurawska-Tatala (Kostrzyn, PL) – 20 min
- Followed by the presentation 'Bastion fortification heritage in Ukraine', by Mrs. Olha Tikhonova, UA (IHPAN Polish Academy of Sciences – Institute Historii Tadeusza Manteuffla) – 20 min.
- Virtual signing of the first twinning 20 min.
 Medzybizh Fortress, UA City of Kostrzyn, PL
 With the support of the City of 's-Hertogenbosch, NL







-Medzybizh Fortress during the 2022 War in Ukraine -Pidhirtsi Castle 2021 Workshop



➤ EFFORTS and FORTE CULTURA actions (2):

EFFORTS will present a special EFFORTS AWARD 2022 to the Ukrainian fortified heritage sites

Interested partners Twinning:

- Kostrzyn (PL) Medzybizh (UA) 's-Hertogenbosch (NL)
- Cork County (IE)
- Ville de Namur (BE)
- Sibenik Fortress of Culture (HR)
- Herceg Novi (ME)
- Fortress Study Group (UK)
- Westwall Brand Denkmalschutz (DE)

Other proposed actions by partners:

- Data safeguarding (BE) : member of European Competence Center for Cultural Heritage project 'Save the Ukraine Monuments' (https://www.4ch-project.eu/sum/)
- Co-organising UA visit Forte Cultura (DE)
- Olha T., IHPAN (PL)
- V. P. on Lviv, Graz (AU)







FORTE CULTURA TEREZIN CONFERENCE

On 5-6 April, EFFORTS member Forte Cultura organised the **International Fortifications Conference on the Elbe Fortres region**, in Terezin (CZ). EFFORTS and its members were present and participated in the EFFORTS – Forte Cultura position creation of the #standwithUkraine anti-war position and the creation of the above mentioned Cooperation – Twinning Programme with Ukrainian sites. A visit of the Terezin Gestapo Prison and the Viseghrad fortress in Prague concluded the conference days. More information on: https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/netzwerk-en/confrences/terezin22-en

TEREZIN 2022: INTERNATIONAL FORTRESS CONFERENCE





Funded by the Cooperation Programme Free State of Saxony - Czech Republic 2014-2020.



COMMON EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE FORTIFIED MONUMENTS Initiatives for Transnational Cooperation and Networking 5.-7. April 2022

The International Fortress Conference in Terezin aims to draw attention to today's challenges for the cultural heritage of fortified monuments and to present best practices in cross-border cooperation, projects and networking.

The Fortress Conference is part of a cross-border funding project in the Euroregion Elbe/Labe DE-CZ. Project partners are Terezín - město změny, the Fortress Königstein gGmbH and the FORTE CULTURA Network.







The conference was divided into four main content topics (conference programme):

- THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF FORTIEFIED MONUMENTS IN EUROPE Fortress Networks for the Issues of the Fortresses in Europe
- THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ELBE-FORTRESSES
 Cross-Border Cooperation for Fortress Tourism on the Elbe
- . COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO ENHANCE THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE FORTIFIED MONUMENTS
- OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2022
- Visit to the Terezín Memorial National Monument and wreath-laying ceremony
- Visit to the National Monument Fortress Prague Vyšehrad

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE CULTURAL ROUTE 'ATRIUM' CONFERENCE

On 11 and 13 April, EFFORTS participated in the **Council of Europe 'ATRIUM' Cultural Route** FARO project meeting in Forli (IT). This is part of the **Forts/Unchained** project work of EFFORTS on Dissonant Heritage. EFFORTS is also part of the URBAN AGENDA Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership Action Group on Dissonant Heritage. After the conference, EFFORTS was shown the Galla Placidia German bunker line on the Adriatic Coast.







FARO Project

The dissonant heritage in European Towns Creating a European narrative of contested identities through citizens' participation

Forlì, 12-13 April 2022

Tuesday 12th April

Morning Session (meeting at partnership level)
Location: ATRIUM headquarters, Via Giorgina Saffi n.18, 1st Floor

- 09:30 Registration of participants
- Ø9:45 Welcome speech (Patrick Leech, ATRIUM Association, Yasho Minkov, Municipality of Dimitrovgrad, LP of the Faro project)
- •10:15 Self-presentation of project partners (10 min. each)
- 11:30 Overview of the programme and implementation rules (Silvia Medri, ARGO Project)
- •11:45 Project Communication Plan (PCP) (Carolina Porto Machado, ATRIUM Association)
- 12:00 Introduction of the host town and presentation of the local dissonant heritage (Mario Proli, historian)
- 12:45 Lunch break

Afternoon session (meeting open to public audience with Italian-English simultaneous translation)

Location: Palazzo Romagnoli, Via C. Albicini , 12

- 14:30 Registration of participants
- 15:00 Welcome to the public (Ulisse Tramonti, ATRIUM Scientific Committee)





EFFORTS COMMUNITY 'ROLL CALL'

EFFORTS is proud to welcome as member the 'Antwerp Citadel'. Vincent Deckers is the owner of the only visitable Antwerp Citadel site. Visits can be arranged on demand at v deckers@hotmail.com.

