

# EFFORTS NEWSLETTER nr. 23 SEPTEMBER 2022



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,  
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

These weeks EFFORTS is preparing, with its network, the seventh **EFFORTS Congress of 2022** that takes place in Kaunas, Lithuania, from 6 to 7 October, with Board and AG meetings on the 5th. We are very of course proud to do this as partner of '**Kaunas 2022 European Cultural Capital of Europe**'.

Central in this congress are the presentations and discussions about **innovative green and community-proof solutions for the use of fortified heritage**. We are also interested to see how our network celebrated the European Fortress Summer and that our Ukrainian members will receive the **EFFORTS Award 2022**.

EFFORTS is also happy that a series of members have connected with Ukrainian fortified sites and cities in the **EFFORTS Forte Cultura Ukraine Twinning or Cooperation Programme**, as it was presented in

April. 5 Partnerships are in the making today. Join this initiative by letting the EFFORTS secretariat know.

I finally salute the founding of the **EFFORTS – Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee** on 16 September at the **Forte Marghera EFFORTS Knowledge Center on Fortified heritage**. Through this grouping of fortification heritage experts we want to support the coming to reality of many interesting European projects for our members.

Enjoy the next few weeks and see you in Kaunas, for the conclusion of our 5th year of activity !



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



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**PRESENT MEMBERS** will receive their annual invoice by mail.

## EFFORTS 6-7 OCTOBER 2022 7th ANNUAL CONGRESS



**KAUNAS CONGRESS** : please register for the congress and find all other information on

<https://www.efforts-europe.eu/efforts-2022-kaunas-congress/>

Continuing the EFFORTS Goes Green trajectory of the organisation, EFFORTS' 2022 congress focuses on green innovative solutions for fortified heritage challenges, not forgetting the importance for European local communities. Emphasis will be given to the Baltic region. This congress will be accompanied by a series of workshops and the presenting of the EFFORTS Award 2022.

The EFFORTS 7th annual congress in Kaunas is organised with Kaunas Fortress Park and #Kaunas2022, the organisation of Kaunas 2022 European Capital of Culture.

### EFFORTS Europe 7th Annual Congress

6-7 October 2022

project presented by:

Kaunas Fortress Park

Kaunas 2022 European Capital of Culture

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"COMMUNITIES WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FORTIFIED HERITAGE"

EFFORTS GOES GREEN



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



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.

EFFORTS EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF FORTIFIED SITES

KAUNAS FORTRESS PARK

KAUNAS 2022 EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

EFFORTS HERITAGE CENTER

EFFORTS AWARD

EFFORTS GOES GREEN

EFFORTS 5 YEARS



6 october

# programm

08:30 Registration and coffee  
09:00 Congress welcome:  
Frank Petter, President of EFFORTS  
Saulius Rimas, Head of Heritage Department,  
Kaunas City Municipality,  
Valdas Rakutis, MP of Republic of Lithuania,  
founder of Kaunas Fortress Park  
Rita Malinauskienė, director of Vytautas Magnus  
War Museum

09:20 Kaunas - European Capital of Culture 2022

## 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.*

09:30 Communities of shared dissonant heritage and sustainable communities, adapting fortified heritage to current needs  
led by Alessia Zampini, University of Bologna

09:50 Sustainable communities of Kaunas Fortress.  
led by Evelina Šimkutė (artist and Silainiai gardens initiator) and Egidijus Bagdonas (director of Kaunas Fortress Park)

10:10 Heritage and volunteerism  
led by European heritage volunteers organisation

10:30 Lithuanian hillforts: a glimpse at the development of defensive systems in the past and their importance in today's heritage  
led by Vytenis Puodėnas, Lithuanian History Institute, Archeology department

10:45 Coffee break



## Memory, Creativity, Collaboration - regional testimonies:

11:00 Neria fortress (Klaipėda, Lithuania)  
led by Romas Adomavičius, Deputy Director of Lithuania Sea Museum

11:15 Daugavpils Fortress (Daugavpils, Latvia);  
led by Artjoms Mahlins, Daugavpils Local Government  
led by Vīlītijs Petkuns, Janis Ostrovskis, Daugavpils Tourism and Information Centre

11:35 Daugavgrīvas Fortress (Riga, Latvia)  
led by Jacob Lander and Sandra Jakušonoka, Bolderajas Grupa.

