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All Participants at the Conference

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3rd European Conference of Fortified Ideal Cities

in Jaromer-Josefov / CZ 9th-10th April 2014

Implementation in the Culture Route "Forte Cultura"

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

at first we have to thank for your participation and contribution to the 3rd European Conference of Fortified Ideal Cities in Josefov.

Representatives and experts from 10 Fortified Ideal Cities changed their experiences



and learned from the others.

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The participants came from the Fortified Ideal Cities (from left to right): Josefov (CZ), Ston (HR), Coevorden (NL), Neuf Brisach (F), Terezin (CZ), Daugavpils (LAT), Karlovac (HRO), Timisoara (RO), Kirovograd (UA), Fredericia (DK), Zamosc (PL).

Additional the fortified city Kostrzyn nad Odra as Lead partner of the project Forte Cultura assisted this conference.



Mr J. Klepsa, Mayor of Jaromer-Josefov, and **Mr Dr. A. Kunt**, Mayor of Kostrzyn nad Odra, both Cities are members of the culture route project "Forte Cultura",



agreed the further cooperation.

Mr J. Duksinsis, Senior vice mayor of Daugavpils, congratulated **Mr J. Klepsa** to the successful conference in realization of the Partnership Programme, agreed during the 1st Conference of Fortified Ideal Cities in Daugavpils 2011.

Ones more was confirmed: The European Fortified Ideal Cities are an unique and extraordinary cultural heritage with excellent potentials at the tourist markets.

All participants proclaimed and confirmed their interest to continue the transnational cooperation. As a signal for that the "**Declaration of Josefov**" was signed.



John de Vegt (Coevorden), **Marina Grcic** (Karlovac) and **Vedran Antunica** (Mayor of Ston) signing the "Declaration of Josefov".

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The declaration expresses the implementation of the Fortified Ideal Cities into the development of the **European culture route fortified monuments "Forte Cultura"**.

The European Cooperation Centre of Fortified Heritage -ECCOFORT- offers concrete measures to participate in the culture route and in the common marketing.

Main point is the development of special tourist products and travel programmes for the Fortified Ideal Cities under the new brand "Forte Cultura".



Mr Hartmut Röder, ECCOFORT, described the prepared implementation concept for the Fortified Ideal Cities.

The project is running from 2012 till 2014. 12 partners and 7 Associated Institutions from 8 Central European countries participating in the project "Forte Cultura" (see www.forte-cultura-project.eu).

ECCOFORT as project partner is responsible for the development of the culture route Forte Cultura, the tourist journeys, the branding and the marketing of the tourist products. Mr Röder presented the first **6 travel programmes including 38 Fortified Ideal Cities in Europe**.



One elaborated attractive travel tour should connect Fortified Ideal Cities around the "Adriatic Arch", like Livorno, Sabbioneta, Palmanova, Gradisca, Karlovac, Slavonski Brod and Ston. Other Forte Cultura tours should present the fortress architecture of Vauban between the Fortified Ideal Cities Hueningue and Rocrois, via Neuf Brisach, Saarlouis and Longwy (see next page).

