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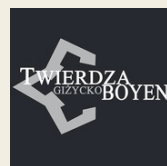


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FORT - UNION - Polish-Lithuanian integration of the fortification network for the development of flagship tourist products

Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland Programme 2021-2027 under the Programme priority 2 – Promoting physical, emotional and cultural wellbeing Specific objective, 2.2 – Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation.



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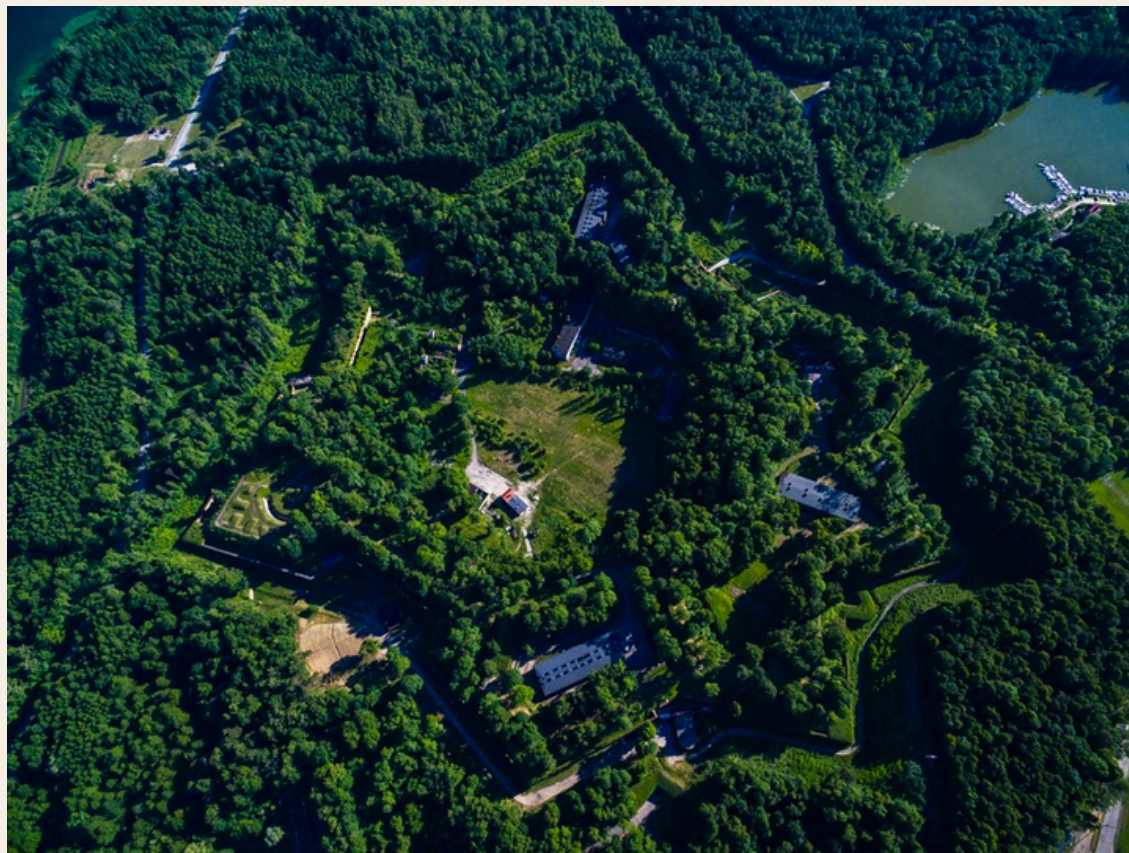


