



NEWSLETTER MAY-JUNE 2023



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear EFFORTS Members,
Dear members of the EFFORTS community,

We are happy to present you the 8th EFFORT annual congress programme. We thank the city of Maastricht for hosting us from 2 to 5 October 2023. It will be a very interactive conference, with visits throughout the city and the region and with attention to European project challenges. At this 8th EFFORTS Europe congress we discuss our ongoing work on **EFFORTS Goes Green**: on heritage and integrated tourism communities and climate and energy issues.

Let me also congratulate our friends from Flanders, with the establishment of the **Platform of Flemish Fortified Cities** in Herentals and Dendermonde, with EFFORTS and its members Regionale Landschappen, Oudenaarde, Zoutleeuw, Menen, Antwerp and Simon Stevin VVC on 8 June 2023! 'Stronger Together' is their motto. On towards Flemish, Belgian, cross-border and European projects !


In October at the AGM in Maastricht, I step down after six years of leading EFFORTS. I am proud to see the organisation grow exponentially and become more diverse. It has an asset to the organisation that we connect with cities and sites over the whole of Europe. Military built heritage has a responsibility to its past and to our future. This is also why we will not stop putting attention to the shameful act of war in our midst and support

#weareefforts #standwithukraine - I will see you 2-5 October in Maastricht !

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

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PRESENT MEMBERS will receive their invoice for renewal by mail.

→REGISTER for the EFFORTS CONGRESS 2-5
OCTOBER 2023 IN MAASTRICHT (NL) !



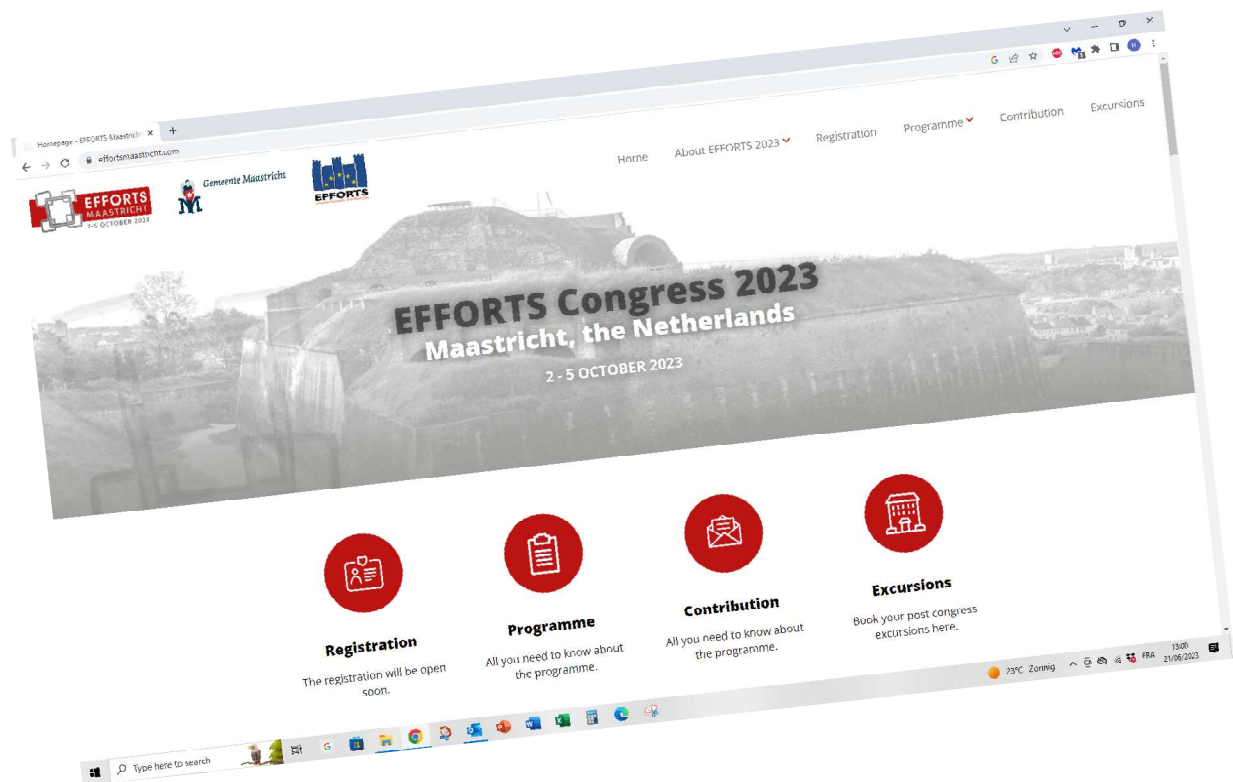
The 2023 European Federation of Fortified Sites 8th Congress in the timeless city of Maastricht is an excellent occasion to continue the work of our members, cities, regions, universities, associations and experts as they focus on issues like heritage reuse, spatial planning, mobility, inclusion and green and innovative heritage design.

