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Interregional Thematic Workshop 5

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Event name	Name of the event organiser (organisation)
How to respond to urban pressure and integrate historical fortifications into contemporary urban planning, infrastructure and functional context	LP – Usti Region (CZ) PP4 - North-West Regional Development Agency (RO)
Date of the Event	Location of the event
21/10/2021	National Museum of Transylvanian History, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (onsite + online)

Interregional Thematic Workshop Agenda



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Topic

How to respond to urban pressure and integrate historical fortifications into contemporary urban planning, infrastructure and functional context

Objective of the ITW

Interregional Thematic Workshops represent the specific part of project interregional learning, i.e. exchange of experience among project partners that contributes to individual, institutional and stakeholders learning by exchange of experience among partners. The Interregional session is targeted on sharing the experience within the partnership on preservation, development

and exploitation of cultural heritage with the aim to support the policy improvement /change in partner areas.

Agenda

Coordinator: LP

Contribution: 5 partner regions

Moderator: PP4 – RO external expert

1. Presentations:
 - *Potential and future development of the Terezin Fortress*, Walbert Schmirler, Czech Republic;
2. Contributions from partners/ stakeholders:
 - *Fortification in the planning practice and future public policies – Open Walls*, Eugen Pănescu, Planwerk, Romania;
 - *Fortifications & Urbanism. From a historical context towards current tools for urban planning*, Wim Dabaene, Regional Landscapes Antwerp, Belgium;
 - *Fortifications as part of urban development*, Josephine Kroneberg, Heide Grosche, City of Magdeburg, Germany;
 - *How to respond to urban pressure and integrate historic fortifications into contemporary urban planning, infrastructure & functional context?*, Jose Manuel Martin, Clara Villalba Montaner, Diputacion de Teruel & Gobierno de Aragon, Spain;
 - *The process of integrating the fortifications into the contemporary urbanism of the city of Sabinov*, Alexandra Kotrusova, Presov Self-Governing Region, Slovakia;
3. Q&A session after each presentation/ contribution

Summary of the event

The 5th Interregional Thematic Workshop of the RFC project was held as a hybrid event (online and onsite) within the RFC Study Visit - Historical Heritage in Transylvania, on the 21st of October, in Cluj-Napoca, at the National Museum of Transylvanian History. 14 participants were registered onsite and 18 participants online, gathering representatives of 6 PP and more than 6 stakeholders.



The topic of the ITW was chosen after taking in consideration the needs of the PP in their work of protecting the built heritage of their communities and regions. The workshop was designed to cover the status quo situation within the areas covered by the partners and to bring forward solutions that have been or will be implemented in the future.

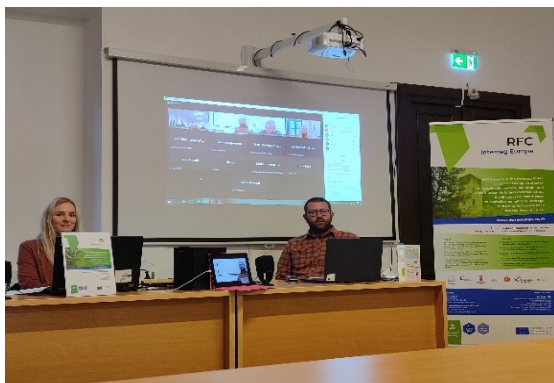
Within the presentation "*Potential and future development of the Terezin Fortress*", Mr. Schmirler has included a short history of the fortress and detailed information about the stages of rehabilitation that have changed completely the looks and the role of this site from the Czech Republic.

The workshop continued with the contribution of project partners and stakeholders.

PP4 stakeholder, Mr. Pănescu, has contextualised the protection of cultural heritage in view of the *EU Urban Agenda*, through the lens of the *Architects Council of Europe* and with the support of ICOMOS (*International Council on Monuments and Sites*) and EFFORTS (*European Federation of Fortified Sites*). When it comes to the situation in Romania, all fortifications are researched and listed, but the state of conservation varies greatly: from ruin to re-enactment. Some of the most prized examples of fortress rehabilitation in Romania are: Alba Iulia, Oradea, Arad, while others have merged with the evolving city, as in the case of Timișoara, or vanished in the landscape, as in the case of Cluj-Napoca.



