



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

In these first months of 2023 our members are busy replying to the European Union project calls on cultural, scientific or regional development issues. EFFORTS has now made an **EU Project Calls Guide** that will be sent regularly to EFFORTS paying members. EFFORTS is also busy with partner to set up EU projects for 2023 and beyond. Together with our member network Zuiderwaterlinie and the Joint Scientific and Expert Committee, EFFORTS organises an **EU funding workshop**, where, together with our cross-border EFFORTS members we want to even more activate members into European projects.

EFFORTS will also start to roll out its work with this EFFORTS – Forte Cultura **Joint Scientific and Expert Committee** in the set-up of an annual **EFFORTS Summer Academy**, in September of each year. Every year a new theme will be chosen to train our members – experts.

EFFORTS also had the pleasure to work in its secretariat with Tomáš Jirouch, a bright European Policy student from the Czech region with the fortress city of Josefov. We have with him deepened or work on Erasmus+ possibilities and we are very interested to learn that the first EFFORTS Summer Academy will be held in **Josefov (CZ) on 8-9 September 2023**. The theme this year will be youth and fortification heritage. More news on this later.

We kick off **European Fortress Summer 2023** this year with Forte Cultura this year at our member Fortress of Culture Sibenik on 30 March, followed by the first **European Night of Fortresses** on May 5th. Join us in showcasing your fortress events. May the most innovative participation win the EFFORTS Award.

Also, EFFORTS continues its **EFFORTS-Forte Cultura Ukraine Twinning and Cooperation Programme**. Our second Ukrainian partner is joining a twinning project.

You also will see this year the **EFFORTS Newsletter** gradually change into an even more attractive platform of information on our members actions.

Last but not least, we are proud to be hosted by the City of **Maastricht**, our long time member, for the **2023 EFFORTS Congress**, on 3-5 October 2023 and based on our **EFFORTS Goes Green** ongoing priority project.

The year promises well : we welcome you at your fortress activities !

#weareefforts #standwithukraine

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



→ *THANK YOU FOR YOUR* **2023** **EFFORTS MEMBERSHIP!**

If you want to support EFFORTS financially and become a **NEW** EFFORTS funding member IN 2023, PLEASE apply by filling in the formular on the website:

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

or contact the EFFORTS secretariat: info@efforts-europe.be

PRESENT MEMBERS will receive their invoice for renewal by mail.

JOIN US !

The EFFORTS network comprises a series of action networks and events. The new working year gives us the opportunity to ask you to actively participate in REGISTERING: *the* **EFFORTS CONGRESS**, **EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER**, **NIGHT OF FORTRESSES**, *the Joint Scientific and Expert Committee* **and its first SUMMER ACADEMY**

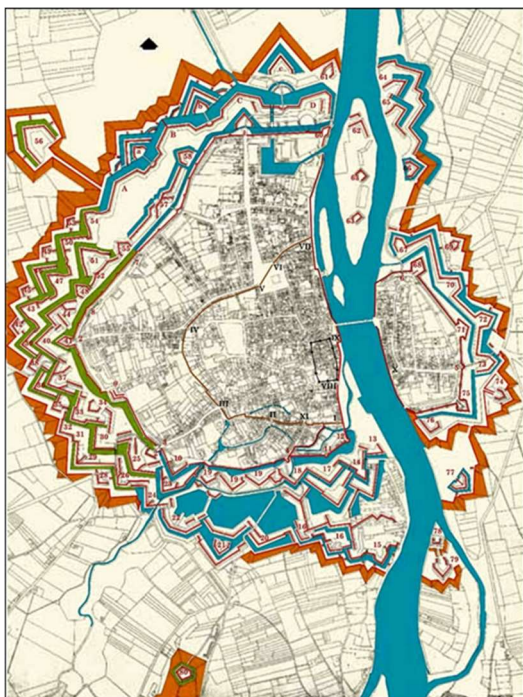
→ **EFFORTS CONGRESS 3-4 OCTOBER 2023 IN MAASTRICHT (NL)**



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 by 1 May 2023 on www.effortsmaastricht.com



→REGISTER for EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER and NIGHT OF FORTRESSES 2023

With its member Forte Cultura, EFFORTS organises the annual European Fortress Summer and the Night of Fortresses. Present in 2023 your fortress activities to the European fortress community and compete for the annual EFFORTS Award for the most innovative participation!

In 2023 the EFS was launched on 30 March at EFFORTS member Fortress of Culture Sibenik. On the single night of 5 May the Night of Fortresses is organised.



For registrations for the **Night of Fortresses** (5 May 2023):



Dobo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (2022 Night of Fortresses)

SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITE OTHER FORTRESS SITES TO PARTICIPATE: COPY THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

The **application deadline** for the EFFORTS – Forte Cultura NIGHT OF FORTRESSES, part of the European Fortress Summer, on **5 May 2023** is **April 25th**. This is an annual one-night evening event: light up and open your fortress site !

