



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

Welcome in this sixth year of EFFORTS. I wish you a very happy and productive year!

This year will bring you to Maastricht, the venue of the **2023 EFFORTS annual congress**. This will again connect with the EU Green Deal and New European Bauhaus priorities. Also, the organisation of the first annual workshop of the EFFORTS-Forte Cultura **Joint Scientific and Expert Committee**, supported by the **EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center** will take place under the name of a **2023 Summer Academy**. This committee is ... you ! All EFFORTS members representatives and experts are invited to join this scientific and expert support system for EFFORTS. More information will follow.

We are continuing our annual **European Fortress Summer (EFS)**, presenting a platform for our members and other fortified sites to present their seasonal activities. As it is custom now, we launch this event every year at the Forte Cultural conference in spring. This year on 30 March in the EFFORTS member SIBENIK.

The closing of the EFFORTS European Fortress Summer is traditionally at the EFFORTS congress when we award the most innovative or important EFS participant with the EFFORTS Award.

In the meanwhile we work with our members on **EU calls and cooperation**, specially in the field of fortress belts and lines and their governance.

We will also publish this month also the new **EFFORTS EU Call guide** for our paying members.

Finally, our **Spring Board meeting** will take place in the Belgian city of Oudenaarde on 25 April. I know I will see some of you there again in person!

And paraphrasing the ancient Roman statesman Cicero, EFFORTS repeats every time that we want to see a free **Ukraine**. EFFORTS continues therefore its **EFFORTS-Forte Cultura Ukraine Twinning and Cooperation Programme**. The first Ukrainian partner is part of an EFFORTS European project application!

Looking forward to a new EFFORTS year!

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



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EFFORTS CONGRESS 2023 IN MAASTRICHT (NL)



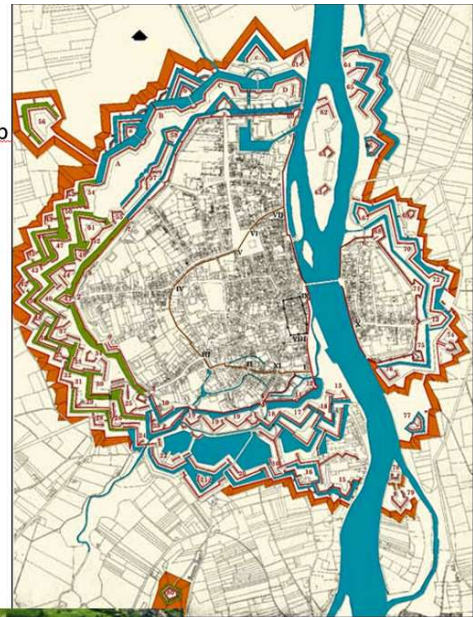
On **3-4 October 2023** the city of Maastricht, boasting fortified heritage from all ages, will host the EFFORTS congress! It will be the focal point of a year of working on opportunities for our members to participate in the ongoing policy decisions and EFFORTS' point of view on them. We will present at the end of this congress and with the input of all our members the EFFORTS Maastricht position paper that will be presented to the European Commission and Parliament.

The **themes of the congress** will be along the lines of support for sustainable local initiatives on the reuse of fortification heritage, the use of digital technology for the development, European values and New European Bauhaus and the Faro Convention and its application.

More information and pre-registration will be presented in the March Newsletter.

When: October/November 2023

What: Themes to be presented at the EFFORTS website asap



JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND EXPERT COMMITTEE START-UP

On 15-16 September 2022, at EFFORTS member Fondazione Forte Marghera EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center, the **EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific and Expert Committee** was founded. The Joint Scientific and Expert Committee will an active database of experts in all fields of action of EFFORTS in heritage, history, management, social science, environment and climate, architecture, archeology, digital development and databases and fortress management. All representatives of EFFORTS and Forte Cultura associated EFFORTS members are de iure part of the Committee. 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 continuing work on the **Fortification Heritage Study chapters** of which a first part was published by the Knowledge Center in 2021. The JSEC is linked to ICOMOS via the EFFORTS ICOMOS members and the ICOFORT expert data base. EFFORTS has a long-standing cooperation with the European fortification knowledge associations, united in the International Fortress Council. Its members Simon Stevin VVC and Menno van Coehoornstichting are also active members of EFFORTS.

