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# EFFORTS Mission

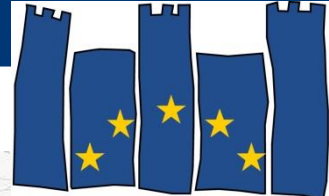


*To share expertise, promote cooperation and emphasize the significance of fortified heritage as a continuing connection to our common European history and as a condition for economic, spatial and social development.*

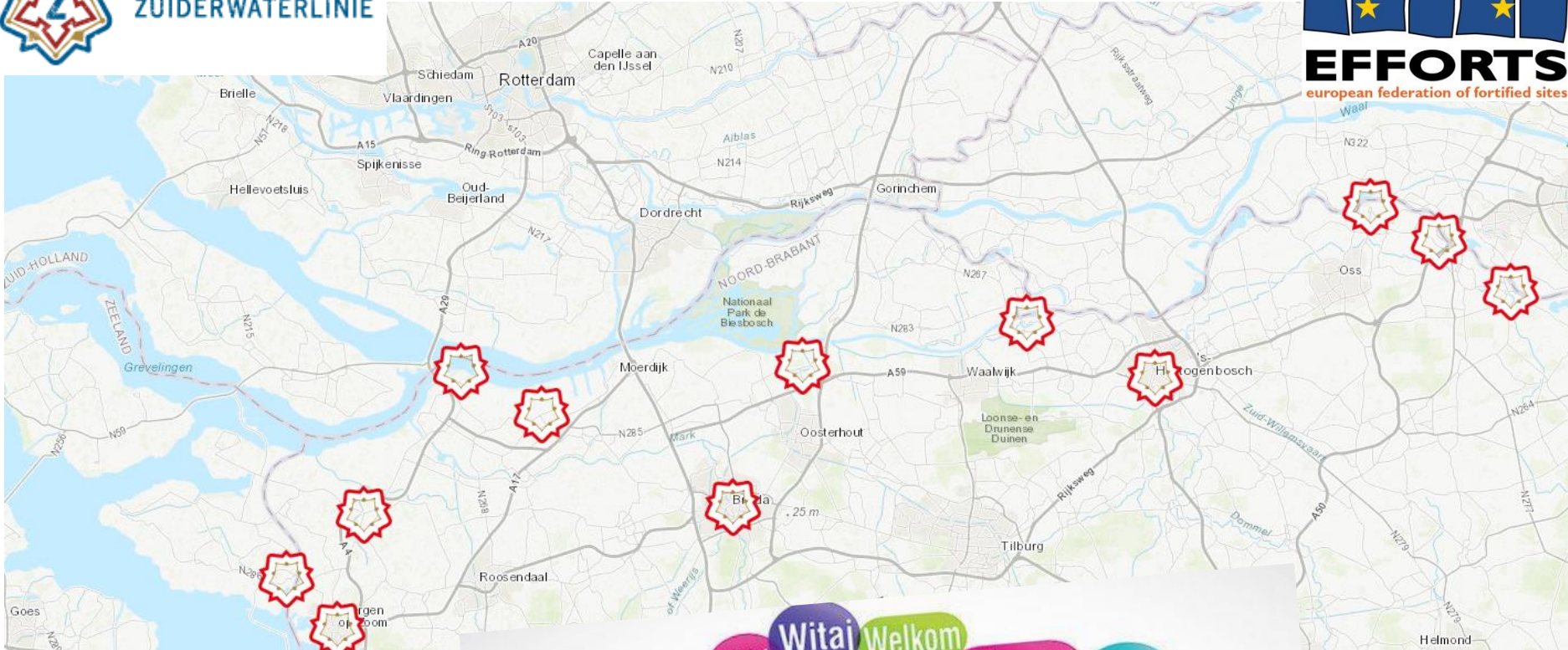




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- Bergen op Zoom
- Steenberghe
- Tholen
- Klundert
- Willemstad
- Breda
- Geertruidenberg
- 's-Hertogenbosch
- Heusden
- Megen
- Ravenstein
- Grave