We encourage you to **share the info on the 5 May 2023 Night of Fortresses on your social networks**, using the hashtags **#nightoffortresses #europeanfortresssummer** – announcing that applications for the Night of Fortresses 2023 are open and that all the necessary information about the event and how

to apply can be found on the official website of the Night of Fortresses:
<https://nightoffortresses.org/en/>

IMPORTANT : The **application link** <https://nightoffortresses.org/forma-za-prijavu/> is for the **NOF participants** (it is not visible on the event page; as is it the “back-entrance link”; and after filling in the application, all details of the participants and the programs will be automatically visible on the page).

The quality and significance of the **Night of Fortresses** as a European cultural event, which in the spring of 2022 for the first time linked and promoted programs at 45 fortifications in three countries (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro), was recognized by the European association of fortified sites **EFFORTS**, who, with its members **Fortress of Culture Sibenik** and **Forte Cultura**, will take over the organisation of the Night of Fortresses from 2023 on and promote it Europe-wide. The Night of Fortresses is part of the annual **European Fortress Summer**. **Both events are powered by EFFORTS and Forte Cultura.**

We would also like to invite you all to participate and ask that you use the attached logos (EFS logo and Night of Fortresses logo) when promoting your participation in the event (the logos should also be inserted on the photo of your location when filling out the application for participation) and use the hashtags.

PS : Please fill in all the categories of the form and carefully read the organizer's instructions on the link. The application can be filled out bilingually: in the ‘Program description’ section, the allowed number of characters refers to the language of both langue together, not 500 characters per language.,



For registrations for the European Fortress Summer 2023:

With its member organisation **Forte Cultura**, **EFFORTS** partners up to organise the annual **European Fortress Summer**, the annual platform for the events you as a fortress city or site organise and want the whole of Europe to know ! Compete each year for the **annual EFFORTS Award** for the most innovative participant. Registering for the 2023 edition is easy and can be done on :

<https://www.forte-cultura.eu/en/fortress-summer/efs>

Here we ask you also to use the **EFFORTS European Fortress Summer** logo and the **#europeanfortresssummer** logo in you communications and on-site. This is also a way for us to find and promote your events.



EVENTS OF THE EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2023

- 23 Apr 2023**
23.04.2023 - 29.10.2023
Torgau - Fortified City and Fortified Castle
City anniversary 1050 years of Torgau 2023
In 2023, Torgau will celebrate its 1050th anniversary. A variety of events are being planned for this occasion. More about this shortly.
[Details](#)
- 04 Jun 2023**
04.06.2023 10:00 - 17:00
Ulm - Wilhelmsburg
Fortress Day Ulm 2023
Fortress Day Ulm
For the 11th time, the "Day of the Fortress" will take place in Ulm and Neu-Ulm on Sunday, 4 June 2023. This day is organized by the Förderkreis Bundesfestung Ulm e.V. (Ulm Federal Fortress Association).
[Details](#)
- 08 Jun 2023**
08.06.2023 - 13.08.2023
Kronach - Fortress
Rosenberg Festspiele 2023 - Fortress Rosenberg Kronach
Big and small theater enthusiasts will get their money's worth at the Kronacher Rosenberg Festival. The open-air theater is located on the fortress Rosenberg, in the grandiose ambience of one of the largest medieval fortifications, overlooking the gentle heights of the surroundings. All seats are covered - the actors have small microphones.
[Details](#)
- 09 Jun 2023**
09.06.2023 - 18.07.2023
Ulm - Wilhelmsburg
Open Air Theater Wilhelmsburg - Summer 2023
The tradition-steeped open-air theatre in the Wilhelmsburg impresses in the spirit of "Sister Act", based on the legendary cinema film with Whoopi Goldberg.



→ JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND EXPERT COMMITTEE and first **EFFORTS SUMMER ACADEMY**, 8-9 September 2023



On 8-9 September 2023 the first Joint Scientific and Expert Committee EFFORTS Summer Academy will take place in Josefov, CZ and focus on expert courses on European youth involvement in fortified heritage.

Founded on 16 September 2022, at EFFORTS member Fondazione Forte Marghera EFFORTS Fortification Knowledge Center, the **EFFORTS Forte Cultura Joint Scientific and Expert Committee** will activate a 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 JSEC 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. But also the JSEC will organise workshops with and at our members and will organise the annual **EFFORTS Summer Academy** for its members.

Each year the Summer Academy will focus on one aspect of EFFORTS priorities. In 2023 the Summer Academy will be held on 8-9 September in Josefov (CZ), in 2024 it will be our UNESCO site member Suomenlinna (FI) and 2025 will be in Sibenik (HR). More practical information will follow.