PROGRAMME AND REGISTRATION at

www.efforts-europe.eu

www.effortsmaastricht.com





In the frame of the ongoing EFFORTS Goes Green project, EFFORTS and its members want to be ready for the coming years in which the quality of life of our citizens will ever more connected to their identity and their future needs. Fortification is at the crossroads of these themes.

With the Maastricht congress this year, and building on the results of the last congresses, we want you to have the occasion to participate on the themes that matter: integrating communities, green energy and rethinking tourism.

The congress will be an interactive one, with site visits, discussions in the town, panels and pitch sessions.



EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2023

The European Fortress Summer platform is open for all of you to promote your events. Join us by filling in a small form. Participation is free, communicate using the ### and we select the EFFORTS Award among participating sites !



JOIN US !



**EUROPEAN
FORTRESS
SUMMER**



REGISTER your fortress summer events as part of the European event platform #EuropeanFortressSummer! You post online, we share to partners Europe-wide!

All European fortification sites are invited to participate. **Free of charge.**
Reach more sites and people across Europe. -From March to October-

Participation in EFS = entering the EFFORTS **AWARD** contest (winner: at the EFFORTS Congress)

PARTICIPATING ? Simply register your EFS event online !
www.fortress-summer.eu

AND POST with #EuropeanFortressSummer #Effortseurope #ForteCultura



The annual European Fortress Summer event is organized by EFFORTS Europe & FORTE CULTURA

The European Fortress Summer is also the annual May European #NightofFortresses event. Register at EFS website.

FOUNDING OF PLATFORM FLEMISH FORTIFIED CITIES



The period of January - June 2023 saw the establishment of the Platform of Flemish Fortified Cities in Herentals and Dendermonde, on 8 June with EFFORTS and its members Regionale Landschappen, Oudenaarde, Zoutleeuw, Menen, Antwerp and Simon Stevin VVC, with Wommelgem, Stabroek met Stafort, Schans Landmolen, supported by Herita, Toerisme Vlaanderen, Agentschappen Onroerend Erfgoed and Natuur en Bos. The conglomerate welcomes all fortified cities in Flanders which want to share experience and projects. The Platform's motto is 'Stronger Together' and is a direct result of the cooperation between EFFORTS Europe and its member Regionale Landschappen in the 'Recapture the Fortress Cities' EU Interreg Europe project.

Recapture the Fortress Cities - results and future perspective Stronger together

In recent years, within the framework of the Interreg Europe project RFC, there has been intensive cooperation on the theme of how fortification heritage can be used for the future.