11:55 Adaptation of World War II fortifications for public use (Case of coastal artillery battery Memel-Nord)  
led by Titas Tamkivaitis, Klaipėda University.

12:10 Collaborative practices and cultural activation of fortified sites  
led by Pål Isdahl Solberg, Founder at The Participation Agency (Norway)

12:30 Panel discussion  
*Creative Forts - European Fortress Summer*

13:00 Lunch

## PART 2 - ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

*PARTICIPATION: Site visits and simultaneous workshops at the different Kaunas fortress sites, per 20 - 40 participants*

14:00 - 18:00  
Communities of shared memory.  
led by Vytautas Petrikėnas, Museum of Ninth Fort  
Site visit: Fort no. 9

Regenerative placemaking.

(led by Public Institution "Kultūros Dirbtuvė", sustainable development scientist Rūta Lukošūnaite)  
Site visit: Fort no. 1, Fort no. 3.

Co-creating cities with temporary urbanism  
(led by HORIZON 2020 project 'T-factor' team)  
Site visit: Kaunas Fortress Park Workshop

Increasing participation  
Site visit: Fort no. 4

Guided tours on the site.

18:00 Dinner reception

7 october

9:00 Walk-in

9:15 - 10:30 Presentation of the different workshops

10:30 Coffee break

7 october

## PART 3: GREEN CULTURAL ROUTES AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*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. Cooperation for tourism, cultural routes and local development*

10:45 Inspirational presentation  
led by Anne-Wil Maris, director Zuiderwaterlinie and Gerdy Verschuure-Stulp, coordinator Center for Global Heritage and Development - Leiden University

Green Route solutions for fortified heritage:

11:05 Concept of Cultural Routes, Case St Olav Waterway.

led by James Simpson, project manager (Finland)

11:25 The Baltic Route of Fortresses  
led by Dirk Röder, EFFORTS - Forte Cultura (Germany)

11:45 New St.John fortress project  
led by Đurđa Vrljević Šarić, Fortress of Culture Sibenik (Croatia)

12:05 Fortification Heritage Impacts Study and blue economy tourism projects  
led by Daniele Sferra, Ca'Foscari, University of Venice, Italy

12:25 Plenary discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Joint Scientific Committee Forte Marghera 2022 launch

led by Fiorenzo Menghelli, ISAM and Natasa Urosevic (University of Pula)

14:30 EFFORTS Ukraine Twinning Programme,  
led by Olha Tikonova (U. (Pol), Ukraine) / live connection

15:10 European Fortress Summer and EFFORTS AWARD presentation

15:40 Conference resumé - 'From 2022 Brussels to 2022 Kaunas - the call to action', and presentation of the 2023 congress venue

led by Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS Europe secretary general

16:00 Visit Kaunas European Capital of Culture 2022 (optional)





# Where is Kaunas - European Capital of Culture 2022?



Lithuania,  
Kaunas  
City,

Kaunas is the second-largest city in Lithuania, situated at the confluence of Lithuania's two biggest rivers. From ancient hillforts to medieval hanseatic old-town and modernism architecture. Until the end of XIXth. century Kaunas was surrounded by one of the largest fort-ring in the Baltic states.

You can reach Kaunas airport by direct flights from Brussels, London, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Dublin, Cologne, Budapest, alternatively travel to Kaunas from Vilnius airport by train or bus



## How to reach Kaunas from Vilnius airport?

By train:  
Vilnius airport - Vilnius railway station - Kaunas railway station (1.5h)

Itglink.lt/en **LYG LINK**

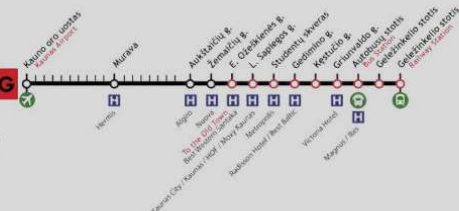
By bus:  
Take airport bus to Vilnius city and then take bus to Kaunas (1.5h)

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## How to reach city centre?