# EFFORTS -Forte Cultura Members network 2022 :

## 150 in 23 EU countries



- City of Antwerpen BE
- Citadel Antwerpen BE
- Oudenaarde BE
- Province West-Vlaanderen BE (Atlantikwall Europe)
- Regionale Landschappen BE
- Zoutleeuw BE
- War Heritage Institute BE
- Simon Stevinstichting VVC BE
- Stafort BE
- City of Namur BE
- Garderhojfortet Copenhagen, DA
- Zitadelle Spandau Berlin DE
- European Cooperation Center DE
- Suomenlinna Governing Body FIN
- Hamina FIN
- Vauban Sites Association FR
- Association Espaces fortifiés H-d-France FR
- Fort de Seclin FR
- Cork County (2 members) IE
- Fondazione Forte Marghera IT
- Forte di Bard IT
- Fortezza / Frankenfeste IT
- ISAM IT
- Centro Studi Medfort IT
- Valle Alpino and Galla Placidia line IT
- Fortress of Culture Sibenik HR
- Fort Monostor HU
- Kaunas Fortress Regional Park LT
- Paola Heritage Foundation MA
- Herceg Novi MNE
- Bar MNE (2023)
- Bergen op Zoom NL (*presiding*)
- Oost Gelre NL
- Culemborg NL



- 's-Hertogenbosch NL
- Grave NL
- Heusden NL
- Other Zuiderwaterlinie cities (+9, NL)
- Hellevoetsluis / Voorne NL
- Maastricht NL
- Stichting Monumentenbezit - Vesting Naarden NL
- City of Venlo NL
- Olst-Wijhe (IJssellinie) NL
- Province of Utrecht (NHW) NL
- Stichting Menno van Coehoorn NL
- Stichting Liniebreed Ondernemen NL
- Forte Cultura (all 40 members, # EU member states)

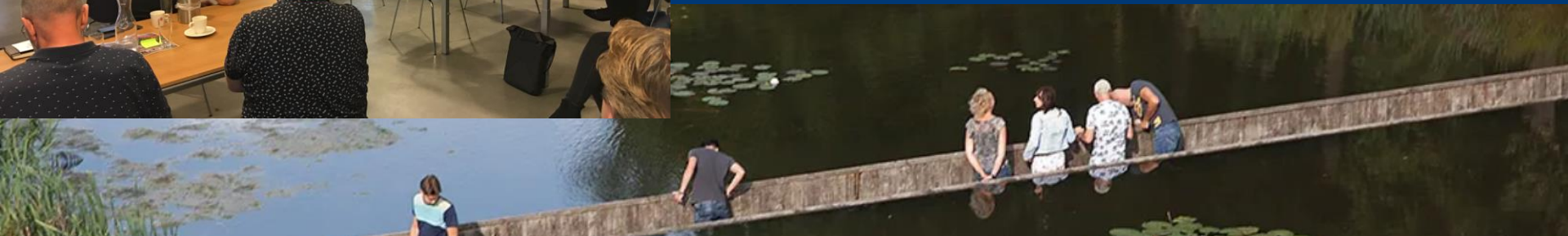
+International Fortress Council (13 members, INT)  
 +EFFORTS Museum Council (5)  
 +EFFORTS / Forte Cultura Joint Scientific Committee, with EFFORTS Knowledge Center Forte Marghera and ICOFORT (ICOMOS)  
 + 20 Memberships across Europe (IT, PO, GR, ES, CH, UK, ...)  
 Memorandum of cooperation with Liberation Route Europe

# EFFORTS Tasks



## Exchange of Knowledge + Development Networking

- **SUBJECT:** Heritage development (reuse, architecture, building & landscape elements), Restauration techniques, City marketing and Tourism, Education and Training, Environment and Sustainability, Mobility and Logistics, Cultural Routes, Community building, New European Bauhaus
  - *European and national policy and networks*
  - *Rules and regulations*
  - *Funding, financing*
  - *Network function*
  - *Project coordination, project administration*
  - *Cultural routes, tourism development, remembrance*





# EFFORTS : European expert events



Workshop EFFORTS

'FORTIFICATIONS IMPACT'

The kick-off of the European Fortified Heritage Survey (FHIS)

Address : Jan Blanken Droogdok, Dokweg 5, Hellevoetsluis

Wednesday 7 July, 9h00-12h00



This is a 'hybrid' workshop, both organised in situ (live) and online. Attending the workshop is free. Registrations are free.

Register for 'live' or 'online' attendance at [info@efforts-eur](mailto:info@efforts-eur)

The number of 'live' participants is limited and will, for participants, be confirmed. Registrations will be automatically transformed in 'online' registrations if the CC

EFFORTS EUROPE

Workshop

## UNLOCKING THE PAST FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

prov. date/time :  
Wednesday 14 October

2020

9h30-11h30

(doors / registering online : 8h30)  
Trierstraat/rue de Trèves 67, Brussels  
(Metrostation 'Maalbeek')



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Please register for the free vc / live workshop at [info@efforts-europe.eu](mailto:info@efforts-europe.eu) by sending your name, title and name of your organisation.