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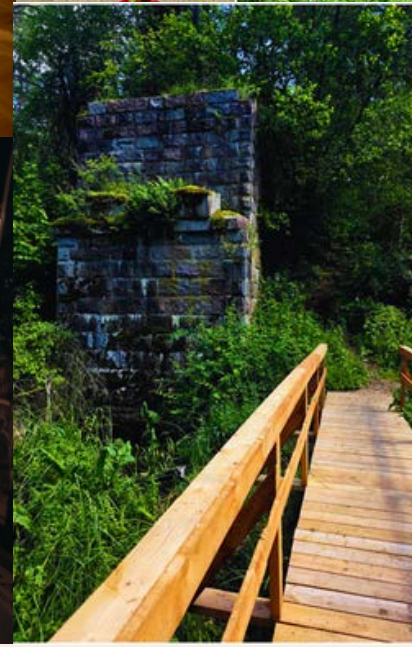
BOYEN TVIRTOVĖ (Gizycko)



Balstogės (Białystok) karo muziejus



Varėna (Orany)



KAUNO TVIRTOVĖ



Kaunas (Kowno)





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to create a network of cooperation and a common brand „FORT – UNION”

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The aim of the project: to create a network of cooperation and a common brand „FORT – UNION” in the border area of Lithuania and Poland within the framework of the development of sustainable tourism products of Giżycko, Kaunas, Białystok, Varena and Osowiec Fortress with the use of World War I fortification objects and related historical, natural and cultural heritage, in order to promote and popularize the area, improving the well-being of the border community.

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Challenge: Building the visibility of cultural heritage potential and increasing tourism offers in the Programme area common Lithuanian and Polish cultural heritage in the field of World War I fortress objects requires a coherent presentation to local and foreign visitors, including on the basis of cooperation, branding and preservation of historical objects, including with the use of new technologies (which are still little used).

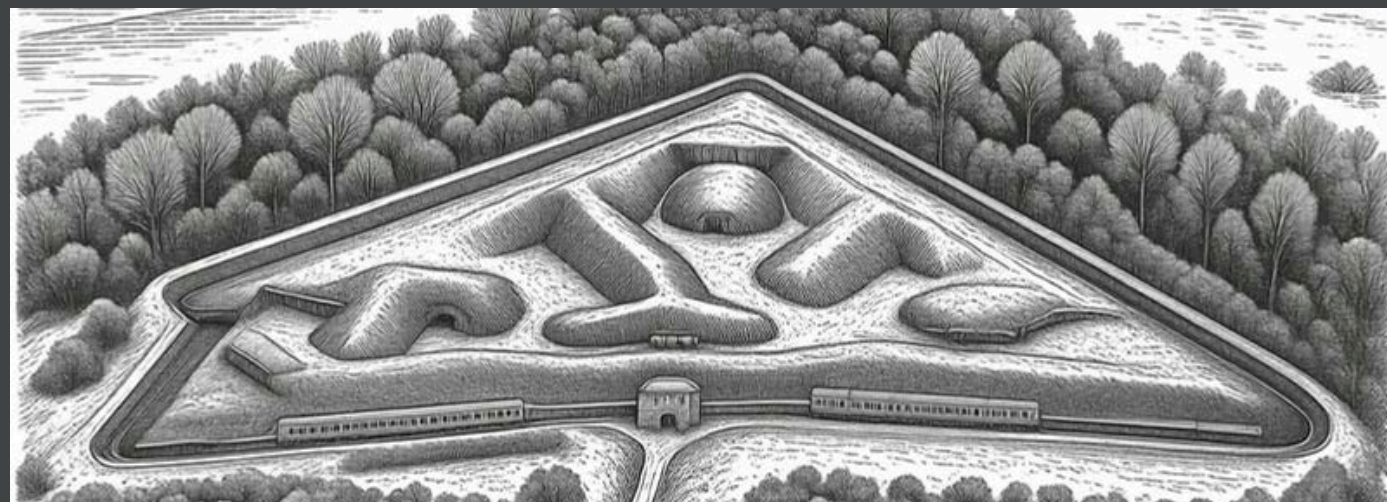


FORT - UNION

WWI FORTIFIED HERITAGE



IN SPIRIT OF POLISH-LITHUANIAN
COMMONWEALTH



1569-1795



**through cross-border cooperation we
making communities more resilient**

WWI drastically reshaped the borders in Europe





Norway

Sweden

Finland

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

East Prussia

Poland

Denmark

German Empire

Netherlands

Belgium

After collapse of Russian empire, states declared independency

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PP2 Kaunas
PP3 Kaunas Fortress

PP6 Varena

LP1 Gizycko
PP5 Boyen Fortress

**FORT-UNION NETWORK
AND CROSS-BORDER
ROUTE**

720 km.