Kaunas airport - City centre bus 29G

You can also call a cab (we recommend the eTaksi and Bolt apps).



## CONGRESS venue

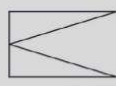
### AGM venue (October 5)

October 5  
Kaunas city municipality hall  
(Laisvės al. 96)

### Congress venue

October 6-7  
Vytautas Magnus War Museum  
(K. Donelaičio st. 64)

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Kaunas 2022  
European Capital of Culture



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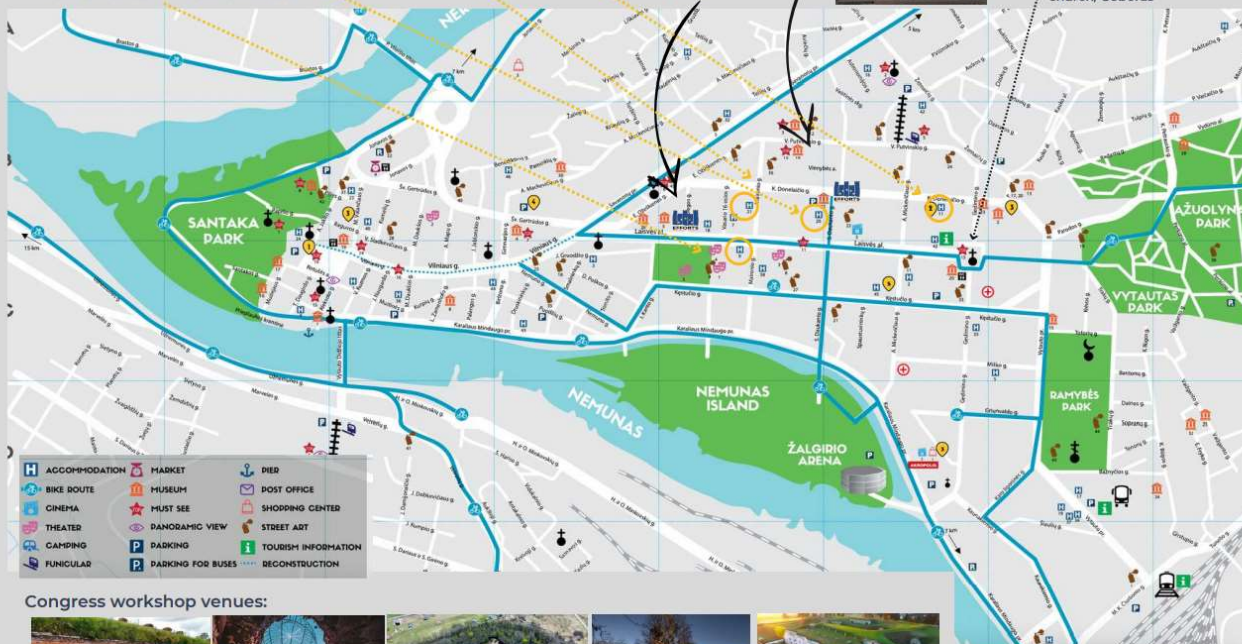
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(K. Donelaičio 64)



Kaunas Fortress Garrison  
church/ Soboras



## Congress workshop venues:



Kaunas Fortress Park workshop building



Fort no. 1



Fort no. 4



Fort no. 3



Fort no. 9



Kaunas  
Fortress  
Park  
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## 22 OCTOBER BATTLE FOR GROL CONFERENCE - Oost Gelre

The city of Oost Gelre invites you with EFFORTS to the conference on the occasion of the Battle for Grol reenactment festival, taking place in the renaissance fortified town of Groenlo, on 22 October 2022. Contact [b.wagenaar@oostgelre.nl](mailto:b.wagenaar@oostgelre.nl)



An interesting programme with compelling speakers at a special event.  
The congress starts at 10 am, and will be followed by a visit to the Battle for Grol in the afternoon.