The Jaromer Josefov fortress (CZ) above and Suomenlinna UNESCO site (FI) underneath.

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 Coehoorn stichting are also active members of EFFORTS.

The **Declaration of the JSEC** was published in the January 2023 Newsletter. For information and your JSEC candidature or more information, contact EFFORTS at info@efforts-europe.eu

LVIV FORTIFICATION HERITAGE CONFERENCE – JUNE 8-9 2023



With our Ukrainian member, the department of Architecture and Conservation Institute of Architecture and Design Lviv Polytechnic National University EFFORTS is pleased, in the frame of its **Ukraine Twinning and Cooperation programme**, to forward you the invitation to participate in the **13th International Scientific Conference “CURRENT ISSUES IN RESEARCH, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC FORTIFICATIONS”**

which will take place on **June 8-9, 2023**, in mixed format:

- June 8 - online format;
- June 9 - live meeting (with online broadcast) in Ivano-Frankivsk, Shpytalna St., 5, the Potocki Palace complex, Ukraine.

The program will be sent to participants on May 15-16. All details you can find here : <https://picpalace.com.ua/citta-landing>

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2023.

To participate you need to fill out an online application form: <https://forms.gle/FErG6MCpfSNgvSHu8>



Left to right: EFFORTS' Raf Deroo with Oresta Remeshylo-Rybchybska, professor at Lviv University (UA), Gilbert Soeters (Maastricht, NL) and EFFORTS Ukrainian advisor Olha Tikhonova (in Sibenik, HR, 30 March 2023)

Lviv Polytechnic National University, Institute of Architecture and Design, Architecture and Conservation Department, Ukraine
The State School of Higher Education in Chełm, Poland
Morehead State University, USA
Society of Fortresses and Palaces Researchers, Ukraine
Municipal Enterprise Space Of Innovative Creativity PALACE, Ukraine

13th International Scientific Conference CURRENT ISSUES IN RESEARCH, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC FORTIFICATIONS



We are pleased to invite you to take part in the 13th International Scientific Conference «**Current issues in research, conservation, and restoration of historic fortifications**». The conference will take place on **June 8-9, 2023**, in the mixed format: **June 8** - in an online format; **June 9** - a live meeting (with online broadcast) in Ivano-Frankivsk, Shpytalna St., 5, the Potocki Palace complex. The program will be sent to participants on May 15-16.

Conference directions:

- current issues of research, preservation, and conservation of historic fortifications;
- approaches to the protection of cultural heritage sites during hostilities;
- exchange of experience in the field of protection of historic fortifications;
- practical issues on conservation and restoration of defense architecture.

Working languages: Ukrainian, Polish, English.

To participate you need to fill out an **online application form**.
The deadline for applications - May 15, 2023.

Articles will be accepted for publication during and after the conference.

Please take care of renting your own accommodation and buying tickets yourself.

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Dr. Zygmunt Gardziński, Director of International Cooperation, The State School of Higher Education in Chełm, Poland

Dr. Lucjan Gazda, The State School of Higher Education in Chełm, Poland

Adrian Mandzy, prof., Dr. in History, Associate Professor at the Morehead State University, USA

Volodymyr Gaidar, director of the Municipal Enterprise Space of Innovative Creativity PALACE, Ukraine

Larysa Polishchuk, Ph.D., head of the research department, the Municipal Enterprise Space of Innovative Creativity PALACE

Illia Lytvynchuk, Sc.M. / **Anna Serbin**, Sc.M. – Scientific secretaries of the Conference, a postgraduate students at the Architecture and Conservation Department, Lviv Polytechnic National University, Ukraine.

*Illustration - the fragment of The City Map of Stanisławów, 1792

FORTE CULTURA CONFERENCE 2023

EFFORTS member Forte Cultura held its annual conference on fortification heritage tourism and cultural routes at Sibenik (HR), organised with EFFORTS member Fortress of Culture Sibenik, on 30-31 March 2023. It was the occasion to **launch the annual European Fortress Summer (EFS)** on 30 March and to **announce the 5 May 2023 Night of Fortresses (NOF)** and the **2023 EFFORTS congress** (see above in this Newsletter). Other EFFORTS members present were Herceg Fest (Herceg Novi, MNE), Cork County (IRL), Zuiderwaterlinie (NL), Maastricht (NL), Karlovac (HR). EFFORTS – Forte Cultura power the EFS and NOF.