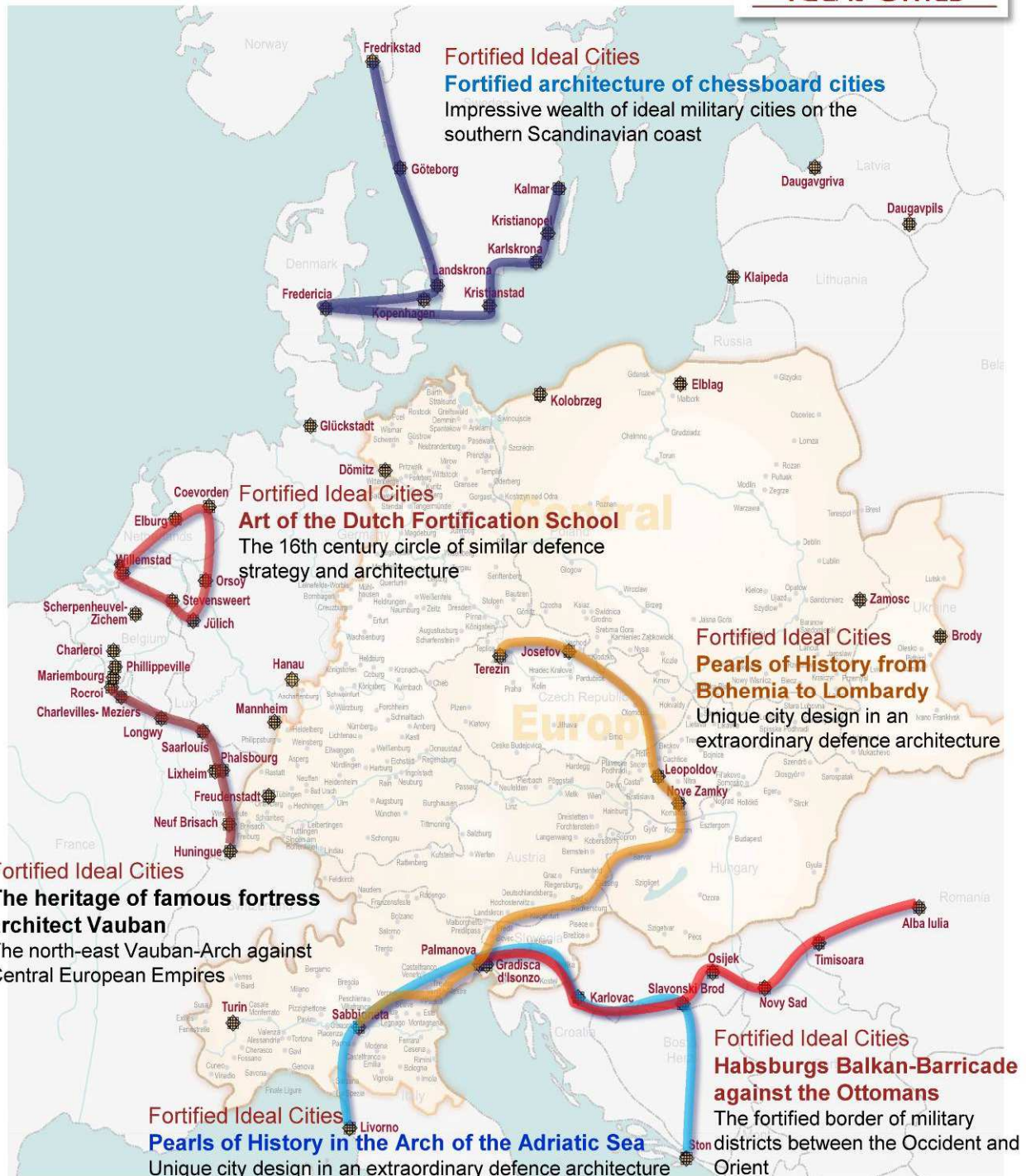
As next step ECCOFORT will take contact to the 38 Fortified Ideal Cities to finalize the local sightseeing programmes and to collect authorized plans and pictures for the culture route marketing.

ECCOFORT offered furthermore on the presentation of the Fortified Ideal Cities in several publications, like Tourist Guide Book fortified Heritage from Baltic to the Adriatic Sea, a Folder and a Photo book. Of course, the FIC's should present in the web-sites of the culture route Forte Cultura as Flagships of the fortified cultural heritage in Europe. A request for marketing products found overwhelming acceptance.



Travel Programme / journeys to Fortified Ideal Cities

In the European Culture Route „FORTE CULTURA“
- First proposals for further qualification in dialogue -

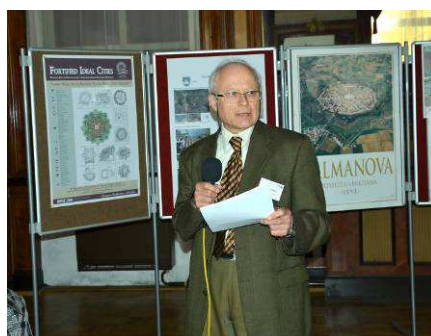


Dr.-Ing. Hans-Rudolf Neumann, ECCOFORT, represented the research progress of the phenomenon "Fortified Ideal Cities" in Europe, and explained the criteria for the identification of currently more than 60 candidates in Europe, 14 of them in Central Europe. This is an unique value and an extraordinary cultural capital, if the potentials for tourism can be mobilized. Therefore the transnational cooperation is necessary. ECCOFORT will furthermore promote this process.

Mr John de Vegt lectured to the consequent decision of the FIC Coevorden (NL) in 1999 to invest into the local fortified heritage ~ 35 Mio. € for reconstruction, restoration and infrastructure with effects for tourism, living quality and attractiveness of the city. It's an impressive example for capitalizing of the fortification and an evidence for sustainable development of the city and the region with the fortified cultural heritage.

This strategy of maintenance and capitalizing with target public investments, the city Daugavpils (LAT) confirmed, as informed **Mr Artjom Mahlins**. On the basis of qualified development concept and planning method the former Russian Fortified Ideal City (military used till 1992) in the last 3 years many investments into the public infrastructure were realized. Highlight of the tourist attraction is the Marc Rothko-Centre in one of the reconstructed original buildings.