### Program:

**Annette Bronsvooort** (*mayor of Groenlo*)

local heritage and the '1627 Through My Eyes' project

**Juke van Niekerk** (*director Liniebreed Ondernemen and EFFORTS Europe board member*)

cultural entrepreneurship and how to come to a movement for the conservation of defensive heritage

**Lilian Grootswagers-Theuns** (*director Erfgoed.nu*)

Europe - opportunities in cooperation

- Lunch

**Marjolein Houwer** (*Battle for Grol organisation*)

the event and getting to the battlefield event

- Visit to the Battle for Grol

- Network reception

**You will not want to miss this.**

**Location:** De Oude Calixtus | Mattelierstraat 5 | 7141 BP Groenlo



The conference is offered to you by Liniebreed Ondernemen, Efforts Europe and the municipality of Oost Gelre and is free of charge for you. [www.congresslagomgrolle.nl](http://www.congresslagomgrolle.nl)





## JOIN THE EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

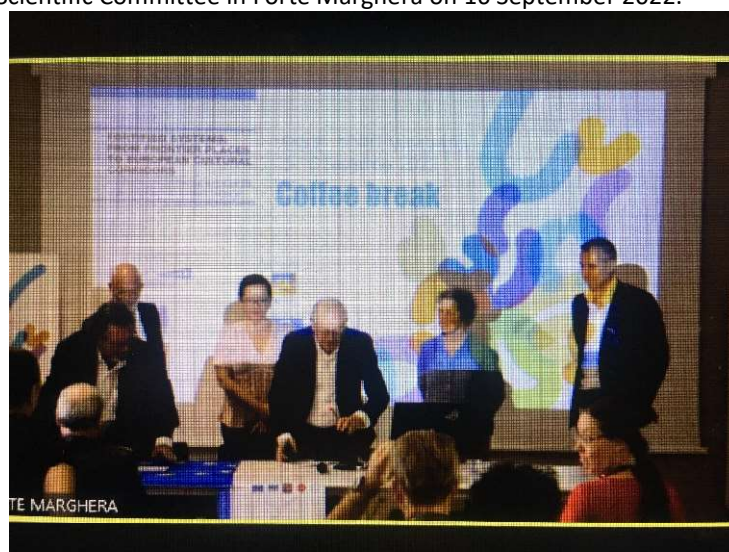


On 15-16 September 2022, EFFORTS member Fondazione Forte Marghera hosted the **EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee presentation at its Forte Marghera conference**. The Joint Scientific Committee will have an active database of experts in all fields of action of EFFORTS, via established sub-committees 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.

➔ If you are interested to join the Joint Scientific Committee of EFFORTS – Forte Cultura, send a mail message to [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.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. Underneath the signing of the proposed Declaration on the founding of the Joint Scientific Committee in Forte Marghera on 16 September 2022.



## EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA – UKRAINE COOPERATION & TWINNING PROGRAMME

The EFFORTS – Forte Cultura UKRAINE twinning and cooperation programme, for EFFORTS members to join Ukrainian fortified sites and establish contact, is still ongoing. It was presented on 21 April 2022. If you are interested, foresee making a Ukrainian site member and make contacts for future projects and for specialised help in heritage management. If you want to participate, contact [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu) and we will look with you for a partnership ('twinning') and take care of all needed support (also linguistic). 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 \(efforts-europe.eu\)](https://efforts-europe.eu)

The German organisation and bunkerline 'Fachplanungsbüro für Brand- und Denkmalschutz' under the guidance of Friedrich Wein, has worked on concrete measures for cooperation, to be presented at the EFFORTS congress.





