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## Press Release



### ***Eleven European fortified heritage sites share challenges and solutions.***

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**Eleven important European heritage sites share the firm belief that preservation of their coupled with their economic exploitation can only be achieved by creative, mutual thinking built on an exchange of experiences. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October the partners come together in Venice to establish the ten most important themes which will lead to ten atelier visits which the partners can learn from each other.**

One of the main reasons of the participation of the Vauban Network to the project AT FORT is to exchange experiences and achievements related to accessibility, used of renewable energy, safety measures and multifunctional use of fortified sites.

The City of Venice expects from the other partners examples of good practices related to the implementation and enforcement of innovative, new economic functions to the fortified sites.

The first atelier visit will be held in Helsinki in the fortress of Suomenlinna from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November. The managers of the site will share their experiences on restoration, and on re-use of spaces. They will also point out a few cases where they support the tenants to keep up with their activities because they serve the whole site or preserve it.

The Vauban Network will organise its atelier visit in Besançon from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

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