PP4 Museum Białystok



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Bendrai finansuoja
EUROPOS SAJUNGA

Lietuva – Lenkija

LP1 Gizycko

PP2 Kaunas

PP3 Kaunas Fortress

PP4 Museum Bialystok

PP5 Boyen Fortress

PP6 Varena



Bendra vertė: EUR 5.089.545,20

**Project specific objective:**

WP 1 specific objective is to exchange the knowledge and experience of project partners including communities and stakeholders and inform them about the benefits of the project, for the creation of a marketing strategy for the fortress facilities of the Boyen Fortress and Kaunas for the „Fort-Union” brand, binding an agreement between Giżycko and Kaunas and Varena, Kaunas Fortress Park, Boyen Fortress in Giżycko, Białystok Museum and Biebrza National Park to promote and popularize „Fort-Union” tourism offers affecting the development of the Program area.

2.2. RCO87: Organisations cooperating across borders

Output 1.1 Establishment of a cooperation network agreement „FORT-UNION” – 8 organisations

2.2. RCO116: Jointly developed solutions

Output 1.2 Development of a document for the Fort-Union strategy – 1 solution

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Activity 1.1. Study visits

Activity 1.2. Developing a marketing strategy

Activity 1.3. "Fort-Union" branding support

Tourism - marketing workshops with EFFORTS in Kaunas (PP3) A two-day exchange knowledge

Activity 1.4 Visibility activities of the partner network and brand "FORT-UNION"



Study visit Biebrzanski National Park



Project team meeting in Gizycko

cross-border cooperation



Study visit Białystok War Museum



Project team meeting in Kaunas



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WP 2 specific objective is the preservation of fortress facilities in Kaunas and Gizycko, together with the protection of the historical, natural and cultural heritage of World War I Gizycko, Kaunas, Bialystok and Varėna, as well as cross-border cooperation and cultural integration for the promotion and creation of sustainable tourism products contributing to the attractiveness of tourism and social life in the Lithuanian and Polish areas.

2.2.RC077: Number of cultural and tourism sites supported

Output 2.1 Barracks No. 1 in the Boyen Fortress – 1 cultural and tourism sites

Output 2.2 Fort No. 4 in Kaunas Fortress Park – 1 cultural and tourism sites

Output 2.3 Exhibition at the new headquarters of the Army Museum in Bialystok 1 cultural and tourism sites

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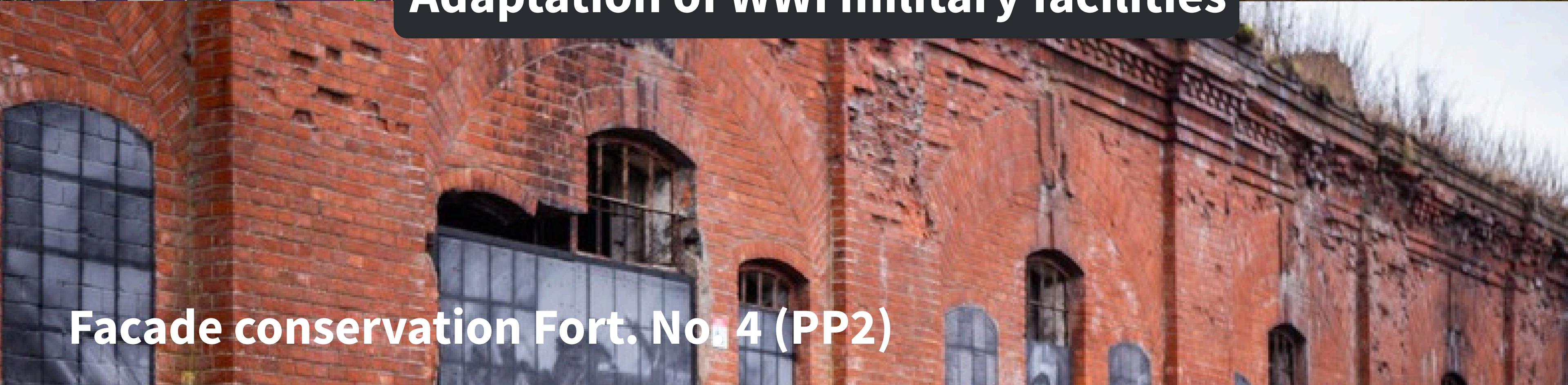
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**Renovation of barracks No. 1 in the
Boyen Fortress**

