



# International **FORTRESS TOURISM AND GUIDE CONGRESS**

Cooperation on Fortified Heritage in the Adriatic Sea Region  
Sustainable fortress tourism and inclusion with FORTE CULTURA  
Launch of European Fortress Summer 2023

**29 - 31 MARCH 2023**  
**ŠIBENIK, CROATIA**



Program





*Fort St. John, Šibenik (Croatia)*

Historic fortresses are an extraordinary architectural backdrop for an impressive world of experiences: festivals, culture, art, sports, leisure, recreation, education, games and fun. Every year, many thousands of visitors discover and enjoy the vibrant cultural life and attractive events in fortresses across Europe.

The European Cultural Route of Fortified Monuments - FORTE CULTURA takes you into this fascinating world of historic fortresses. Around 50 stations of the cultural route in 10 European Countries offering extraordinary experiences for cultural tourists.

The International Fortress Tourism and Guide Congress provides:

- European best practices of clustering fortified sites in cross-border cooperation
- process of the development of sustainable cultural tourism in fortresses
- quality criteria to be a station of the FORTE CULTURA European Cultural Route
- qualification programme for tour guiding in fortresses
- knowledge exchange and scientific support for the fortified heritage

## Fortress Routes on the Adriatic Sea Region

The congress shall provide the development of sustainable tourist routes to the cultural heritage of fortified monuments in the Adriatic region for different target groups, i.e. for Young Europeans, disabled people or under the aspect of climate-friendly travel.

A workshop at Knin Fortress will work out how **sustainable tourism and inclusion** can be implemented. The workshop is part of the *EFFFORTS Goes Green initiative*.

**WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023**

### **FORTE CULTURA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*For members and invited guests only.*

Educational Campus at the St. John's Fortress, address is Put Tanaje 29, 22000 Šibenik, HR

15.00	<b>Annual General Meeting according to the official agenda</b>
–	- Reports of President, Vice Presidents, Scientific Committee
17.00	- Activity report 2022
	- Cash report 2022
	- Election of executive board
	- Outlook 2023/24

### **WELCOME TO ŠIBENIK**

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER / MODERATOR
17:30	<b>TOUR OF ŠIBENIK CITY CENTRE WITH HOSTS</b>	<b>MEETING POINT:</b> MAIN CITY SQUARE, POLJANA



20:00	<b>GET TOGETHER AND AN INFORMAL DINNER</b>	<i>at own expenses</i>
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**THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

CULTURAL HERITAGE OF FORTIFIED MONUMENTS RICHNESS OF ŠIBENIK-KNIN REGION		
Time	Topic	Speaker / Moderator
9.00	Opening Speeches - Greeting Words	<b>Mr. Željko Burić</b> Mayor of Šibenik <b>Mr. Dirk Röder</b> FORTE CULTURA / EFFORTS
9.15	Fortress of Culture Šibenik - European Best Practice for the Sustainable Development of Historic Fortifications	<b>Mrs Gorana Barišić Bačelić</b> Fortress of Culture Šibenik (HR)
9.35	St. Nicholas Fortress – a UNESCO site	<b>Mr. sc. Anita Babačić Ajduk</b> mag.biol., Director of the Public Institution Nature of Šibenik - Knin County
9:55	Medieval fortification heritage in the Krka National Park	<b>Mrs. Nella Slavica</b> dipl. Oecc – Director of the Public Institution Krka National Park
10:15	Cultural heritage in Šibenik-Knin County – rich in diversity and tourism development potentials	<b>Mr. Krešimir Šakić</b> Šibenik- Knin County Tourism Board (HR)
10.35	Coffee Break	

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COOPERATION AND NETWORKING: CULTURAL ROUTES FOR CULTURAL TOURISM		
11.00	<b>European Cultural Routes in Croatia</b> Advantages for transnational cooperation	<b>Mrs.sc. Ksenija Keča</b> Libertas International University
11:15	<b>FORTE CULTURA</b> <b>European Cultural Route of Fortified Monuments</b> Development of sustainable fortress tourism; Tools and methods for FORTE CULTURA stations	<b>Mr. Dirk Röder</b> FORTE CULTURA (DE)
11:50	<b>Fortress Clusters Elbe River (CZ-DE) and Bohemian Fortresses (CZ)</b> Cross-border fortress cooperation along the river Elbe; Development of the FORTE CULTURA cluster Bohemian Fortresses (Prague, Terezín, Josefov, Hradec Kralove, Cheb)	<b>Mr. Jiri Hofman</b> Fortified Ideal City Terezín and Fortress Vyšehrad Prague (CZ)