The **Declaration of the JSEC** founding is underneath.

For information and your JSC candidature or more information, contact EFFORTS at info@efforts-europe.eu



THE JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND EXPERT COMMITTEE -FOUNDING DECLARATION OF VENICE, September 2022-

We, European cultural and scientific workers, researchers and experts, members and partners of the European fortress network EFFORTS with FORTE CULTURA, which involve 200 European fortified sites, agree there is a need to establish an expert group for international scientific and expert cooperation in finding the best models, projects, programs and tools to preserve, develop and valorise the common European heritage through transnational networking and European projects and make it accessible to a broad public.

We can learn from the European best practices. Former military heritage and fortified systems in European border areas should become the new European cultural corridors and meeting spaces for young Europeans, promoting the culture of peace, solidarity, civil initiatives, balanced cultural and social development, common European identity and intercultural dialogue.

EFFORTS and its network has disseminated important knowledge on fortification construction, history, marketing and tourism development in forts, project development or successful management models, and highlighted the great need for transnational exchange of expertise as one of the most important basics for the preservation and sustainable use of fortified heritage.

The turbulent global context and changes call for common actions of experts and researchers. We think that multidisciplinary scientific research and European cooperation in transnational valorisation of our common European heritage could help to implement the most effective best practices and find solutions to current challenges in managing multiple crisis faced by EU, such as: the climate crisis, the energy crises, the COVID pandemic and the following crisis of public health, challenges to the world peace, inclusion of migrants and sustainable development of local communities.

We believe that European cultural heritage, which include former military and fortified areas, could contribute to the more balanced sustainable urban planning and responsible territorial development, contribute to the quality of life of local communities, and be used in achievement of the European Green Deal as well as of the UN Millennium Development Goals and European values of peace and democracy.

VISION of the JSEC:

- ✓ *Enforce a **multilateral expert European cooperation framework for common projects**, based on the sharing of knowledge, in the frame of EFFORTS Fortification Heritage Knowledge Center in Forte Marghera (IT)*

MISSION of the JSC:

- ✓ *Support **capacity building** for public and private stakeholders achieving the European Green Deal goals through 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.*
- ✓ *Foster **scientific cooperation** between European universities, museums, institutes and cultural institutions to develop multidisciplinary holistic knowledge on management and rehabilitation*

of fortified sites using climate change actions, intelligent energy and mobility solutions; green responsible tourism; social integration and inclusiveness and cultural diversity; empowering local heritage communities on the basis of the Council of Europe Faro Convention on the value of cultural heritage for society.

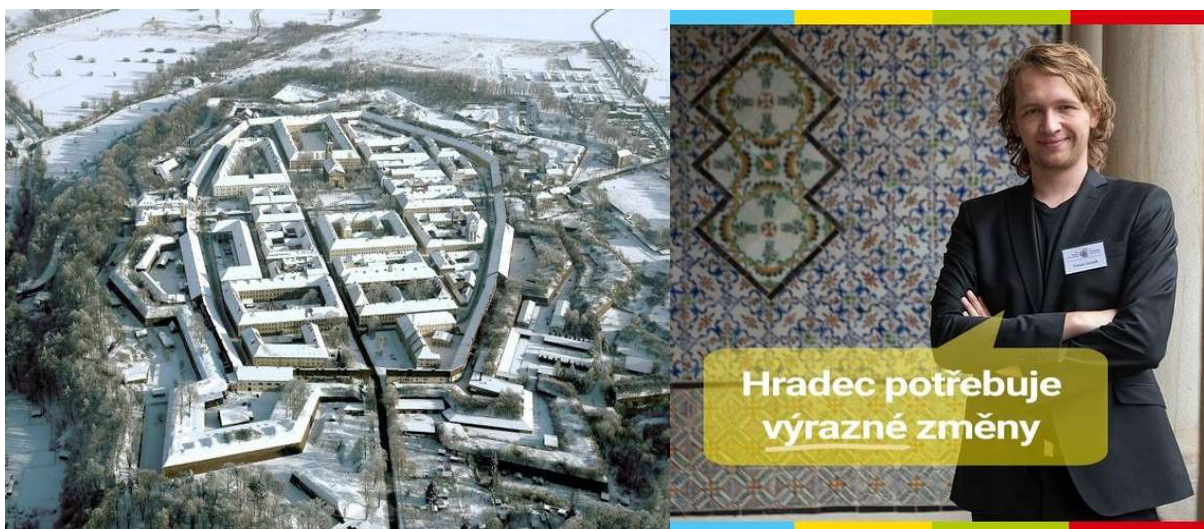
- ✓ **Support the use of fortified sites as green buffers for post-pandemic community wellbeing locations and creative placemaking, but also for peace-making actions promoting intercultural cooperation and understanding.**