Mr. Dabaene, representative of **PP2**, detailed in the following presentation the differences between fortifications and urbanism as one versus fortifications and urbanism as separate. Jumping to the 20th century, when the will to bring back fortifications starts to appear, many fortresses from Belgium or The Netherlands can be mentioned as good practices. Some of them are partial reconstructions, some of them are perfectly integrated in the natural landscape and some have been integrated in the urban life. The conclusion of the presentation was that not all fortresses have to be national museums, depending on their specificity some can become adventure fortresses, university fortresses or even water fortresses.



Mrs. Kroneberg, representing **PP7**, described the evolution of the Magdeburg fortress, including its dismantling in 1920s. Within the city map of today, the fortress is part of the urban development process being protected and reanimated through *The monument preservation plan* and *The Integrated Urban Development Concept*. Today, the different parts of the old fortress form The Green Fortress Belt, its elements being considered as islands of “fresh and cold air” in the urban contemporary landscape.

PP6 stakeholder, Mrs. Villalba, has started the presentation with some general facts about interventions on cultural heritage and especially on defensive architecture in Spain, mentioning the main pieces of legislation used in this domain. Although urban pressure is an important factor in the rehabilitation processes of many cultural heritage sites in Spain, in the region of Teruel the problem is the opposite one: the lack of urban pressure. The depopulated areas of Spain try to compensate the lack of opportunities with hunting for investments at all costs, even if these costs involve damaging the cultural heritage.



PP5 presentation, uploaded online on the project Drive, includes the history of Sabinov's fortification that dates back to the Middle Ages and it was probably formed at that time out of 13 towers, 2 gates and the walls. The restoration works were preceded by various research projects. In the 1970s two fortification towers were restored and, at the present moment, the Southern section of the fortification is being restored.

Annex 1. Participants' list

Participants' list – ITW 5					
No.	Name and Surname	Organization	Country	Partner/ Stakeholder	Online/ Onsite
1.	Clara Villalba Montaner	Gobierno de Aragon	SP	S	Onsite
2.	Jose Manuel Martin	Provincial Government of Teruel	SP	P	Onsite
3.	Wim Dabaene	Regional Landschap De Voorkempen	BE	P	Onsite
4.	Stephanie D'Hulst	City of Lier	BE	S	Onsite
5.	Carolien Van Hecke	City of Dendermonde	BE	S	Onsite
6.	Heide Grosche	City of Magdeburg	GER	P	Onsite
7.	Stephan Hermann	City of Magdeburg	GER	P	Onsite
8.	Josephine Kronenberg	City of Magdeburg	GER	P	Onsite

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9.	Beatrix Schadenberg	State chancellery Saxony-Anhalt	GER	S	Onsite
10.	Ioana Dragos	NW RDA	RO	P	Onsite
11.	Zsolt Csok	ProRestoration	RO	P	Onsite
12.	Ovidiu Margineanu	NW RDA	RO	P	Onsite
13.	Raluca Drob	NW RDA	RO	P	Onsite
14.	Felix Marcu	National Museum of Transylvanian History	RO	S	Onsite
15.	George Cupcea	National Museum of Transylvanian History	RO	S	Onsite
16.	Eugen Pănescu	Planwerk	RO	Guest	Onsite
17.	Tereza Herodesova	Usti Region	CZ	P	Online
18.	Martina Sedlakova	Usti Region	CZ	P	Online
19.	Ivanna Siposova	Presov Self-Governing Region	SVK	P	Online
20.	Vaclav Paprok	Usti Region	CZ	P	Online
21.	Knesl Iadislav	Usti Region	CZ	Guest	Online
22.	Marketa Drahosova	Usti Region	CZ	P	Online
23.	Walbert Schmirler	Terezin Fortress	CZ	Guest	Online

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No.	Name and Surname	Organization	Country	Partner/ Stakeholder	Online/ Onsite
24.	Irina Leca	ARCHE Association	RO	S	Online
25.	Ioana Aleseei	OAR Architects Order Transilvania	RO	S	Online
26.	Adina Dragu	National Institute of Heritage	RO	Guest	Online
27.	Ioana Pavel	NW RDA	RO	Guest	Online
28.	Maria Loșonți	Architect/ PhD student	RO	Guest	Online
29.	Frederick Bruneel	City of Antwerp	BE	Guest	Online
30.	Tim Tim			Guest	Online