18<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS and CITIES



This EFFORTS-EFPN workshop is a side event of the 2020 European Week of Regions and Cities

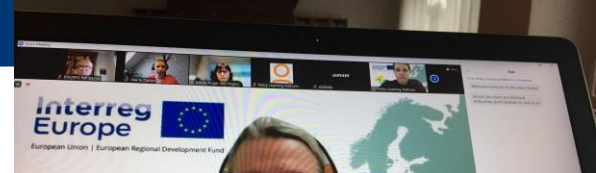
Making big data of the past accessible: new perspectives in urban planning, land management and developing smart cities

Full digitalisation of geographical, museum and library archives is within reach. Open access to innumerable sources and ongoing research will boost research and education, businesses and tourism, also creating new jobs. Artificial intelligence and ICT will lead us to a new level of understanding, with revolutionary interpretative models.

'Time Machines' are a game changer: citizens will be able to access fortification heritage and other historical data and actively engage by contributing with their interpretations.

The biggest innovation is that we can better understand our shared past, offering perspectives in urban planning, land management and developing smart cities, developing the link with spatial planning challenges.

Together with the EU research project 'Time Machine Europe', supported by EFFORTS member 's-Hertogenbosch, EFFORTS presents this Brussels workshop in the frame of the European Week of Regions and Cities.



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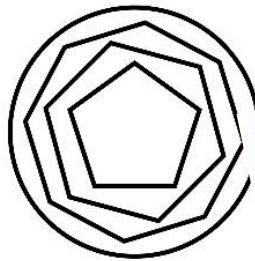
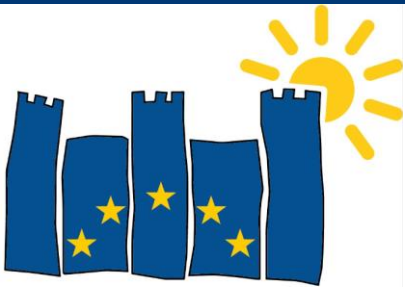


## Exchange of knowledge + Development Networking

- **THROUGH : PROJECTS, EVENTS and ON-DEMAND EXPERT WORKSHOPS on fortified heritage re-use and access**
  - EFFORTS European Knowledge Center @ Forte Marghera, Venice
  - FORTE CULTURA - EFFORTS Joint Scientific Cttee, with IFC, ICOFORT Europe
  - Communication b2b and network vector for the public: **European Fortress Summer** with *Night of the Fortresses, Fortress Festival, Fortenzomer, ...* + **EFFORTS AWARD**
- **JOIN EFFORTS Annual Congress (6-7/10 KAUNAS, LT)**







# EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER

## EFFORTS AWARD



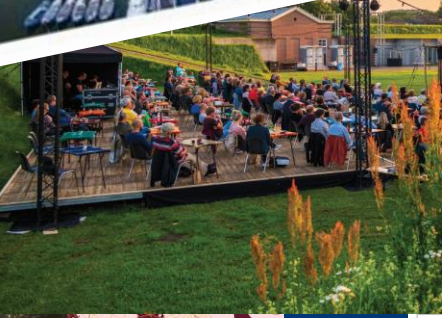
Boyan Fortress, Gajdosko (PL) Fantasy Festival 2018



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Wilhelmsburg Ulm Federal Fortress Ulm (DE)



# DE BOSSCHE ZOMER

Discovering the cities' fortress sites in the summer of 2020



# EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER

enjoy it...



# FORTEN ZOMER21



20 FORTENORGANISATIES IN 20 ZOMEREVENTENEN IN 2021

Naam	Land	Regio	Stad	Adres	Website	Website / contactgegevens
BOYAN FORTRESS	Polen	Województwo Lubelskie	Gajdosko	ul. Bojanki 10	<a href="http://www.boyanfortress.com">www.boyanfortress.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@boyanfortress.com">info@boyanfortress.com</a>
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# 2023 : EFS European Night of Fortresses



Interreg - IPA CBC    
Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro  
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# Fortress connections, clusters, routes, projects