The JSEC will support a multilateral European cooperation framework for submission of project proposals in relevant EU, international and national funding programmes.

The JSEC plans, as part of EFFORTS – FORTE CULTURA, a supporting **cooperation platform and data base of experts for the development of scientific and research activities related to preparation of European projects** and more specific capacity building and the activation of JSEC experts, awareness raising campaigns, 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 researcher and student exchange, involvement of interested stakeholders in research related to sustainable valorisation of fortified heritage through international networking, cooperation with European institutions and international organizations such as ICOMOS, ICOFORT and the European Institute for Cultural Routes in developing and certification of the cultural routes of fortified heritage.

The JSEC will respond to the EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA organisation and will work within this organisation, with clear markings of this belonging to their networks.

NEW AT EFFORTS: TOMÁŠ JIROUCH, JOSEFOV (CZ)



Tomáš Jirouch studies international relations in Brno (CZ) with the focus on EU affairs. He hopes to marry his study with his passion; Tomáš works for Czech EFFORTS Forte Cultura associated member

Josefov fortress since 2016 as a tourist guide. He also has experiences with the local event management, public art performances and environmental aspects of fortifications.

He studied political science and environmental science. Last year he worked for the Government of the Czech Republic on the Czech presidency of the Council of the EU. Now Tomáš works on research about international cooperation of fortresses, especially with the goal to help developing Josefov fortress. As a temporary reinforcement to the Brussels EFFORTS secretariat, he is also studying European funding opportunities. He will participate in EFFORTS activities until March 2023. He comes from Hradec Králové (yes, another fortified city).

EFFORTSsnapshot: NEW MEMBER KARLOVAC (HR)



Karlovac is the center of a fortified line region in Croatia. It was part of the EU Interreg project FORTITUDE on benchmarking fortified cities' communication and tourist infrastructure. EFFORTS co-organised one of its workshops in Karlovac in 2021.

Karlovac has an exact birthdate 13.07.1579 and was named after its founder: Karl Habsburg; The construction of the original city was based on the leading architectural ideas of its time; Renaissance, geometrically regular figure of a six-pointed star. It has city palaces, arranged parks and gardens which makes it unique in Europe. Karlovac is framed by 4 rivers Kupa, Korana, Dobra and Mrežnica and has a very central position: Only 50 kms away from the capital Zagreb, 100 from Rijeka and the Adriatic Sea and has close borders to Slovenia and Bosnia Hercegovina.

Karlovac was built and designed to suit man, (49377 inhabitants, census 2021), with beautiful green valleys of even four rivers, below the Old Town of Dubovac, with centuries-old parks and promenades,

many cycling trails, nurturing tradition and culture, sports, crafts and trade, with growing touristic offer, well-connected and always welcoming city.



‘s-HERTOGENBOSCH (NL) PUTS ITS WALL ON THE LINE

Within Herman Moerkerk Park in EFFORTS member ‘s-Hertogenbosch (NL), old and new come together nicely. This park contains remnants of the **first city enclosure from the 13th century**. EFFORTS member ‘s-Hertogenbosch municipality repairs these special masonry remnants and restores the medieval town wall. Some 40,000 bricks have been fired to match the 13th-century city wall of 's-Hertogenbosch. Restoration contractor Nico de Bont and alderman Marianne van der Sloot laid the first stone on Wednesday 23 November 2022.