plans to modernize Barracks No. 1 in the Boyen
yard,

Adaptation of WWI military facilities



Facade conservation Fort. No. 4 (PP2)

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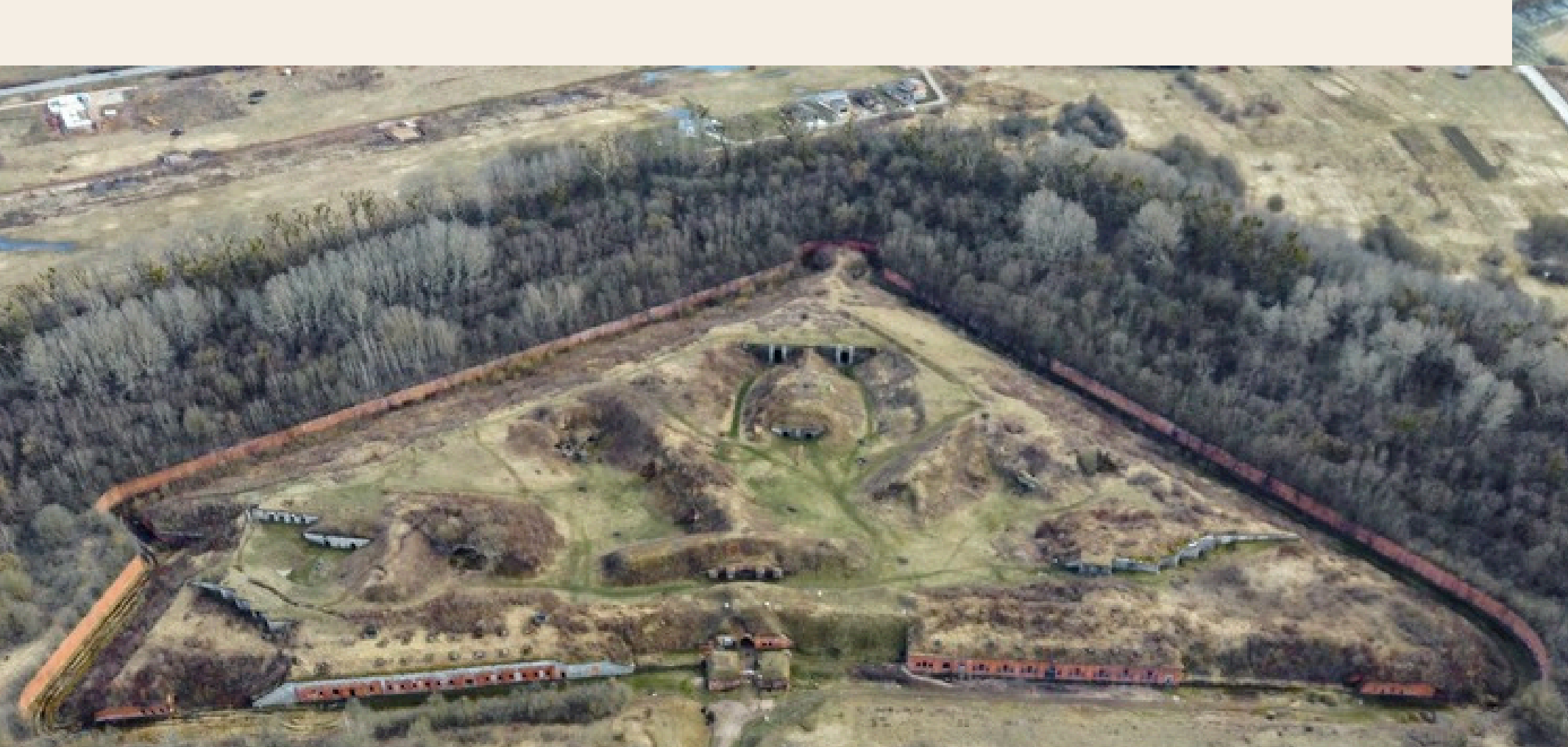
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Landscaping equipment for D.2.1.6 Kaunas fortress Fort no. 4 territory maintenance (PP3)