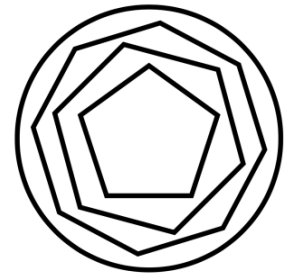
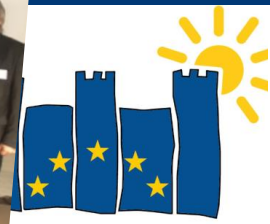
## Join the 'Forts/Unchained' project

### Stories of forts, camps and persecution

EFFORTS Europe, together with Liberation Route Europe Foundation and the City of Bergen op Zoom (NL), on the occasion of the remembrance of the liberation of the city in October 1944, presents the call for a 2022 EU Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme



EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER

Interreg - IPA CBC Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro



**Rondje Geertvuidenberg & Heusden (62 km)**  
in Geertvuidenberg

**Knooppunten**  
→ Start: Hoek Stationsweg/Walgaag in Geertvuidenberg

42	24	35	15	16	45	17	24	15	14							
70	9	Zeedijk (Stelling van Heusden)	87	5	8	64										
85	83	1	9	vesting Heusden	83	84	60	58	59	7	2	36	75	13	48	49
1	93	11	40	42	42	vesting Geertvuidenberg										

**Terug in de tijd!**  
Tijdens de zomermaanden kun je de Geertvuidenberg de Bergsche Battersy in actie zien! Gekleed in authentieke kledij, toekomen zij de stadsmilitie van 1593 na. Daarnaast organiseren zij om de vier jaar de Vestingsherfindagen: een speelfest waarbij de verovering van Geertvuidenberg op de Spoorwielren wordt nagespeeld.

**Tip:** Boven op de Heusdense vestingwallen heb je een mooi uitzicht over het landschap, de Bergsche Maas en de gerestaureerde stad!

**Beschrijving:**  
In de regio Antwerpen, van Oost-Vlaanderen tot in de Kempen, liggen een 50-tal (herbestemde) versterkingen in wat nu de randgemeenten van Antwerpen zijn. Wat deze sites verenigt zijn de een en karakter. Het zijn groene ruimtes waar we kunnen wandelen, fietsen, sporten, rusten, ontspannen, spelen allemaal troeven om te leren van hun geschiedenis en te ontspannen. Het voorgest



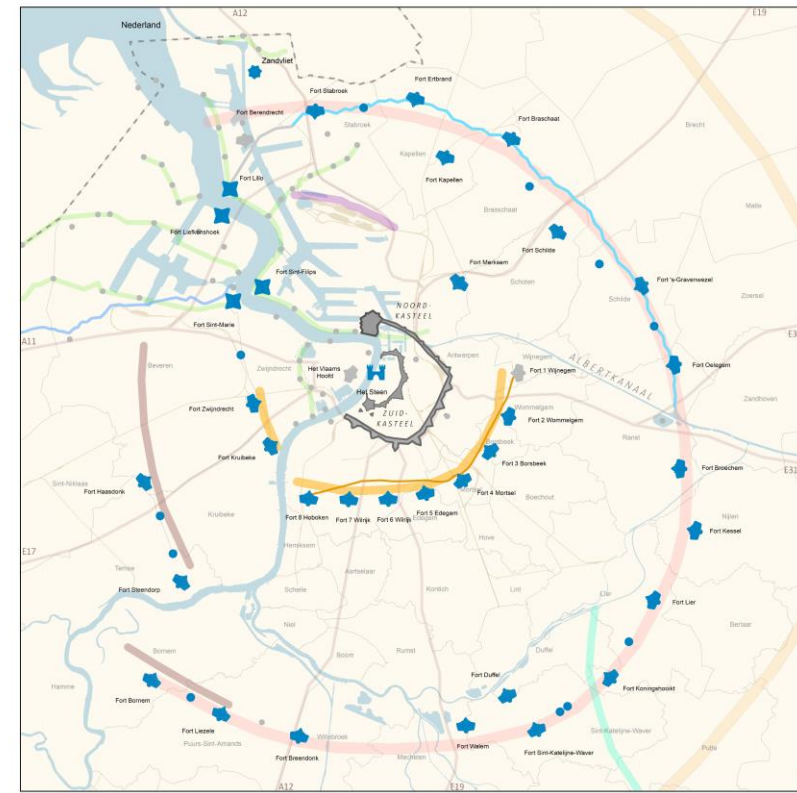
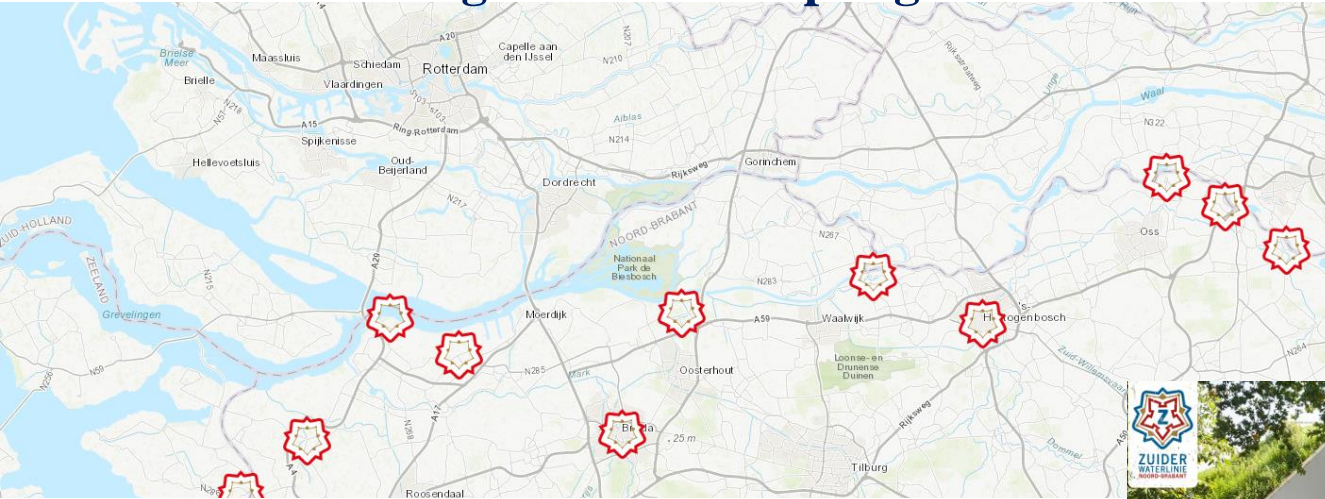
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# EFFORTS : neighbours Antwerp region and Zuiderwaterlinie