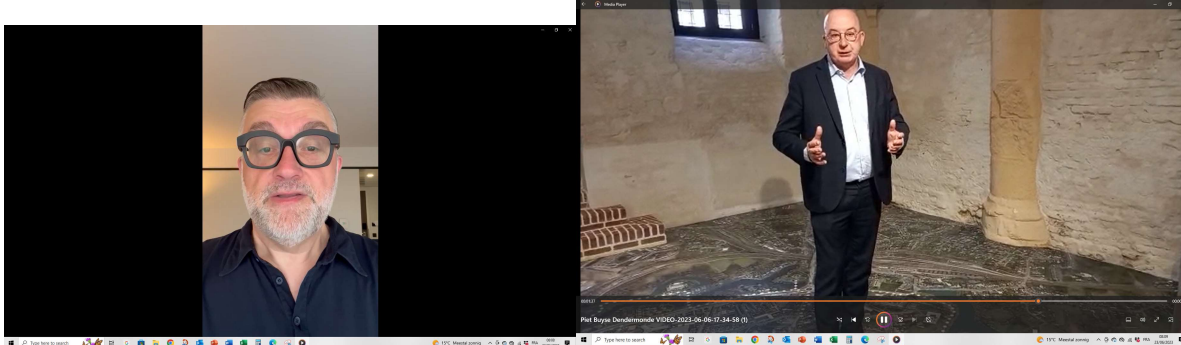
The European cooperation has delivered many local and regional improvements in the participating fortress cities (Antwerp, Lier, Mechelen, Herentals and Dendermonde). Several other Flemish cities joined the project and they will continue to collaborate in a structured way in the future.

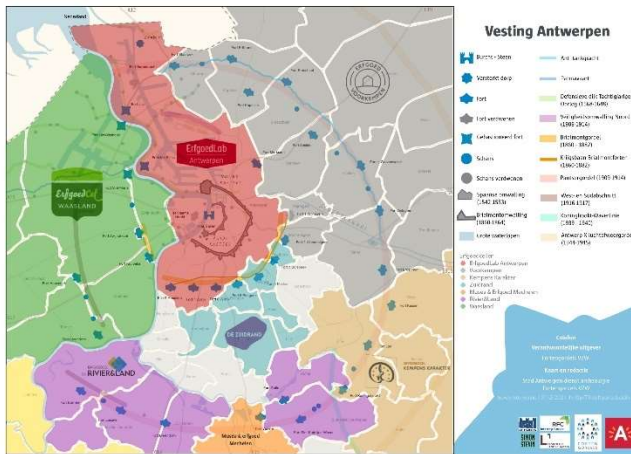
Discover the project in this interactive brochure.

[DOWNLOAD THE BROCHURE \(ENG\)](#)



Download, in NL and EN the 'Stronger Together' brochure at www.regionalelandschappen.be/publicaties/rfc





RFC Interreg Europe > resultaten en toekomst > Versterk de omgeving

Agenda

Conferentie: Presentatie van het Overleg van Vlaamse Vestingsteden

Minder erfgoed land mogelijkheden om de uitdagingen van morgen aan te pakken. Projecten kunnen antwoorden geven op Vlaamse natuurvervalsingen, ze kunnen leefomgevingen verbeteren en de lokale identiteit in en rond onze steden versterken. Tijdens deze conferentie worden de steden van de landelijke regio's ondersteund om de mogelijkheden van samenwerking aan te tonen. Het doel is om de samenwerking op alle vestingsteden te verbeteren en te versterken die met versterkt erfgoed bezig zijn.

Verderzetting van de succesvolle RFC samenwerking op initiatief van de Vlaamse Vestingsteden (in uitbreiding/evolutie) met Efforts als trekker en organisator.

Oplevering resultaten van RFC in brochure als inspiratie en hefboom voor het nieuwe platform van Vlaamse Vestingsteden

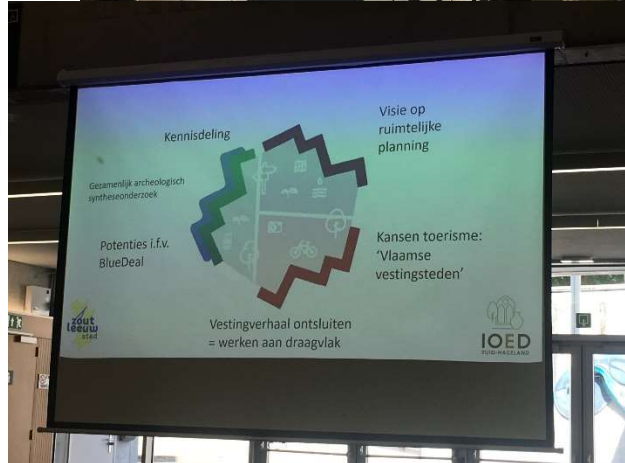
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VLAAMSE VESTINGSTEDEN