Kaunas Fort no. 4



Boyen fortress





work in progress



Kaunas



Białystok



Gizycko



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Virtual reality equipment sets with
content about the Fort-rout and its
attractions in Varena (PP6)

The equipped visitor rooms at the PP4 Museum Białystok

Innovative exhibitions

Exposition in Boyen fortress

Exposition about Fortifications in Kaunas fortress
Fort no. 4 barracks (PP3)

MUZEUM WOJSKA W BIAŁYMSTOKU

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Augmented reality tour in Kaunas fortrtress Fort no. 4 (PP3)





Joint events



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Activity 2.3 Joint partnership events using military facilities

- Sustainable tourism participational- educational program "Heritage house"
- Garrison festival in Bialystok (PP4)
- FORT UNION 3D Festival, Boyen Fortress and Old crafts fair Fortress
- **Intersectoral festival PP3 Fort- D.2.3.2 Union in Kaunas fortress and cross- border area 2025, 2026, 2027**
- Open event for the fortification network presentation in Varena (PP6)



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Intersectoral festival PP3 Fort-Union in Kaunas fortress



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Intersectoral festival PP3 Fort-Union in Kaunas fortress





2025 - light installation

ephemeros



2026 - full facade installation



landart



Intersectoral festival PP3 Fort- D.2.3.2 Union in Kaunas fortress and cross-border area 2025, 2026, 2027

Heritage fair - where **environmental organisations / sustainable practises and educations will be organised**

LAND-ART plennair (inspirations from WWI heritage - **ex. living sculptu res, secondary use. Artsits will create sculptures from local natural materials - wood, bushes, grasss, steel and from other foundings in teritory**



Sustainable tourism participational - educational program "Heritage house"

**Educational workshops:
every two weeks after opening of exposition**

**Target group: local and international
tourists, young people, students and
families. Participants: 400 people**

20 educational events

participational part

Clay and bricks (construction of fortress)

Modeling and engineering

**Practical geology - structures of natural
landscapes in Kaunas:**

**Creation of walking tour between fortress:
connecting natural and fortified landscapes**

**Natural fortifications: education about plants
and trees**

**Education about biodiversity and endangered
species in Kaunas fortress - BATS**

Activity 2.2 Tourism products for smart and sustainable solutions of fortress sites

- Multimedia mock- up of 3D model of Boyen Fortress - service (LP1)**
- FORT-UNION The website. Its content will be available in English**
- Services for the implementation of the multimedia exhibition of Barracks No. 1 (LP1)**
- Augmented reality tour in Kaunas D.2.2.4 forttrtress Fort no. 4 (PP3)**
- World War I tourist route plan (PP4)**
- Purchase of historical maps of the Fortress (PP5)**
- A publication of the defensive fortifications infrastructure route (PP6)**

Activity 2.2 Tourism products for smart and sustainable solutions of fortress sites

- Photogrammetric research and digital D.2.2.8 content creation about the fort-rout attractions in Varena(PP6)**
- Historical research about the fort-rout and it's objects in Varena (PP6)**