### Vesting Antwerpen

	Burcht - Steen		Anti-tankgracht
	Versterkt dorp		Parnavaart
	Fort		Defensieve dijk Tachtigjarige Oorlog (1568-1648)
	Fort verdwenen		Veiligheidsomwalling Noord (1906-1914)
	Gebastioneerd fort		Brialmontgordel (1860 - 1882)
	Schans		Krijgsbaan Brialmontforten (1860-1882)
	Schans verdwenen		Pantsergordel (1909-1914)
	Spaanse omwalling (1542-1553)		West- en Zuidabschnitt (1916-1917)
	Brialmontomwalling (1860-1864)		Koninginhoek-Waverlinie (1939 - 1940)
	Grote waterlopen		Antwerp X luchtafweergordels (1944-1945)



Colofon  
Verantwoordelijke uitgever  
Fortengordels VZW  
Kaart en redactie  
Stad Antwerpen dienst archeologie  
Fortengordels VZW





# EFFORTS : ongoing actions for projects



in all member countries and regions

- *European Fortress Summer (for all fortified sites)*
- *EFFORTS Goes Green Network project*
- *Balkan Adriatic region (Interreg – Fortitude, Night of Fortresses)*
- *Baltic (European Capital of Culture 2022 Kaunas congress EFFORTS)*
- *Bunkerlines (Europe, with Belgium, Italy, Germany, Atlantikwall, ...)*
- *Netherlands (ZWL – VNV), Finland, Baltic, Italian national groupings*
- *Via Hispania (NL + BE-LUX-FR-ES-IT)*
- *Netherlands (regional and cross-border approach)*
- *Forte Cultura (cultural routes clusters and Council of Europe)*
- *Dissonant Heritage, + Liberation Route Europe Foundatio: 'Forts/Unchained' EU CERV project proposal*
- *EFFORTS - Ukraine Twinning Programme*
- *Interreg - Recapture the Fortress Cities, Antwerp region fortress belt)*
- *Interreg project idea Reviving the Fortress Regions (35 partners interested)*
- ...



## European Bunker Day

The most important activity of Atlantikwall Europe is the European Bunker Day, organised since 2018 in each Atlantic Wall country. This annual event offers visitors an opportunity to visit as many sites per country as they can with one ticket, and experience the heritage and the activities organised by the participating sites. At the same time visitors can enjoy the coastal landscape and the sea, or visit sites that are normally not accessible or open to the public.

