

# EFFORTS Europe 7th Annual Congress

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Kaunas 2022  
European Capital of Culture



## 6-7 October 2022

### "COMMUNITIES WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FORTIFIED HERITAGE"



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.



# 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 Lalander and Sandra Jakušonoka, Bolderājas Grupa.

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



## 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-Stuip, 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,

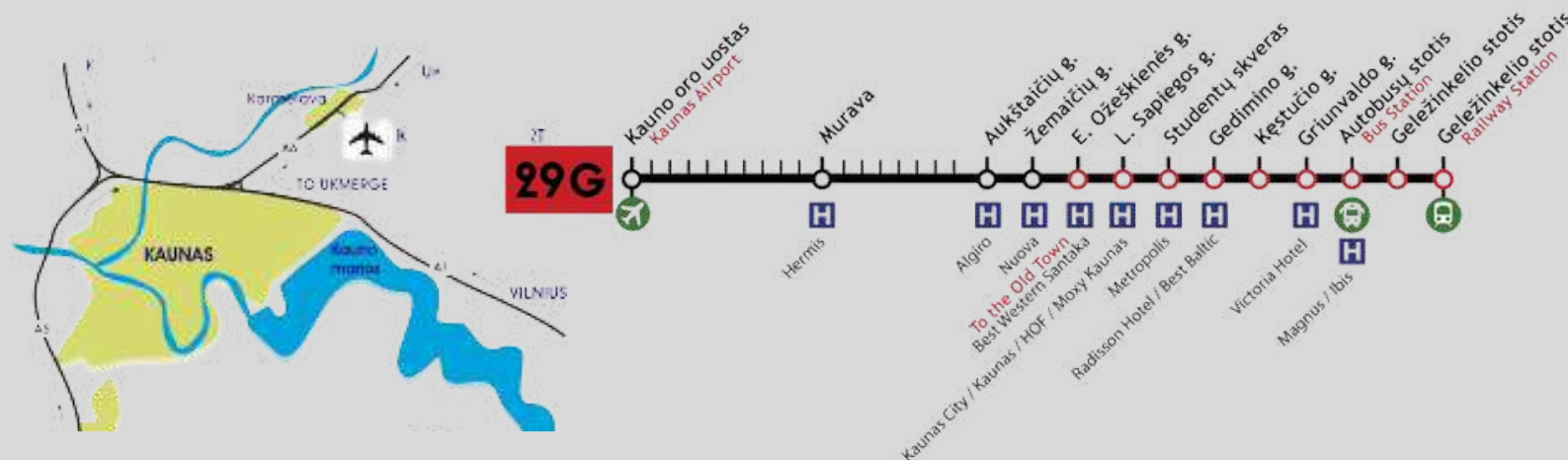
Kaunas is the second-largest city in Lithuania, situated at the confluence of Lithuania's two biggest rivers. From ancient hillforts to medieval hanseatic old-town and modernism architecture. Until the end of XIXth. century Kaunas was surrounded by one of the largest fort-ring in the Baltic states.

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

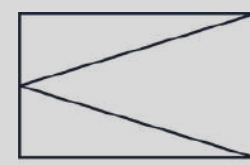
How to reach city centre?

Kaunas airport - City centre bus 29G

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



[visit.kaunas.lt/en](http://visit.kaunas.lt/en)



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# CONGRESS venue



### How to reach Kaunas from Vilnius airport?

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

[Itglink.lt/en](http://Itglink.lt/en)

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

[autobusubilietai.lt/en](http://autobusubilietai.lt/en)

### AGM venue (October 5)

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



### Congress venue

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







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Moxy Kaunas Centre  
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Kaunas city municipality hall  
(Laisvės al. 96)

**Congress venue**  
October 6-7  
Vytautas The Great War Museum II  
(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** [visit.kaunas.lt/en](http://visit.kaunas.lt/en)



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## Vytautas The Great War Museum



On September 22 , Vytautas the Great War Museum opens the exhibition "Forever Free Ukraine!", which is unique in the Baltic States, and consists of 250 unique exhibits of the Ukrainian army from 1914-1923 from various museums, archives and libraries in Ukraine and the USA. The exhibition is under the patronage of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania Ingrida Šimonytė. The exhibition "Forever Free Ukraine!" tells about Ukraine's struggles for freedom and independence in the 20th century. The main focus is on the history of the uniforms of the Ukrainian army at the beginning of the 20th century.

### CREATORS OF EXHIBITION:

National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War. Memorial Complex  
Bogdan Gubsky Foundation "Ukraine – 21st Century"

## Freedom Statue