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

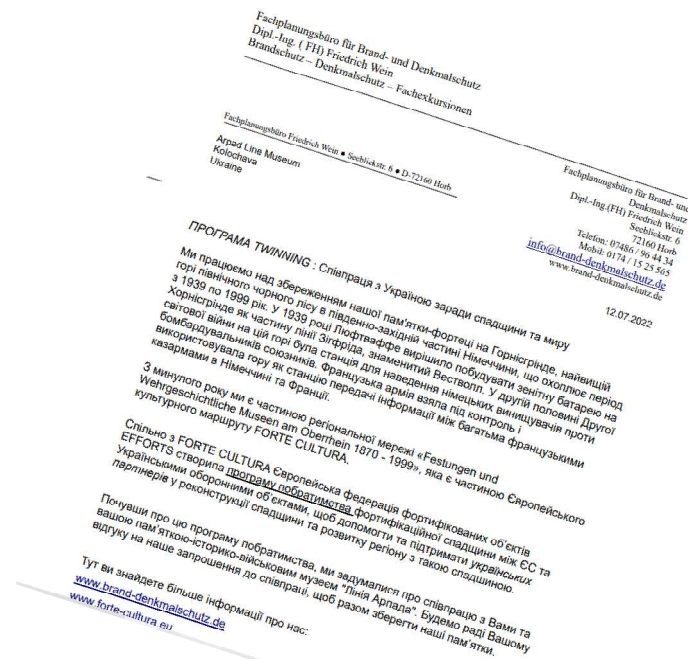
**Thursday 21 APRIL 2022**

**10h. – 11h.**

*This is an open Zoom conference*

Join Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88951362990?pwd=SnBIM2FyMWpkU1o2YzBOMmMphOUe0U0T09>  
 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 (IH PAN 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



## Creative Europe call on the support for Ukrainian creative sectors



*“Culture is one of the building blocks of any nation. Cultural expression and access to culture are indispensable elements to live and help us deal with traumatic events, build individual and collective resilience and a perspective for a post-war future.*

*The war in Ukraine has devastating effects on the Ukrainian cultural heritage and on cultural organisations and artists that cannot operate and reach out to their national and international audience. Additionally, many Ukrainian displaced people and children fleeing the war and currently staying in other locations in Ukraine or in other Creative Europe countries will not be able to return to their pre-war locations because of destruction. Those staying in other Creative Europe countries will have to interact with their new communities to facilitate their integration. Culture and the arts have proven to be an efficient tool to connect people from different background and facilitate integration.*

*The objective of the special call is to help the Ukrainian cultural and creative organisations, as well as artists and professionals to address the following challenges in the short and medium term:*

### *Objective 1 – short term*

- 1. support Ukrainian artists and cultural organisations to create and showcase their art and works in Ukraine and in Creative Europe participating countries*
- 2. help Ukrainians displaced by the war, in particular children, in Ukraine or Creative Europe participating countries, have access to culture and/or facilitate their integration into their new communities through culture. In this context, adequate attention should be given to the consequences the war inflicted on mental health*

### *Objective 2 – medium term*

- 1. prepare the post-war recovery of the Ukrainian cultural sectors through needs assessments, capacity building and investment planning*

2. *prepare and train Ukrainian cultural heritage professionals with regard to the protection of Ukrainian cultural heritage from risks.*

*The achievement of these objectives, especially the post-war recovery of the Ukrainian cultural sectors should be built on Ukraine's new status as EU candidate country.*

*Grants will be provided to consortium of organisations implementing activities for the benefit of a wider number of stakeholders (i.e., organisations and/or individuals). It will also support activities implemented by third parties, as explained below.*

*Support will be given to three projects, as indicated below:*

- *Max EUR 2 000 000 to address objective 1.a: support Ukrainian artists and cultural organisations to create and showcase their art and works. Proposals addressing this objective should demonstrate through adequate experience a good capacity to finance a large number of small projects through cascading grants, as explained in the Call Document*
- *Max EUR 2 000 000 to address objective 1.b: help through culture Ukrainians displaced by the war. Proposals addressing this objective should demonstrate through adequate experience a good capacity to finance a large number of small projects through cascading grants, as explained in the Call Document*
- *Max EUR 1 000 000 to address objective 2 – medium term (including both 2.a - post-war recovery of the Ukrainian cultural sectors and 2.b - prepare and train Ukrainian cultural heritage professionals)."*



## RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES ANTWERP CLOSING EVENT 29

June 2022



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 **last stakeholder meeting was on 29/6 in Antwerp** and was about creating innovation and networks, specially coming to a greater intra-Flemish fortified sites cooperation with EFFORTS. "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. “

## **EFFORTS AT THE URBAN – CULTURE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE in ROME**

As part of the Action Group on Dissonant Heritage (through its work with EFFORTS on its CERV EU project 'Forts/Unchained' (on concentration camps in fortified sites), EFFORTS secretary general participated at the final conference of the EU Urban partnership 'Culture and Cultural Heritage' in June in Rome. For all information and results:

<http://www.ponmetro.it/home/organizzazione/the-partnership-on-culture-cultural-heritage-of-the-urban-agenda-for-the-eu/>





