

PRESS RELEASE

Experts from European fortified heritage sites in the Fort Monostor

22 February 2013, Komárom - The second atelier visit of the Dutch led AT FORT project will be held in Fort Monostor in Komárom, between 25-27. February, 2013. The three-year long project, which was started in 2012 will be realized with the participation of eleven important European fortified heritage sites, also with the partnership of Fort Monostor Non-profit Ltd. The workshop in Hungary is organized around 3 themes: governance models, accessibility/safety and UNESCO World Heritage nomination.

The AT FORT participants will attend on a tour - related to the governance model theme – in the Old Fort and New Fort - presented by Lajos Gráfel from Komárno (SK), with the title “Developing the Fortress System of Komárom/Komárno in two countries”. During the tour at the New Fort and the Old Fort experts meet best practices and challenges reflected to the accessibility and safety themes also.

The main theme of the first day is the governance model. Experts – represent the project partners – will introduce their governance model, share ideas about the challenges they faced and finally the whole team will discuss the „ideal governance model”. The place of the workshop is the renovated conference hall at the Fort Monostor in Komárom, Hungary.

Related to the topic of accessibility and safety – which are the themes of the 2nd day of the atelier - the partners can hear practical examples presented by Dutch, Belgian, French, German, Hungarian, Maltese, Polish, Finnish, Italian, Lithuanian, English and Slovenian experts. During the day they can have a site visit in the Fort Monostor, meet best practices related to the themes, and visit the restoration works in Danube Bastion and the Firearm’s Instruction Hall also.

The last theme of the second AT FORT atelier visit is the UNESCO World Heritage Nomination. Experts will be allowed to examine e.g. the UNESCO principles and the chances of the fortresses to be listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Invited experts like dr. Tamás Fejérdy, professor dr. Jukka Jokilehto, and Nicholas Faucherre introduce some case study like the experiences of the nomination process, or the day-by-day management of the World Heritage listed fortresses like Vauban-fortresses in France, or the Suomenlinna fortress in Finland. After the presentations, the partners will discuss various topics such as the process of preparing the nomination files, the opportunities to involve the community and stakeholders into the World Heritage preparation works, and last, but not least, they can discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a „World Heritage Site” label.



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Notes to Editors

The project At Fort ”Atelier European Fortresses - Powering Local Sustainable Development” is a Regional Initiative Project in the INTERREG IVC programme.

The AT FORT partnership brings together several important European fortified heritage sites who share the firm belief that preservation of these sites, coupled with their economic exploitation can only be achieved by creative, mutual thinking, building on an exchange of experiences. AT FORT partners have set the **OVERALL OBJECTIVE** to facilitate the adaptive re-use of fortified heritage sites by exploring solutions for successful approaches and methods to deal with enabling conditions and to create better frameworks for their exploitation.

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2. The **Interregional Cooperation Programme INTERREG IVC**, financed by the European Union’s Regional Development Fund, helps Regions of Europe work together to share experience and good practice in the areas of innovation, the knowledge economy, the environment and risk prevention. EUR 302 million is available for project funding but, more than that, a wealth of knowledge and potential solutions are also on hand for regional policy-makers.