

# FORTE CULTURA

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# **FORTE CULTURA**

## **Fortresses for Culture and Peace**

### **European Cultural Route Fortified Heritage**

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# History of fortification and weapons development



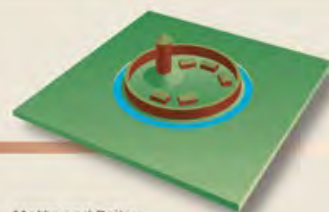
before the 16th century

from the 16th century

walled



Fortified settlement  
of the Early Middle Ages



Motte-and-Bailey

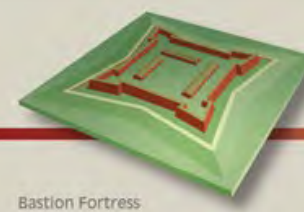


Late medieval Castle



Renaissance Fortress  
with round Bastion

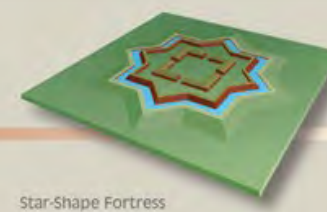
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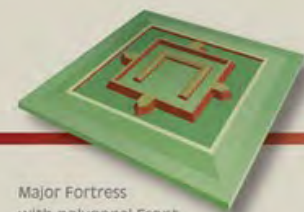
Bastion Fortress



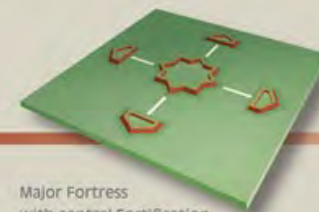
Bastion Fortress  
with developed Outworks



Star-Shape Fortress



Major Fortress  
with polygonal Front

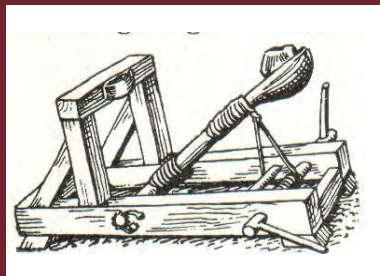


Major Fortress  
with central Fortification



Major Fortress  
without central Fortification

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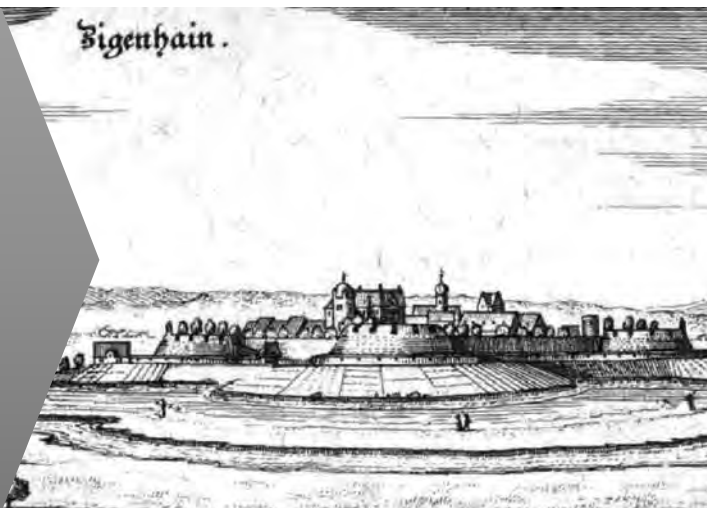
## Crusades 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> C.