Introduction by the Mayor of Sibenik, Željko Burić. Happy to meet up with our EFFORTS members : above Herceg Novi (MNE), Herceg Fest and more underneath :



Đurđa V. Sarič (European projects officer, Fortress of Culture Sibenik)



European Fortress Summer 2023 presentation (Jelena)



Presentation of the EFFORTS 2023 Congress in Maastricht by EFFORTS (Gilbert Soeters)



Cork County's Sean O'Sullivan and EFFORTS' Ukrainian advisor Olha Tikhova

	
<p>With EFFORTS members Anne-Wil Maris (Zuiderwaterlinie) and Gilbert Soeters (Maastricht)</p>	<p>With Jelena Kolbe and Dirk Röder (Forte Cultura).</p>
	<p>GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, EFFORTS MEMBERS, and SEE YOU at the EFFORTS CONGRESS in MAASTRICHT (3-5 October 2023) !</p>
<p>Marina Grčić (Karlovac) and colleague.</p>	

EFFORTS VISITS: Liège, Menen, Antwerp region, Mons (BE), Lille (FR), Cluj (RO)

The EFFORTS secretariat undertook in the first months of 2023 a series of visits of possible future member cities and regions: Menen, Mons and Liège in Belgium, Lille in France and Cluj in Romania. With Tomas Jirouch, the ERASMUS+ visitor and collaborator at the EFFORTS secretariat from January to April 2023, EFFORTS visited also the Antwerp fortress region, and the Waterloo Battlefield, the latter being the symbolic start of the particular time period of the Wellington Barrier fortified cities line in Belgium and Maastricht.



Mons, BE



Menen, BE



Liège, BE

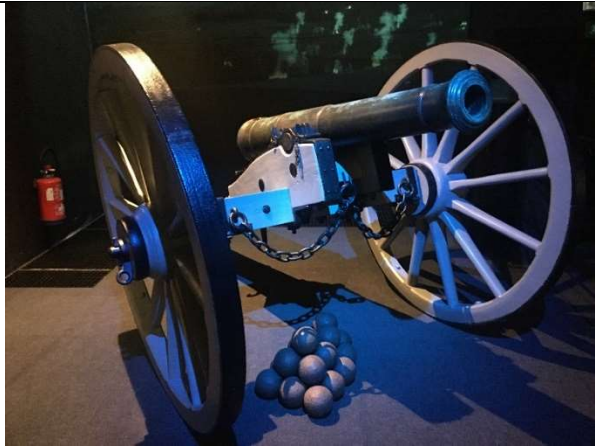


Lille, FR

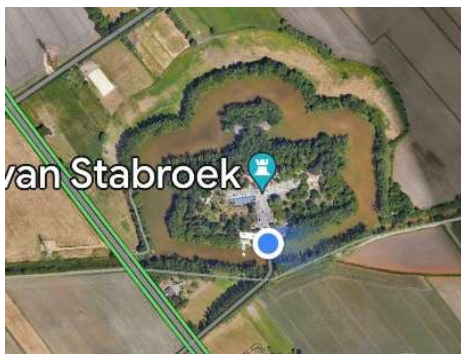




Cluj, RO



Waterloo – Brain-l'Alleud, BE



IN THE PRESS



Left: Egidijus Bagdonas, director of the Kaunas Fortress Park (Lithuania, member of EFFORTS Europe) explains the situation for long-time gardeners on the fortresses' premises to the local press.

Underneath : Gorana B. Baselić, director of Fortress of Culture Sibenik presents the FCS best practices at the 30-31 March Forte Cultura conference.



EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Hereby a few interesting calls from the EFFORTS EU Calls List that EFFORTS paying members receive.

- **INTERREG EUROPE new call**

On 15 March the new Interreg Europe call opened. Compete for best practises and possibilities for later investments and consult the website: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/apply-for-the-call>



- **European Urban Initiative (EUI)**

European Urban Initiative

The European Hub for sustainable urban development

The EUI support urban areas of all sizes with innovative actions, capacity and knowledge building, policy development and communication on sustainable urban development. The first call for Innovative Actions was launched back in October 2022 and focused on the New European Bauhaus demonstrators. In May, the **second call for innovative actions** will be published, with an even higher budget of 120 million euros. This **call is intended to support:**

- Greening of cities
- Sustainable tourism
- Utilization of talents
- Capacity building for cities

The European Urban Initiative will soon launch a range of capacity building tools and activities. EUI's work on capacity building for cities is based on **two main objectives:**

- improving cities' capacities to design and implement sustainable urban development strategies, policies and practices in an integrated and participatory manner
- improving the overall design and implementation of sustainable urban development for and in cities.

Learn more about upcoming EUI capacity building opportunities and view the slides from the session on the EUI website:

<https://www.urban-initiative.eu/news/euis-launch-cities-forum-2023#>

- **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

- **European Fortress Summer 2023** and **Night of Fortresses** that EFFORTS takes over from the EU Interreg project FORTITUDE. For the 2023 version of the **Night of Fortresses**: <https://nightoffortresses.org/forma-za-prijavu/>
- More information and REGISTRATION for **European Fortress Summer 2023**, 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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MEETING PLACE BRUSSELS

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