Prof. Mihai Opris as excellent expert of the Fortified Ideal City Timisoara (RO) explained the historical facts and brakes of the fortified architecture. Created by the Habsburg - Monarchy along the military border line against the Ottomans', the fortification has a double function to stabilize the occupied territory behind the Carpathians and to develop a new country for permanent settlement. The current visible fortress parts owe their existence to the fact, that the construction of a new road was cheaper than the total demolition of the fortifications.





Mr Pierre Schwarz, experienced tourist guide and expert refers to the Fortified Ideal City Neuf Brisach (F) and the process of UNESCO-World Heritage awarding. He showed the effects of this protection label in the presence of tourist markets and the re-sonance of the tourism. Positive cross-border effects result in relation to the neighboring-country Germany (more visitors than from France).

Mr Froberg Mortensen from the Fortified Ideal City Fredericia in Denmark (in talk with Mrs Tothova from (FIC Terezin) presented the development problems and strategies of his city in the respect to the fortified architecture. The modernization process concerns the quarter of the old harbor. Today the ramparts, moats, bastions and ravelins form an unique part of a modern town. The whole area is protected by law, and the protection and maintenance of the area is an important part of "Museerne I Fredericia" daily work.



Mr Mortensen offered to organize the 4th European conference of Fortified Ideal Cities 2015 in Fredrikstad / Denmark.

Dr Pavel Mertlik explained the difficulties of the Fortified Ideal City Josefov that had been overcome after the



occupation by the Soviet army during the Cold War. Especially the safeguarding of the building substance has been one of the biggest tasks, although already in 1970 started and that continues to



this days, mainly undertaken by volunteers. Also for Josefov, he confirmed the status as Fortified Ideal City. For the future, he stated further developments in a good co-operation with other Fortified Ideal Cities, in which the city could overtake an active part in the common project.

Additional Mrs Ilona Zatloukalova (Josefov Fortress Association) informed about utilisation and development concepts of the fortress architecture .

Mr Stjepan Loncaric from the National Association for Fortification Croatia (NAF) in Zagreb presented two Fortified Ideal Cities of Croatia – Ston and Osijek. Despite of different historic developments, it will be now important to develop for both cities sustainable infrastructure. Especially in Osijek a reconstruction work of wall and ramparts can strengthen the cities uniqueness. Mr Loncaric explained also the dependence of both cities from the tourism. In this context, the fortifications as cultural heritage would play a bigger role in the growing Tourism industry in Croatia. Basis is the maintenance of the fortified architecture in combination with technical and tourist infrastructure.



Very welcome was the representative of the Ukrainian fortified heritage **Mr Konstantin Shliakhovyi**, Fortified Ideal City Kirovograd (left, in experience exchange with Dr Kunt, Mayor of City Kostrzyn nad Odra). Kirovograd was founded by Elizabeth and named as Elizabethgrad to protect the Russian Empire as well as to dominate the region with presence of military.



Mr **Shliakhovyi** made aware to a historical document from 1796. At that example he pointed out, how difficult it is in present times of Ukraine, to write down an exact history of the Fortified Ideal City of Kirovograd. There is a long historic connection between Ukraine and Russia.

He hopes for the future fate of the fortified heritage in Kirovograd in a peaceful environment. Kirovograd needs transnational cooperation, transfer of knowledge and expertise's. In the frame of culture route Forte Cultura the Fortified Heritage of Kirovograd will be implemented.

The representative of the Association of the Czech Travel Agencies -AKP-, **Mrs Jolana Myslivcova**, confirmed the tourist value of the Fortified Ideal Cities at the tourist markets, especially at the culture tourism. She attested chances for the new Brand "Forte Cultura" with the implemented Fortified Ideal Cities and she informed to the willingness to promote the activities in the market implementation.



Submissions from **Palmanova, Sabbioneta** (Italy) and **Brody** (Ukraine) treated various development and utilization status of the individual Fortified Ideal Cities. Using the example of Palmanova and Brody, the necessity of need to use traditional craft techniques on brickwork of fortifications is pointed out. Above all, the question is to be answered how the fortifications should be used.

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Annexes

- Declaration of Josefov
- Impressions



Sightseeing of the Fortified Ideal City Josefov

During the guided sightseeing tour throughout the enormous fortification around the regular city the 44. Artillery Regiment of the Austro-Hungarian Army gave a salute as signal to all other Fortified Ideal Cities to participate at the European cooperation with mutual benefits.

The experts learned the problems and took note from the activities of Josefov to restore and reconstruct the fortress architecture.



Mr Miroslav Vasata showed the enormous fortification around the city, nearly complete existent.





The experts discussed to the experiences in the reconstruction of the Bastion.

Mr Schwarz (Neuf Brisach) checked the correctness of the uniform of the French soldier.



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Visitors at the information point of Josefov



3 years volunteers elaborate the model of the giant Fortified Ideal City, in which the fortress architecture mostly exist

