



European
Cultural Route
Fortified Monuments

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FORTE CULTURA European Cultural Route of Fortified Monuments

contribution to peace and democracy in Europe

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Never again war!

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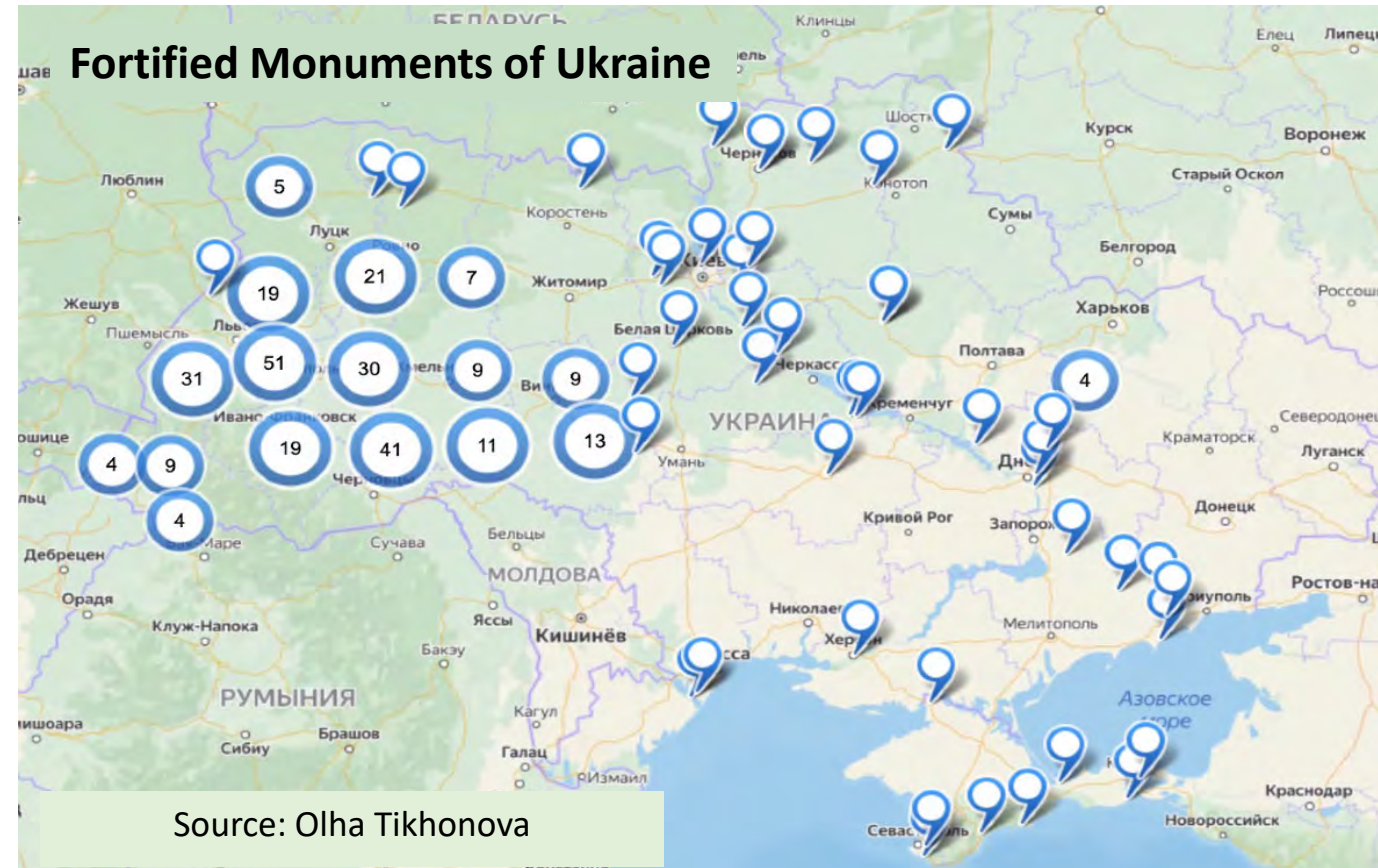
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FORTE CULTURA Annual Congress 2022
Terezín (CZ), 6 April 2022

