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It was a great honor and privilege to invite you all to Suomenlinna to conclude the three yearlong ATFORT project. Many of you were here in November 2012, when we had our first thematic workshop or “atelier”, as we called them. The theme of the first atelier was “restoration as an enabling condition”. Since that we have met each other in each country and we have been working on different themes. This has truly been a continuous process of learning from each other. We have learnt a lot and as we keep on working we are disseminating the knowledge and the significance of preserving fortresses to the future generations.

We will proudly present what we have achieved during the project and we will eagerly hear what the other partners have accomplished.

I wish you all heartily welcome to Suomenlinna and tenaille von Fersen. This building dates back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. This is a part of the fortification, but also this was used a bakery – the room we are in just now was the granary of the bakery. Under us is a similar space, which was the pump house of the dry dock. Those who want to see it, have a possibility to do so by joining the field trip group 3 after a while.

Thanks to all the organizers but especially our two Mariekes, Erika, Nina ja Tuija and also Laura. and for the help of Pia, Juha, Petri, Matti, maintenance men ja and cleaners.