12:10	<b>Fortress Cluster Upper Rhine (DE-FR)</b> European best practice for cross-border cooperation of fortified monuments and museums; Barrier-free Fortress Town Germersheim	<b>Mrs. Frauke Vos-Firnkens</b> City and Fortress Museum Germersheim (DE)
12.30	<b>E-Routes</b> Enhancing Heritage Experience – Exploring Cultural Routes (Summary of 8 <sup>th</sup> ICARUS Croatia Days 2023)	<b>Mrs. Nataša Urošević</b> Dr. sc., associate professor Juraj Dobrila Universität Pula (HR)
12.40	<b>Lunch</b>	

## COOPERATION FOR SUCCESS


**FORTRESS COOPERATION AT THE ADRIATIC SEA REGION**



13.40	<b>FORTITUDE and Night of Fortresses initiative</b> Successful cross-border project Croatia – Bosnia Hercegovina – Montenegro	<b>Mrs. Kata Žganjer</b> Fortress of Culture Šibenik (HR)
14.00	<b>The Fortified Heritage of Boka Kotorska Bay (Montenegro)</b> developments to date and next steps	<b>Mr. Ilija Lalosevic</b> Prof. University of Montenegro, Faculty of Architecture (ME)
14.10	<b>Fort Mamula Montenegro</b> Best practice of sustainable restoration and construction works	<b>Mrs. Katarina Nikolic Krasan</b> Projector Ltd. - Conservation, Architecture, Consulting (ME)
14.30	<b>RECOLOR - Reviving and Enhancing artWorks and Landscapes Of the adRiatic</b> cross border cooperation Interreg Italy-Croatia	<b>Mrs. Jelena Žaja</b> mag.oec., pred., Šibenik University of Applied Sciences
14.50	<b>Ceremony for new FORTE CULTURA members</b>	FORTE CULTURA
15.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15.30	<b>Architectural heritage in Ukraine during the war.</b> Fortifications of the Pidhirtsi Castle. European-Ukrainian cooperation for support.	<b>Mrs. Oresta Remeshylo-Rybchynska</b> Lviv Polytechnic National University (UA)
15.50	<b>EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER</b> Review 2022 and Night of Fortresses, Outlook 2023, Actionbound App	<b>Mrs. Jelena Kölbl</b> FORTE CULTURA / EFFORTS (DE)
16.10	<b>EFFORTS Congress 2023, Maastricht (NL)</b> Introduction of the host of the EFFORTS AGM and Congress in Maastricht (NL), October 2023	<b>Mr. Gilbert Soeters,</b> City of Maastricht (NL) <b>Mr. Rafael Deroo,</b> EFFORTS (BE)

<p>16.30</p>	<p><b>Guided Tour of Šibenik Fortresses: St. John’s Fortress, Barone Fortress, St. Michael’s Fortress</b></p> <p><i>Actionbound</i></p>
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<p><b>EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER 2023</b> Powered by FORTE CULTURA and EFFORTS</p>	
<p>18.45</p>	<p><b>Launch European Fortress Summer 2023 Special event at St. Michael’s Fortress</b></p>
<p>19.30</p>	<p><b>Dinner</b></p>

FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

SITE VISIT <b>KNIN FORTRESS</b>		
8.15	<b>DEPARTURE FROM ŠIBENIK – ORGANIZED TRANSPORTATION</b>	
9.15	<b>ARRIVAL AT KNIN FORTRESS</b> *GUIDED TOUR *PRESENTATION OF THE MONUMENT BY HOST (CITY MUSEUM KNIN)	

WORKSHOP (AT KNIN FORTRESS) <b>SUSTAINABLE FORTRESS TOURISM AND INCLUSION</b>		 <small>EUROPEAN CULTURAL ROUTE FORTIFIED MONUMENTS</small>	
10.45	Introductory lecture climate-friendly, energy efficiency; zero-waste events; digital solutions; barrier free fortresses for visitors with special needs	Mr. Tomáš Jirouch Fortified Ideal City Josefov (CZ)	
11.15	Workshop Sustainable and Green Solution Lab Knin Fortress	Mr. Tomáš Jirouch Fortified Ideal City Josefov (CZ)	
12.15	Conclusion of the Workshop results		
12.30	End of the conference		
12.45	Lunch at Knin Fortress		
14:00	Organised transport to Šibenik (arrival at 3 PM)		

*Friday evening: special offer for a farewell meeting (at own expenses)*