Marianne van der Sloot: "As Alderman for Heritage of our beautiful city, I am of course proud that we are now restoring this old city wall. After all, it is one of the first stone city walls in the Netherlands. We are now making this piece of the city, at Herman Moerkerk Park, visible and experienceable again. And that is also what we want; cherish the history of our city and make it part of the current zeitgeist again and again. I am already looking forward to the opening of the park next autumn."

The bricks, also known as monastic bricks, are medieval bricks. They are much larger than today's masonry bricks and used to be used in castles, churches or monasteries. For the Herman Moerkerk Park project, the city will use some 40,000 to 45,000 new monastery bricks. The bricks were fired at a local brickworks. An extensive process, involving a lot of craftsmanship. The project is expected to be completed in autumn 2023.



EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Get informed on more on the upcoming calls in the
EFFORTS EU Calls List (Interreg, Creative Europe, Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, ...)
This is sent this month to EFFORTS Members.

Hereby a few interesting calls from the EFFORTS EU Calls List:

- **Urbact call for Action Planning networks and an application of a network of cities jointly working on dissonant heritage topics.**

If you represent a city and you are interested in joining a fresh project idea on Dissonant Heritage (difficult heritage), you can contact EFFORTS (info@efforts-europe.eu). Urgency is of the essence: the project leader put a **deadline of 31/1**.

- **New European Bauhaus in the European Regional Development Fund: 50 million to support urban innovation in cities**

The European Urban Initiative (EUI) is launching today a €50 million call to support urban innovation and cities' capabilities to build a sustainable urban development. This call is a perfect translation into practise of the core values of the New European Bauhaus (NEB): aesthetics, sustainability, and inclusion. It will allow the second generation of NEB demonstrators to be implemented after the first six projects that were financed under Horizon Europe. The EUI is part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_6003

- **New European Bauhaus Prizes**

The four prize categories reflect the New European Bauhaus transformation themes:

1. Reconnecting with nature
2. Regaining a sense of belonging
3. Prioritising the places and people that need it the most
4. Shaping a circular industrial ecosystem and supporting life-cycle thinking

In each category, there are three parallel competition strands:

1. New European Bauhaus Champions for existing and completed projects
The winners receive EUR 30 000 and a communication package.
2. New European Bauhaus Rising Stars for concepts by young talents aged 30 or less
The winners receive EUR 15 000 and a communication package.
3. New European Bauhaus Education Champions for education and learning initiatives
The winners receive EUR 30 000 and a communication package.

The prizes are open to applications from sites in the EU Members States. For the first time this year, they are also open to the Western Balkans. The submission deadline is on **31 January at 19h CET**.

https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/get-involved/2023-prizes_en

- **Horizon Europe - Cluster 2 'Culture, creativity and inclusive society'**

Inform yourself on the research topics included in the 2023 calls under Cluster 2 'Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies'. Under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe, Cluster 2 aims to meet EU goals and priorities on enhancing democratic governance and citizens participation, on the safeguarding and promotion of cultural heritage, and to respond to and shape multifaceted social, economic,

technological and cultural transformations. Research projects on democracy and governance, cultural heritage, or social and economic transformations can be submitted until 14 March 2023.

Cluster 2 mobilises multidisciplinary expertise of European social sciences and humanities (SSH) for understanding fundamental contemporary transformations of society, economy, politics and culture. It aims to provide evidence-based policy options for a socially just and inclusive European green and digital transition and post-COVID 19 recovery. Future projects should deliver on the three intervention areas matching the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan (2021-2024):

- Democracy and governance
- European cultural heritage and the cultural and creative industries
- Social and economic transformations

All topics under this Cluster are expected to mainstream Social Sciences and Humanities and to include a gender dimension.

<https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/6wpb8q0qb5i1CN0VaWS5BF/overview>

- **Culture Moves Europe**

On the 10th of October, the European Commission launched **Culture Moves Europe**, its new permanent mobility scheme for artists and cultural professionals, as well as a first call for individual mobility, during a high-level event in Brussels. Benefiting from a total budget of €21 million under the Creative Europe program for a three-year-period (2022-2025), Culture Moves Europe becomes the largest European **mobility scheme for artists and cultural professionals targeting all Creative Europe countries** and sectors covered by the Culture Strand of the program. Culture Moves Europe connects artists, creators, and cultural professionals from the countries participating in the Creative Europe program. The mobility scheme is particularly focused on emerging artists.