RFC
Interreg Europe

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

<https://www.regionalelandschappen.be/publicaties/rfc>



OVERLEG VLAAMSE VESTINGSTEDEN

NAAR EEN INTEGRAAL VESTINGLANDSCHAP IN VLAANDEREN

Prof.em. dr. Piet Lombaerde
Universiteit Antwerpen

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Universiteit Antwerpen

BOARD MEETING OUDENAARDE April 2023

All EFFORTS Europe board members were present live or online in Oudenaarde, fleshing out the association's projects for the next year. The meeting concluded with a visit to the 19th century Wellington Barrier Kezelfort.



NEW MEMBERS

EFFORTS welcomes its new members : Huis ter Bergh, 's-Heerenbergh (NL), Musée Radar franco-allemand (Atlantikwall, Douvres-la-Délivrande, FR) and Schans Landmolen, Kruibeke (BE).



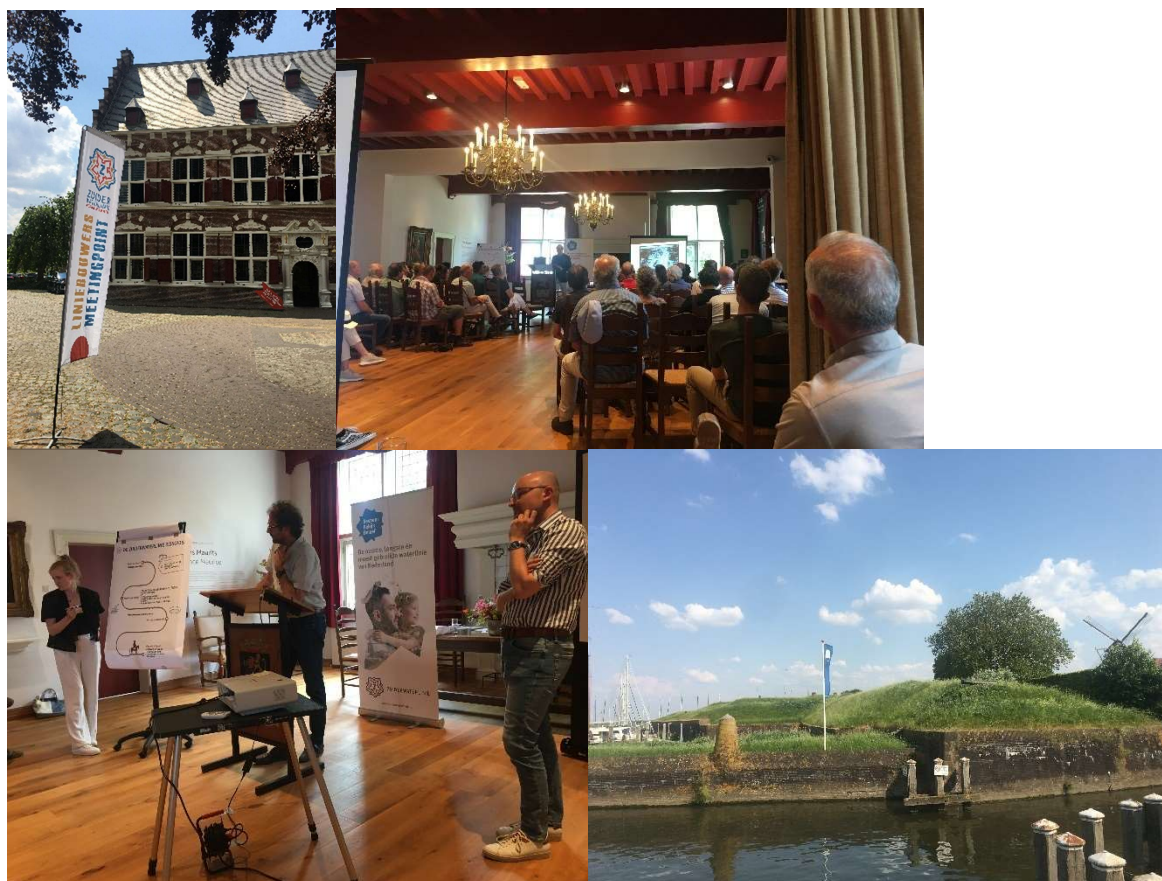
ZUIDERWATERLINIE EUROPEAN WORKSHOP

At the 6 April EU workshop for EFFORTS Europe members from the Zuiderwaterlinie, Geertruidenberg, Heusden and Moerdijk (Willemstad, Steenberg, Klundert), 's-Hertogenbosch and Vlaanderen-Nederland Interreg secretariat instructed on EU projects.



ZUIDERWATERLINIE LINIEMEETING June

On 15 June, EFFORTS Europe member network organisation Zuiderwaterlinie and its cities hosted, also for EFFORTS, an inspirational exchange of views on fortification reuse issues in the south of the Netherlands.



WELLINGTON BARRIER PROJECT BELGIUM May-June

On 12 May, Wellington Barrier project meetings were held at the KONHEF-Antwerp Citadel site (presentation of the book of EFFORTS expert Dennijs van Nieuwenhuijzen) and on 16 June, EFFORTS organised in Tournai the most recent of the 7 project meetings and visits in one working year, after Namur, Dendermonde, Liège, Menen and Mons, all Belgian Wellington Barrier heritage cities.



Wellington Barrier
European Boulevard



VISIT TO GARDERHOJ FORTET COPENHAGEN

On 16 May, the EFFORTS secretariat visited EFFORTS Europe member in the Copenhagen fortress belt, Garderhoj fortification museum. Here with director Kristine Klinkhammer Adler-Nisse. Garderhoj Fortet focuses on European cooperation, education and digital development.