This site has been made possible also by the support of the City of Antwerp (also EFFORTS member) and prof. em. Piet Lombaerde, member of the EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee and the University of Antwerp. EFFORTS is organising soon a specialised visit to the site.





RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES

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Regionale Stakeholder Meeting: Vestingsteden – ruimtelijke planning en landschapsarchitectuur (Herentals)

Dinsdag 15/03/2022, 8u.40-13u.40

ONLINE event via ZOOM

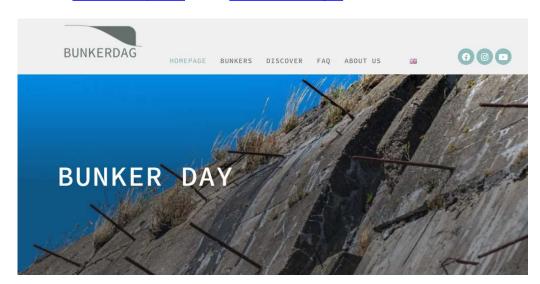


EFFORTS, together with EFFORTS member Simon Stevin Stichting VVC, organises for EFFORTS member Regionale Landschappen 5 regional stakeholder meetings in the Recapture the Fortress City Interreg programme. 15 March saw the meeting in Herentals (BE). The **next and last stakeholder meeting is on 29/6 in Antwerp** and will be about creating innovation and networks. See underneath for the registration link under 'Other Events'.

"Interreg Europe 'Recapture the Fortress Cities' (RFC) is about a 'reconquest' of fortified heritage, more specifically towards more climate-proof, innovative and sustainable development of historic fortified towns and fortresses. "

OTHER EVENTS

• 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



On 8-9 June, EFFORTS will be present as expert partner at the end conference of the EU Interreg Fortitude project, managed by EFFORTS member Fortress of Culture SIBENIK (HR). This a benchmarking project for tourism development in fortified sites in the Western Balkan. At this conference, EFFORTS will accept the organisation of one of Fortitude flagship events: the Night of Fortresses, that will be part of European Fortress Summer from 2023 on. https://nightoffortresses.org/en/



 On 20-21 June 2022, EFFORTS will be present in Rome (IT) as member of the Dissonant Heritage Action Group and as representant of the Federation of Monument Cities (NL) at the end conference of the Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership of the EU URBAN Programme.



PARTNERSHIP ON CULTURE & CULTURAL HERITAGE (CCH)

CCH final event Hybrid mode (online and in presence)

> Rome 20 -21 June 2022

Spadolini Hall Via del Collegio Romano 27,

• EFFORTS Forte Cultura sponsors the Horizon Europe – Marie Curie Action workshop of the Warschau History Institute on Ukrainian fortification knowledge, with live connection of Ukrainian students. Registration: olechka.tikhonova@gmail.com



INTERNATIONAL WEB CONFERENCE WITH WORKSHOP

Studies on the 17th-century defensive architecture in Ukraine: the problem-solving process

PROGRAMME

When? June 28, 2022, 10:00 - 12:00 CET

Where? Zoom (credentials provided by email)

• Since 2020, EFFORTS member Oost Gelre organises with EFFORTS the **VIA HISPANIA** cultural route along the 80-Year's War heritage sites and immaterial heritage.



• Check out upcoming evens on the pages of EFFORTS member Forte Cultura:



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 of the International (IFC) а partner **Fortress** Council http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html, Liberation Route Europe Foundationwww.LREFoundation.eu www.liberationrouteeurope.eu and War Heritage Institute's 'Belgium Battlefield of Europe' network www.belgiumbattlefield.be





Liberation Route Europe







• EFFORTS works on an upcoming **Wellington Line project** in Belgium and the Netherlands.



• 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: Fortress cities and forts in green and blue (Dendermonde)

22 June 2021: Forts, vision and financing (Lier)

27 January 2021: Recreation and tourism (Mechelen)

15 March 2022: Spatial planning and landscape architecture (Herentals)

→29 June 2022 : Building bridges : innovation and fortress networks (Antwerp)

Register: https://www.efforts-europe.eu/recapture-the-fortress-cities-antwerpen-het-steen-en-

lillo/

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

EUROPEAM HERITAGE TRIBUNE

Newsletter

MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

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