

A glimpse into Estonian (military) past

- Estonia's geographical location has caused it to be a strategic target for military operations
- Crusades, Livonian War, Great Northern War, Crimean War
- WWI, War of Independence, WWII, Cold war era
- It all has resulted in numerous (and often unique) heritage sites and objects all across the country

Some examples (1) – Kuressaare Castle, one of the best preserved medieval fortifications



Some examples (2) – Patarei Fort (19th Century)



Some examples (3) – Hara submarine demagnetization Centre and submarine base (Cold War)



Our idea and approach

- The whole Estonia is a war muuseum!
- Even if the objects are not in our hands, we work (together with their owners) to popularize them, promote them as sites of interest for the tourists etc
- INTERREG Estonia-Latvia co-financed cooperation project „Military Heritage" provided a perfect oppoertunity to develop this approach and elaborate a unified tourist offer related to the military heritage of the two countries (<https://militaryheritagetourism.info/en>)

What we did within the project and what we hope to achieve?

- Focus on the 20th century as the most conspicuous in terms of unique military heritage
- Developed description of events and timeline
- Worked out a map with touristic routes on it
- Promoted military history, heritage and past
- More tourists visiting Estonia visiting military heritage sites and getting to know the history of the country
- Prolonged stay and socioeconomic benefits