## Ottoman wars in Europe 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> C.



## Reformation 16<sup>th</sup> C.

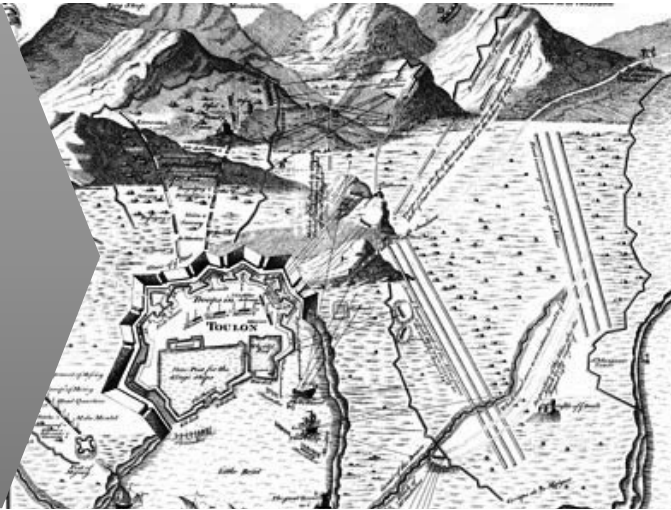


## Thirty Years' War 17<sup>th</sup> C.





## War of the Spanish Succession 1701 - 1714



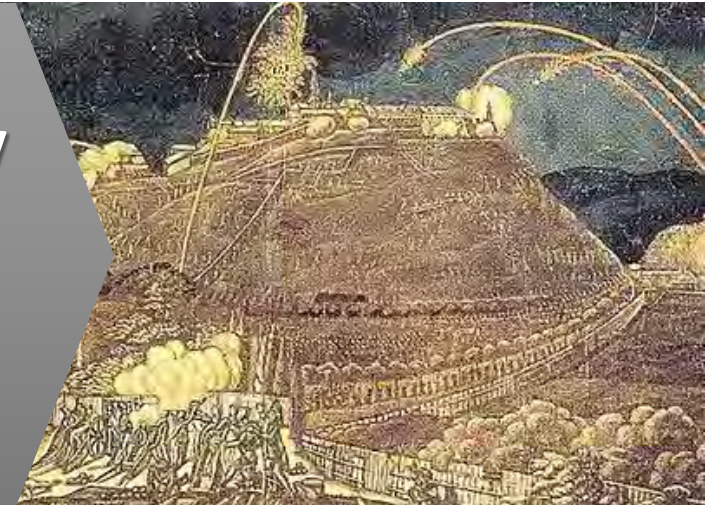
## Seven Years' War 1756 - 1763



## American War of Independence 1775 - 1783



## Revolutionary and coalition wars 1792 - 1815





First World  
War  
20<sup>th</sup> C.



Second World  
War  
20<sup>th</sup> C.

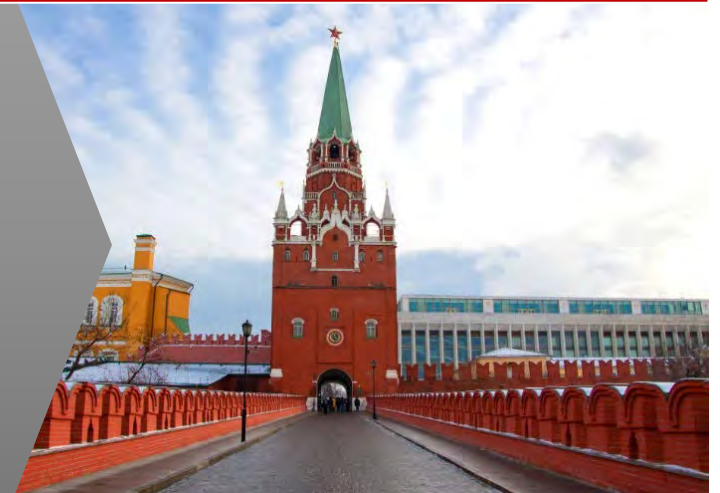


**over 1,500 major wars and armed conflicts on European soil in the last 2,000 years**

Cold War  
20<sup>th</sup> C.