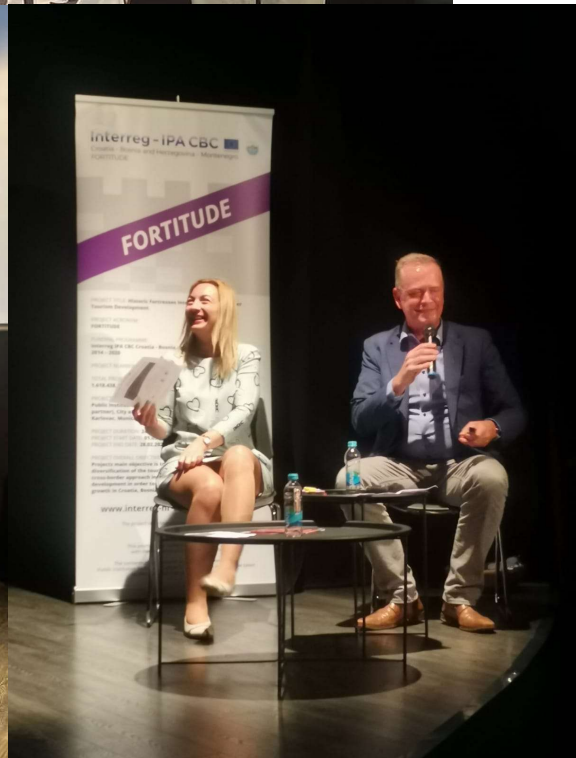


## END CONFERENCE EU INTERREG FORTITUDE PROJECT, BANJA LUKA (BiH)

In June, EFFORTS experts were present at the final meeting of the Fortitude project, for which EFFORTS organised 3 workshops. Fortress of Culture Šibenik was also personally presented its overdue 2020 EFFORTS AWARD.







## 's-HERTOGENBOSCH IN BRUSSELS ON 9 SEPTEMBER

EFFORTS and the Dutch Provinces Representation in Brussels received on 9 September 's-Hertogenbosch and EFFORTS member mayor Jack Mikkers and, among others, and the new alderwoman for heritage Marianne van der Sloot (photo), at the European Parliament.





## OPENING OF SAINT MICHAEL'S FORT IN SIBENIK (HR)

In June, the newest fortress site of Fortress of Culture SIBENIK was opened. It will be as place for events and exchange.





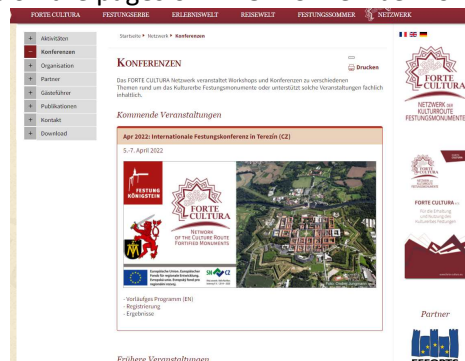


## Other

- 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.



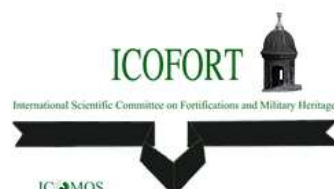
- EFFORTS is a partner of the **International Fortress Council (IFC)** : <http://www.internationalfortresscouncil.org/calendar.html>, **Liberation Route Europe Foundation** [www.LREFoundation.eu](http://www.LREFoundation.eu) [www.liberationrouteeurope.eu](http://www.liberationrouteeurope.eu) and War Heritage Institute's 'Belgium Battlefield of Europe' network [www.belgiumbattlefield.be](http://www.belgiumbattlefield.be)



- 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](http://www.regionalelandschappen.be). (Contact [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto: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/>

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Newsletter

## MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

Are you planning coming to Brussels? Need an ad-hoc workspace for a few hours or need to make a few copies ? We are happy to receive you @ the EFFORTS office in Brussels at Trierstraat 67 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels (around the corner from the European Parliament). You can make an appointment at the EFFORTS secretariat [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu). Also: if you need help contacting an EU official, service or a Member of the European Parliament or you need info on finding your way around Brussels, contact the same mail address.

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