<https://culture.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/creative-europe-culture-strand/culture-moves-europe-mobility-for-artists-and-professionals>

- **Check out the EU Cultural projects in 2021-2027**

The Guide:

<https://culture.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-11/cultureu-funding-guide.pdf>

More information:

<https://culture.ec.europa.eu/funding/cultureu-funding-guide/discover-funding-opportunities-for-the-cultural-and-creative-sectors>

- **European Regional Development Programme**

If you have participated in a European Regional Development Programme project, like an Interreg project, you can participate in the **ex-post evaluation** of the past programming period **until 12 April 2023**.

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/whats-new/newsroom/19-01-2023-public-consultation-on-the-ex-post-evaluation-of-erdf-and-cf-2014-2020_en

EVENTS

- Since 2020, EFFORTS member Oost Gelre organises each two years the Battle for Grol. With Dutch partners and EFFORTS it started the **VIA HISPANIA** cultural route along the 80-Year's War heritage sites and immaterial heritage. Are you interesting on connecting with tourism action on this theme, contact EFFORTS.



- The Dutch Zeeland museum and part of the starting EFFORTS Museum Council, **BOLWERK**, organised regularly lectures on the regional fortifications. On 17 February it is all about the start of the 80-Year Wars' start in Vlissingen (NL).



Museum Het Bolwerk

IJzendijke

Vlissingen was echt wel de eerste!

lezing door Peter van Druenen



Zondag 6 april 1572 kan worden gezien als een van de belangrijkste dagen uit de geschiedenis van Vlissingen: het was immers de dag waarop de inwoners erin slaagden de vijand, de Spaanse en Waalse soldaten van Alva, de stad uit te jagen. Het was de dag waarop Vlissingen een identiteit kreeg, een eigenwaarde, een trots. Geen andere stad was eerder geweest, ook niet Den Briel, waar de Spanjaarden al waren vertrokken voordat een groepje aangeregelde watergeuzen op 1 april door de openstaande poorten zo naar binnen konden lopen. In zijn lezing over de Vlissingse Opstand zal Peter van Druenen ingaan op de achtergronden van deze gebeurtenissen en onderbouwt hij de stelling dat het niet ging om een spontane opstand van één dag, maar om een lang van te voren geplande en degelijk voorbereide machtsvername.

(Peter van Druenen is uitgever en historicus. Sinds drie jaar is hij voorzitter van het Koninklijk Zeeuwsch Genootschap der Wetenschappen. In 2015 schreef hij het volledige Vissers, Kapers, Arbeiders over de geschiedenis van Vlissingen.)

Vrijdag 17 februari 2023
 Aanvang 19.30 uur
 Toegang € 8,00
 Reserveren voor 15 februari 2023

Museum Het Bolwerk
 Markt 28
 4515 BB IJzendijke

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 museuminfo@zeelandnet.nl
 www.museumhetbolwerk.nl

- Check out upcoming events on the pages of EFFORTS member **Forte Cultura**:
among which the EFFORTS supported annual **Forte Cultura conference**,
this year with EFFORTS member Fortress of Culture Sibenik (HR)
<https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/netzwerk-en/conferences>

CONFERENCES

The FORTE CULTURA network is preparing and hosting workshops and conferences to several issues regarding the cultural heritage of fortified monuments or supports such events in terms of content.

Upcoming events

March 2023: FORTE CULTURA Fortress Tourism and Guide Congress, Sibenik (HR)

29-31 March 2023

- FORTE CULTURA General Assembly 2023 for the financial year 2022
- International Fortress Tourism and Guide Congress
- Sustainable and Green Fortress Tourism Workshop
- Launch of European Fortress Summer 2023
- Registration (evenbrite)
- Preliminary Programme

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- The conference is also the starting point of **European Fortress Summer 2023** and **Night of Fortresses** that EFFORTS takes over from the EU Interreg project FORTITUDE. For the 2022 Night of Fortresses: <https://nightoffortresses.org/en/> More information in the next Newsletter, and check also the EFFORTS and Forte Cultura websites.



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



- 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>



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

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