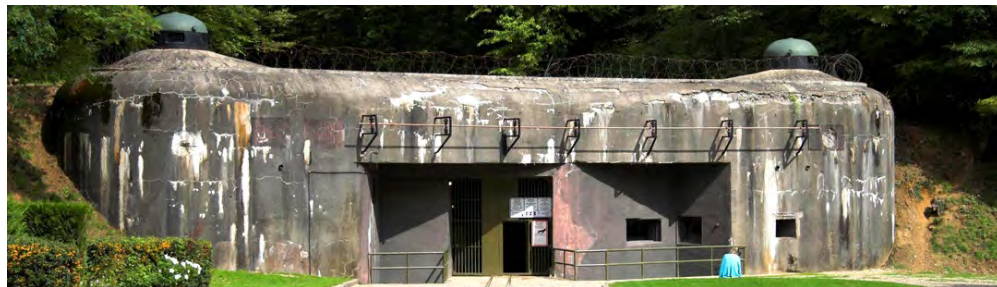
Current Wars  
21<sup>st</sup> C.



# History of fortification and weapons development



from the 20th century



*Today, no structure can survive attacks with modern weapons.*

*Fortress construction has lost the race against weapons technology.*













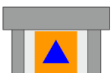






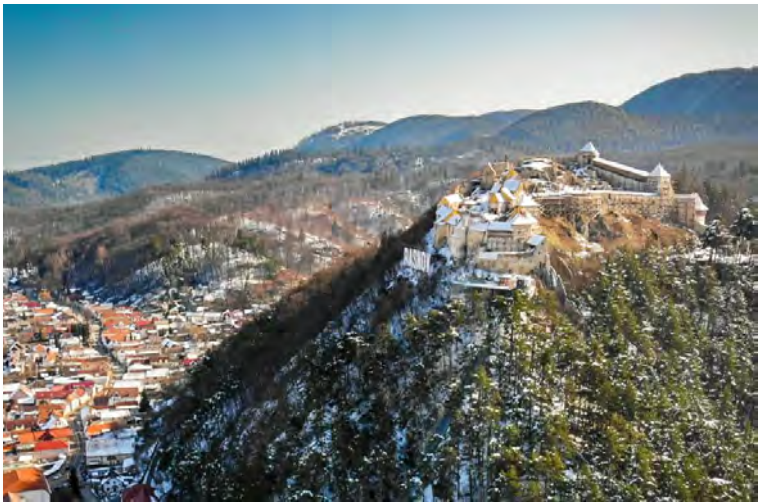


# Cultural Heritage Fortified Monuments



- ❖ Places for education, culture, art, events, sports and social life
- ❖ Potential for sustainable cultural tourism on the history of Europe

500-1500	15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Century		World War I+II		Cold War	
 Medieval Fortress	 Single Fortress	 Fortified City	 Military Bunker	 Air raid shelter	 Military Bunker	 Government Bunker
 Tower line	 Fortified Ideal City	 Fortress System	 Armament Industry Bunker	 Bunker System	 Civil Bunker	 Defense Line
	 Fortified Castle/ Palace	 Fortified Sacral Building	 Defense Line			







# CULTURAL HERITAGE FORTIFIED MONUMENTS

from the upcoming of firearms  
until the end of the Cold War

Fortified castles  
Fortified palaces  
Fortified churches  
Fortresses  
Fortified cities  
Fortified ideal cities  
Fortress systems  
Bunker  
Defensive lines





# WORLD OF EXPERIENCE – cultural and experience offers in fortresses



Events in Monuments

Museums &  
Exhibitions

Family & Kids

Fortresses Active

Military History

Medieval Spectacle

Reside & Enjoy

Nature Experience

Parks und Gardens

Secret Architectures

Memorials



Fortress Königstein, DE



St. Michael's Fortress, Šibenik, HR



Fortress Dresden, DE



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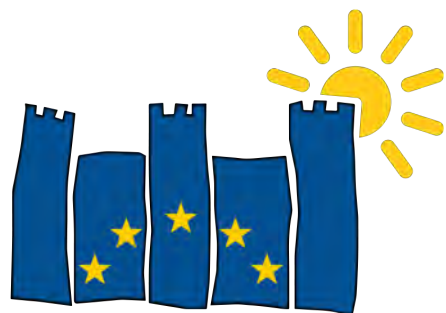
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## EUROPEAN FORTRESS SUMMER

