



# RFC

## Interreg Europe



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RFC Recapture the Fortress Cities is an Interreg Europe project that aims to develop strategies to sustainably restore, maintain, and exploit urban forts and fortified cities. It will generate smart ways to capitalise on military heritage and bring fortresses back into the lives of cities.

## Since our last communication, we have had 2 main events

A virtual study visit to Teruel was held on 24 February, while a further study visit and the 1st Policy Improvement Workshop was held in Presov on 8 and 9 March.

### Teruel's Study Visit

On February 24th, a new study visit was held in Teruel. It is one of the last activities planned in the first phase of the RFC project, focused on the exchange of experiences and the drafting of an action plan on the territory, taking as an example other initiatives shared by the other partners

### Presov's Study Visit & Workshop

The 8th and 9th of March, RFC partners assisted online to Prešov's Study Visit and to the 1st Policy Improvement Workshop. All partners participated presenting one of their Good Practices and put in common findings and recommendations from all stakeholders



**Our next main event will be the dissemination conference on action plans. It will be celebrated in Teruel on April 20th and 21st.**

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## **During this time, partners have been very active!**

Since November 2021, RFC partners have celebrated 6 Stakeholder Meetings

### **Prešov Self-Governing Region**

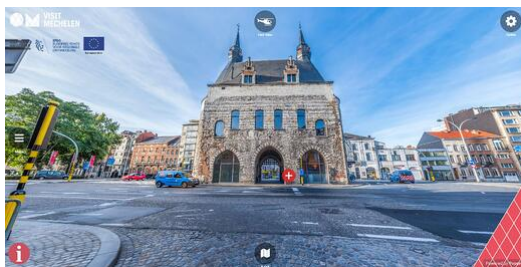
#### **5th Stakeholder Group meeting in Prešov, Slovakia**

Stakeholders and representatives of fortified cities from the Prešov Self-Governing Region met online on January 14th, 2022.

The main topic of the meeting was the regional action plan with the theme of the restoration of fortified cities. The process of preparing the action plan was presented to project stakeholders.



### **Antwerp Regional Landscapes**



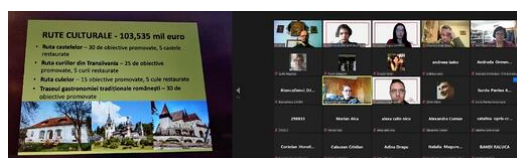
#### **Regional Stakeholders Meeting in Mechelen**

It counted with the collaboration between stakeholders: how fortified heritage can play a role in the tourist experience and urban development. This stakeholder meeting aims to test the plans of the city of Mechelen against the aspect 'Recreation, Tourism and Experience'.

## North-West Regional Development Agency

### 4th Regional stakeholder meeting in Transylvania

45 representatives from at least 18 organisations from the Local Stakeholders Group of the RFC project met online at the initiative of the North-West RDA to discuss about heritage funding opportunities and the potential pipeline projects to be funded in 2021-2027 programming period, to anchor the measures proposed within the draft RFC Local Action Plan.



## City of Magdeburg



### Magdeburg 6th regional stakeholder meeting

Magdeburg's regional RFC-stakeholder group celebrated on January 27th their 6th regional meeting at the ecology centre. The participants were very interested in the developments of the action plan and supported the objective proposed to create an overall vision.

## Ústí Region



### 6th, 7th and 8th Stakeholder Meetings in Terezín

The main representatives include the City of Terezín met at the **6th Regional Meeting Group** which took place on December 17, 2021 in Terezín. The stakeholders accepted the ideas that ensued from the actions plans' conclusions and promised to cooperate in creating the project's Action Plan. The 7th Regional stakeholder meeting was held in town of Terezín on February 17, 2022. The Ústí Region invited its stakeholders to the meeting to invite them to next project events and to present them a draft of the action plan. All stakeholders agreed with this draft of the action plan. The same day, it took place the 8th Stakeholder Meeting. The representatives of the Ústí Region met with their stakeholder "Terezín - town changes, interest association of legal persons" to discuss the draft of the action plan and to approve the proposed measures (actions).

### We finished RFC Communication Campaign!

**RFC partners have developed a communication campaign based on the 6 project topics:**

1. Preservation of cultural military heritage.
2. Nature and environment management.
3. Economic aspects. Financing mechanisms.
4. Social use, public space, recreation, tourism.
5. Urban planning, infrastructure.
6. Innovation

### Campaign 1: #DiscoverOurFortresses

Between March and April, partners shared information about some of their fortresses. It was the first campaign and the objective was to gain awareness on Social Media





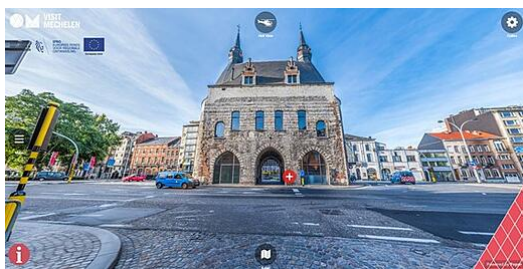
## Campaign 2: #NatureInFortresses

During May and June partners shared images and information of their fortresses related with Nature and Environment. The idea was to give a Green view to fortresses.

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## Campaign 3: #FinancingFortresses

During the summer, partners shared information about their fortresses related to economic aspects and financing mechanisms. It is always interesting to see how partners find different ways to finance their fortresses!



## Campaign 4: #FortressesSocialUse

This is the most recent campaign and has just finished. partners shared information about their fortresses related to social use, public space, recreation and tourism. Find different ways of taking advantage of your heritage!

## Campaign 5: #FortressesUrbanPlanning

During the last month, partners have been sharing information about their fortresses related to Urban Planning: integrating historical fortifications into contemporary urban planning, infrastructure and functional context.





## Campaign 6: #FortressesInnovation

During the month of December, partners have been sharing information about their fortresses related to Innovation.



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