VISIT TO KRAKOW

The EFFORTS secretariat met on 28 April in the 100+ sites fortress belt city on the Twierdza Krakow project with the Tourism Office of Krakow City and with member Anna Maria Staniewska and professor Krzysztof Wielgus of Krakow University of Technology.



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Modernizacja roku – zagłósuj na fort Borek!

Dawny fort artyleryjski nr 52 Borek na długo zniknął z mapy Krakowa niszcząc jako pustostan. Z końcem lipca 2022 r. powrócił, stając się nowoczesną i wyjątkową pod względem





EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **Creative Europe calls 2023 - 2024**

Call 2024	Expected publ.	Prov. deadline
European Cooperation Projects	October 2023	January 2024
Pan-European Cultural Organisations	October 2023	January 2024
European Platforms	November 2023	February 2024
European Networks	Cecember 2023	March 2024



- **European Urban Initiative (EUI) - Launch on 5 June of the 2nd Call**



<https://www.uia-initiative.eu/en/eui/european-urban-initiative>

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/cultureeu-funding-guide.pdf>

More information:

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

EVENTS

With the support of



- **European Fortress Summer 2023** and **Night of Fortresses** that EFFORTS takes over from the EU Interreg project FORTITUDE. For the 2022 version of the Night of Fortresses: <https://nightoffortresses.org/en/> More information and REGISTRATION, check also the EFFORTS and Forte Cultura websites.



- **TIME MACHINE - LILLO 1640: METHODOLOGY AND WORKFLOW OF VIRTUAL RECONSTRUCTION**



This *free* digital 3 day reconstruction academy (1 day left!), organised in the Time Machine organisation, is for all target groups and is the result of the EFFORTS supported EU Interreg Europe project 'Recapture the Fortress Cities', initiated by Efforts Europe member Regionale Landschappen.