#standwithukraine

Network Activities - Ukraine

- ✓ **Declaration** against war, for human rights and democracy (with EFFORTS since Terezín conference 2022)
- ✓ Fortress **Medzhybizh** (UA) official member and **station** of FORTE CULTURA (without fee)
- ✓ **Fortress Twinning** programme between Ukrainian and European Fortresses together with EFFORTS



Network Activities - Ukraine



- ✓ **FORTE CULTURA Crowdfunding campaign**
for fortress Medzhybizh on betterplace.org

Protecting cultural heritage in Ukraine from the consequences of war

We support our member fortress **Medzhybizh** with urgently needed donations in kind to protect cultural assets from the consequences of war.

We have launched a fundraising campaign for this purpose. Please click on the green button to find out more and support us with your donation.



**1 Notebook
purchased by
donations**

Network Activities - Ukraine

- ✓ Crowdfunding **campaign** in combination with **Euro Banknote Souvenir**



Network Activities - Ukraine





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Route for the cultural heritage
of fortified monuments

Cultural routes of the Council of Europe



Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe are based on a European theme and bring together tangible and intangible elements of cultural heritage that are common to several countries and represent European values.

Resolution CM/Res(2013)/67

“ ...

- *the main objectives of European cultural cooperation include promoting European identity in its unity and diversity, preserving the diversity of European cultures, promoting intercultural dialogue and facilitating conflict prevention and reconciliation.*
- *It is essential for younger generations to acquire this awareness of European identity and citizenship and the common values on which they are based.*
- *In order to preserve and concretise these common values, it is necessary to promote an understanding of Europe's history based on its tangible, intangible and natural heritage in order to highlight the links that bind its different cultures and regions together.*
- ...“

Cultural routes - labels and catalysts for cultural tourism



- invite people to explore specific themes of European history and heritage through cultural travel, discovering places, stories and other people.
- make cultural heritage visible and tangible
- provide impulses for the preservation and use of cultural heritage
- have sustainable effects and tackle current challenges of our society
- mobilise the regional, national and European cultural heritage as economic factor

56 FORTE CULTURA member stations in 12 countries



Ingolstadt (DE)



Josefov (CZ)



Kaub (DE)



Koblenz (DE)



Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein (DE)



Komárom (HR)



Königstein, Saxony (DE)



Kostrzyn nad Odrą (PL)



Kronach (DE)



Lembach (FR)



Mainz (DE)



Medzhybizh (UA)



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WORLD OF EXPERIENCE – cultural and experience offers in fortresses



EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER

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*“What once separated peoples,
now brings them together.
For a lively cultural heritage fortified
monuments in a **solidary, democratic
and peaceful Europe. We are in!**”*



Remembrance and Commemoration in FORTE CULTURA Fortresses



Terezin (CZ)



Ulm (DE)



Torgau (DE)



**Liberation
Route
Europe**

- Berlin (DE)
- Kostrzyn nad Odra (PL)
- La Línea de la Concepción (ES)
- Komarom (HU)
- Koblenz (DE)
- Mainz (DE)
- Ulm (DE)
- Rüsselsheim (DE)
- Srebrna Gora (PL)
- Gizycko (PL)
- Fortress Königstein (DE)
- Maginot Line (FR)
- Siegfried Line (DE)
- Pirna (DE)
- ...

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In the first 12 months since the war began, more than 250 sites of historical and cultural importance have been damaged.

Source: Oresta Remeshyło-Rybchynska.
PhD. Assoc.prof., ICOMOS Ukraine Lviv Polytechnic National University Department of Architecture and Design

Educational mission of FORTE CULTURA



The cultural heritage of fortified monuments stands like no other for the history of conflict and war across eras, but above all for the history of **progress, reconciliation,** and **international understanding.**

**WAR BELONGS IN
MUSEUM!**



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Thank you very much.

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Vice president FORTE CULTURA / board member EFFORTS

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