Besides the opening of the memorial sites and museums, which are supported by common communication material, logo's, website and banners, each site is invited to combine its European Bunker Day activity with a (cultural) activity in order to underline the relevance of its heritage and the link with European values. For instance guided tours, walks, theatre, music, exhibitions, lectures, performances or conferences.

European Bunker Day is the main platform for the communication and activities about the Atlantic Wall. The power of the event is that common communication and marketing efforts can be directed to all participating sites. These become part of a European event with a corresponding look and feel, thus attracting more public than they normally would. On top of that, they become a partner of Atlantikwall Europe and thus a member of a European-wide network of Atlantic Wall sites and organisations. The partnership offers access to information and knowledge, and the possibility to participate in future activities during the Atlantikwall Europe project and thereafter.

For further details about participating in European Bunker Day, see:  
[www.atlantikwalleurope.eu/en/page/european-bunkerday](http://www.atlantikwalleurope.eu/en/page/european-bunkerday)

Atlantikwall is the German name for the 6.200 kilometres long defence line along the coast of Western Europe, stretching out from northern Norway to the border of Spain. The line was built between 1942 and 1945 to prevent an Allied invasion.



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**The Atlantikwall Europe projects seeks to promote the heritage of the Atlantic Wall as a source of inspiration for cooperation with cultural and educational partners, and to develop a sustainable network of Atlantic Wall heritage sites.**

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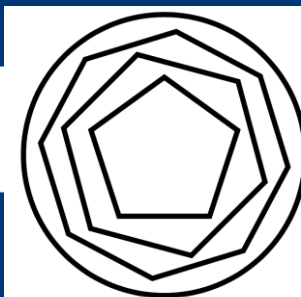
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Atlantikwall Europe (AWE) is a Creative Europe funded project (call 35/2017) in the category European Year for Cultural Heritage Small Cooperation Projects.







**EFFORTS  
AWARD**

## ➤ EFFORTS - FORTE CULTURA Cooperation ad Twinning Programme with Ukraine

- **EFFORTS** will present a **special EFFORTS AWARD 2022** to the Ukrainian fortified heritage sites at the EFFORTS 2022 Kaunas Congress
- **Partners Twinning :**
  - Kostrzyn (PL) - Fort Medzybizh (UA)
  - 's-Hertogenbosch (NL) - City of Ivano-Frankivsk (UA)
  - Sibenik (HR) twinning - Pidhirsti bastion castle (UA)
  - Westwall Brand Denkmalschutz (DE)
  - Cork County (IE)
  - Ville de Namur (BE)
  - Herceg Novi (ME)
  - Fortress Study Group (UK)
  - ...
- **Actions by partners :**
  - 'Data safeguarding (BE) : member of European Competence Center for Cultural Heritage project 'Save the Ukraine Monuments' (<https://www.4ch-project.eu/sum/>)
  - Online workshop 28/6/22 Olha T., IHPAN (PL) / EFFORTS
  - Online conference participation EFFORTS 15/6/22
  - UA visit by EFFORTS, Forte Cultura (DE) and FSG
  - ...



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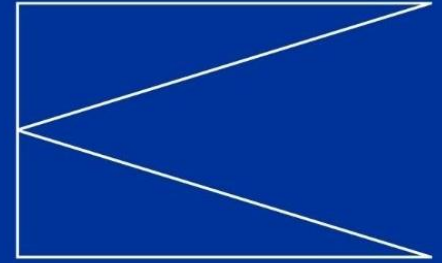
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ЗПУ - Збережемо пам'ятники України







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**INITIATIVES OF RESILIENT FORTRESS OF CO**

"Public initiative 'Kaunas Fortress Park' - aim to engage and implement the adaptation-resilient public works, that activate the aspects of military heritage, to popularize Kaunas for European society."

Association "Kaunas Heritage" without administrative status of the fortress for organizing exhibitions, public clean-ups, and leading the Organization was formed in 2016.

"Kaunas Festival" - is a place for sustainable Kaunas Fortress, for No.6. Together here we enjoy and know health, the event will maintain non-formal educational important initiative aimed taking steps in 2016.

"Science Project" - is a creative platform in the 3D format which focuses on active engagement society through a series of creative projects: shops, and workshops, talks and events. Project was started by local artist Gintautas...







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