Venue: Online . Dates:

1. Friday, 16 June 2023 – 14:00 to 16:00 CEST
2. Friday, 23 June 2023 – 14:00 to 16:00 CEST
3. **Friday, 30 June 2023 – 14:00 to 16:00 CEST**

Instructor: [Daniel Pletinckx](#) (Visual Dimension bvba | [European Competence Centre for Digital Heritage](#)). Moderators: [Isabella di Lenardo](#) (EPFL, Local Time Machines Coordinator TMO), [Ilaria Manzini](#) (Local Time Machines Manager TMO)

Registration: Register via online form

<https://www.timemachine.eu/events/lillo-1640-methodology-and-workflow-of-virtual-reconstruction/?fbclid=IwAR0tuhMd9ZeJ5ryLqbEOjrkiZje-c0avJ4bfy9IGg5gMMrdDa1xN3PvzDME>

This Academy shows how a virtual reconstruction of a historical site is made, based upon the example of the 17th century [fortress of Lillo, Belgium](#). This fortress was reconstructed by Visual Dimension bvba, in close cooperation with the [Centre for Urban History at the University of Antwerp](#) and the European ['Recapture the Fortress Cities' \(RCF\) project](#).

The Belgium-based VirtuaFort research project built a Virtual Reality application around Fort Lillo and its immediate surroundings. We had the pleasure to feature this project in depth in our #LTMThursday campaign to learn more about the methodologies and workflows applied. Follow the button below to learn more about their experiences and accomplishments. VirtuaFort is a partner of the EFFORTS Europe supported EU Interreg Europe project Recapture the Fortress Cities.

This Academy does not focus on one specific software solution, but rather on the methodology and workflow of virtual reconstruction, from archive to operational 3D application. Sessions are interactive, with live multiple-choice questions plus exercises to be completed by participants in-between sessions.

- **Register for the 2024 7 Most Endangered Heritage Sites**



- **NEMO Guidelines on Developing Education and Public Engagement in Museums**

Supported by the EU Creative Europe project, the Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO) has recently published the guidelines 'Developing Education and Public Engagement in Museums'. This new set of guidelines supports museums to create successful education and public engagement activities that are relevant to an ever changing and diverse society. Solid education and public engagement work contributes to social cohesion and strengthens the role of museums in society. You can read the report at

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CloudCommunity>



- **European Collaborative Cloud Community for Cultural Heritage**

The European Commission has started a regular news flash for the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage (ECCCH) community of practise, containing brief summaries of the latest news and events related to the Cultural Heritage Cloud. The community of practice aims to create ownership of the Cultural Heritage Cloud. With this news flash, the Commission would like to regularly inform the community about events, projects and research of interest in the context of the cloud community.

Register at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CloudCommunity>



- **K.U. Leuven Cultural Tourism Conference**

Approximately 40% of all European tourists make a destination choice based on the cultural offerings. This leads to significant economic effects and has further strengthened the view of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for its economic impact, but also for its role in creating and enhancing social capital and achieving the goals of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. At the same time, economic effects have been distributed unequally – often being more prevalent in urbanized areas – and the exponential growth of tourism created issues of both over- and under exploitation. The goal of this Conference is to further understanding of the sustainable development potential of cultural tourism by focusing on successful policy interventions, new cultural tourism trends, advances in visitor management systems, and new business and/or governance models. You can register for the event at

<https://ees.kuleuven.be/en/culturaltourismconference>

“International Conference on Cultural Tourism Advances”

27-28th June 2023

Venue: KU Leuven, Brussels Campus
Hermes Building, Warmoesberg 43,
1000 Brussels, Belgium



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- **European Heritage Days 2023 : Living Heritage**

Living Heritage (2023)



Find all information on : <https://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Shared-Theme>

EFFORTS NETWORKS



The best network event is when you do not expect your EFFORTS colleague to be there. Darragh O'Suilleabhain (Cork County) meets Daniele Sferra (Forte Marghera, ISAM) at the Atlantic Area Conference in May. More organised was the meeting between Zsolt Czók, Transsylvanian heritage expert and Tibor Navacsics, former EU Commissioner for Culture and presently Hungarian Minister for Land Development.

- 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.



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- 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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