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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



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**Liberation  
Route  
Europe**

Berlin (DE)  
Kostrzyn nad Odrą (PL)  
La Línea de la Concepción (ES)  
Komarom (HU)  
Koblenz (DE)  
Mainz (DE)  
Ulm (DE)  
Breendonk (NL)  
Srebrna Góra (PL)  
Gizycko (PL)  
Fortress Königstein (DE)  
Maginot Line (FR)  
Siegfried Line (DE)  
Pirna (DE)

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# Remembrance and Commemoration in FORTE CULTURA Fortresses



## 80 Years of End of Second World War



Liberation  
Route  
Europe

NOV	14:30 – 18:00	
23	Excursion Strasbourg (FR) - Kehl (DE)	<a href="http://www.forte-cultura.com">www.forte-cultura.com</a>
DEC	13:00 – 17:00	
8	Excursion, Bitche (FR)	
DEC	15:00 – 20:00	
15	"Stolen Memory" - Special exhibition at the Musée Mémorial Walbourg 1870-1945 (FR)	
JAN	January 10, 2025 – January 12, 2025	
10	Remembrance weekend NORDWIND, Upper Rhine (DE/FR)	
FEB	All day	
2	Excursion in the Colmar region (FR)	
MAR	March 14, 2025 – March 16, 2025	
14	Remembrance weekend UNDERTONE and the 2nd liberation (DE/FR)	
MAR	All day	
22	Commemorative trip to Northern Alsace (FR)	
MAR	All day	
30	Remembrance of the destruction of Küstrin in 1945, Kostrzyn nad Odra (PL)	
MAR	All day	
30	Day of Remembrance 1945 in Hatten (FR)	
APR	All day	
13	Special opening day of the Hornisgrinde bunker (DE)	
MAY	All day	
8	War belongs in a museum - Kehl-Neumühl camouflage bunker (DE)	
MAY	All day	
11	Peace and the French - A day of remembrance at Regelbau 10 in Rastatt (DE)	



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## 80 Years of End of Second World War

- 1 Martyrdom Museum Stońsk
- 2 Bridgehead memorial and armoured memorial Kienitz
- 3 Küstrin Fortress Museum, Kostrzyn nad Odra**
- 4 Klessin Castle 1945 theatre of war, Podelzig
- 5 Seelow Heights Memorial and Museum
- 6 Seelow (Mark) History Station Museum



**Liberation  
Route  
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City of Seelow



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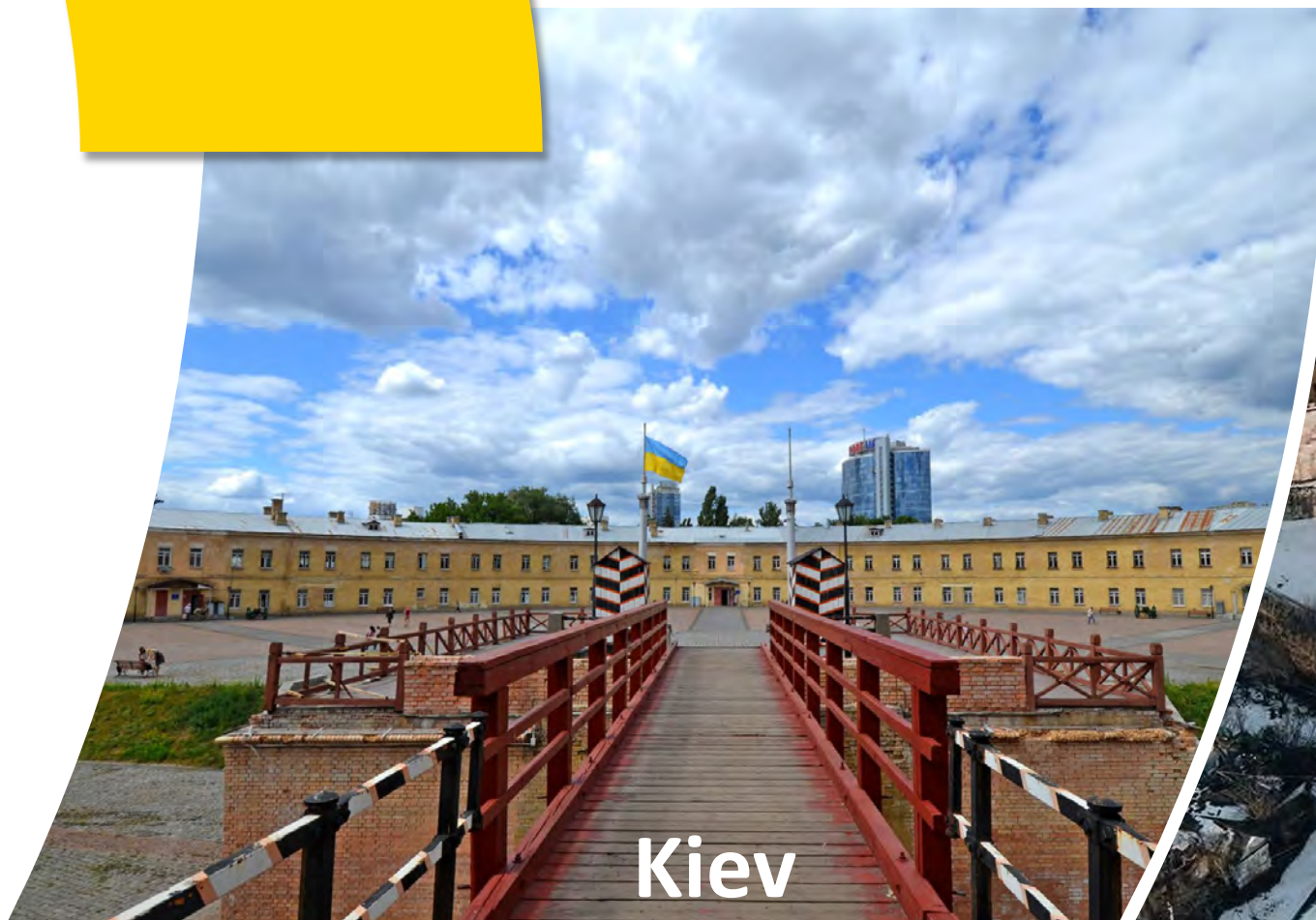
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**Kiev**



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## WAR AND CULTURAL LOSS

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



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



## Project FORTIC conference & EFFORTS Annual Congress, Šibenik (HR), September 2024

“Sustainable business models for fortifications”

Workshop  
„Fortresses for Culture  
and Peace“  
*led by Josip Pavic  
and Dirk Röder*



EFFORTS members meeting with EFFORTS Ukraine





## FORTIC / EFFORTS Congress Šibenik (HR), September 2024

FORTIC Workshop „Fortresses for Culture and Peace“, led by Josip Pavic and Dirk Röder

### Education for culture and peace The role of fortifications as dissonant heritage

Historic fortresses of all eras, as a dissonant cultural heritage, offer a unique opportunity to convey the complex history of Europe while teaching important lessons about war, peace and international understanding.

Communicating the dissonance of fortified heritage requires a careful and multi-layered approach that considers both the historical facts and the emotional and symbolic meanings.

The connection to current issues emphasises the relevance of history for the present.





# Educational mission of FORTE CULTURA



Fortress Town Germersheim, DE



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!**





Dziękuję.  
Thank you.  
Vielen Dank.

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