

CONGRESS

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Over the years European fortified sites have been transforming into places for participation in arts, culture and memory. They also reveal their potential in regional sustainable development and climate change adaptation. The 2022 EFFORTS Europe congress is organised on fortified heritage revitalisation subjects: horizontal integration of the role of fortified heritage, re-use and adaptation strategies, and social integration and creative innovation in local communities. Join us in the European Fortified Heritage community co-creation: the 2022 EFFORTS CONGRESS, partner of Kaunas European Capital of Culture 2022 welcomes you in Kaunas, Lithuania.

6-7 October 2022



"COMMUNITIES WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FORTIFIED HERITAGE"

Inclusive, creative, innovative and green solutions - increasing cultural access and participation



**EFFORTS Europe 7th Annual Congress**  
european federation of fortified sites



**Kaunas 2022**  
European Capital of Culture



**Kaunas Fortress Park**

08:30 Registration and coffee

09:00 Congress welcome

Simonas Kairys, Minister of Culture, Lithuania  
Frank Petter, President of EFFORTS  
Valdas Rakutis, founder Kaunas Fortress Park

9:30 "From Temporary to Contemporary"

presentation by Kaunas - European Capital of Culture 2022

## PART 1 - Heritage Communities

*Heritage Communities value specific aspects of cultural heritage which they wish, within the framework of public action, to sustain and transmit to future generations. Focus on European fortified heritage diversity and on common values: reclaim, redefine and adapt through local participation, volunteerism and community-based cooperation.*

09:45 Communities of shared dissonant heritage and sustainable communities, adapting fortified heritage to current needs

led by Patrick Leech, director ATRIUM Association and Council of Europe Cultural Route, member of the URBAN Dissonant Heritage Action Group, Bologna, IT

10:05 Sustainable communities of Kaunas Fortress.

led by Evelina Šimkutė (artist and Silainiai gardens initiator) and Egidijus Bagdonas (director of Kaunas Fortress Park)

10:25 Genius loci: Urbanisation and Civil Community

presentation by Šančiai district community, New European Bauhauss prize 2022 winner; members of the Faro Convention Network)

10:45 Coffee break



11:00 Memory, Creativity, Collaboration - regional testimonies:

presentations by Kaunas Fort No. 9 museum, Daugavpils Fortress (Latvia); Boyen Fortress (Poland); Neria fortress (Lithuania) National Sea Museum, Klaipeda city, Lithuania); Daugavgrivas fortress association (Riga, Latvia)

12:10 Collaborative practices and cultural activation of fortified sites

led by Pål Isdahl Solberg, Founder at The Participation Agency (Medvirkningsagentene), Tonsberg fortress, Norway

12:30 Panel discussion

Creative Forts - European Fortress Summer

13:00 Lunch

## PART 2 : ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

*PARTICIPATION: Site visits and simultaneous workshops at the different Kaunas fortress sites, per 20 - 40 participants*

14:00 - 18:00

Communities of shared memory.

(led by Vytautas Petrikėnas, Museum of Ninth Fort)  
Site visit: Fort no. 9

Regenerative placemaking.

(led by Public Institution "Kultūros Dirbtuvė", sustainable development scientist Rūta Lukiošiūnaitė)  
Site visit: Fort no. 1., Fort no. 3.

Co-creating cities with temporary urbanism

(led by HORIZON 2020 project 'T-factor' team)  
Site visit: Kaunas Fortress Park Workshop

Increasing participation

(led by Institute for Policy Research and Analysis),  
Site visit: Fort no. 4

Guided tours on the site.

18:00 Dinner reception

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9:00 Walk-in

9:15 -10:30 Presentation of the different workshops and plenary discussion

10:30 Coffee break



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## PART 3: GREEN CULTURAL ROUTES AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*How to make fortified heritage sites inclusive, resilient and sustainable? Focus on different examples of how fortified sites contribute to the development of sustainable tourism. Learn about a variety of cross-border and regional cooperation projects co-creating green cultural routes and contributing to local development. Cooperation for tourism, cultural routes and local development*

10:45 Inspirational presentation

(led by Zuiderwaterlinie Alliance (Netherlands))

**Green Route solutions for fortified heritage:**

11:05 Concept of Cultural Routes, Case St Olav Waterway.

led by James Simpson, project manager (Finland)

11:25 The Baltic Route of Fortresses

led by Dirk Röder, EFFORTS - Forte Cultura (Germany)

11:45 New St.John fortress project

led by Đurđa Vrljević Šarić, Fortress of Culture Sibenik (Croatia)

12:05 Fortification Heritage Impacts Study an blue economy tourism projects

led by Daniele Sferra, Ca'Foscari, University of Venice, Italy

12:25 Plenary discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Joint Scientific Committee Forte Marghera 2022 launch

led by Fiorenzo Menghelli, ISAM and Natasa Urosevic (University of Pula)

14:30 EFFORTS Ukraine Twinning Programme,

led by Olha Tikonova (U. (Pol), Ukraine) / live connection

15:10 European Fortress Summer and EFFORTS AWARD presentation

15:40 Conference resumé - 'From 2022 Brussels to 2022 Kaunas – the call to action',

led by Rafaël Deroo, EFFORTS Europe secretary general

16:00 Visit Kaunas European Capital of Culture 2022 (optional)

Where is Kaunas - European Capital of Culture 2022?



Lithuania, Kaunas City,



Kaunas is the second-largest city in Lithuania, situated at the confluence of Lithuania's two biggest rivers. From ancient hillforts to medieval hanseatic old-town and modernism architecture. Until the end of XIXth. century Kaunas was surrounded by one of the largest fort-ring in the Baltic states.

You can reach Kaunas airport by direct flights from Brussels, London, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Dublin, Cologne, Budapest, alternatively travel to Kaunas from Vilnius airport by train or bus



How to reach Kaunas from Vilnius airport?

By train:  
Vilnius airport - Vilnius railway station - Kaunas railway station (1.5h)

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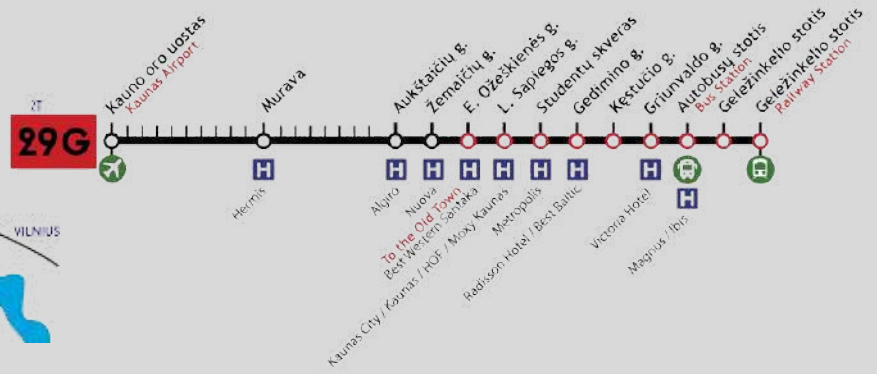
By bus:  
Take airport bus to Vilnius city and then take bus to Kaunas (1.5h)

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How to reach city centre?

Kaunas airport - City centre bus 29G

You can also call a cab (we recommend the eTaksi and Bolt apps).



CONGRESS venue

AGM venue (October 5)

October 5  
Kaunas city municipality hall (Laisves al. 96)



Congress venue  
October 6-7  
Vytautas Magnus university hall (Daukanto st. 28)



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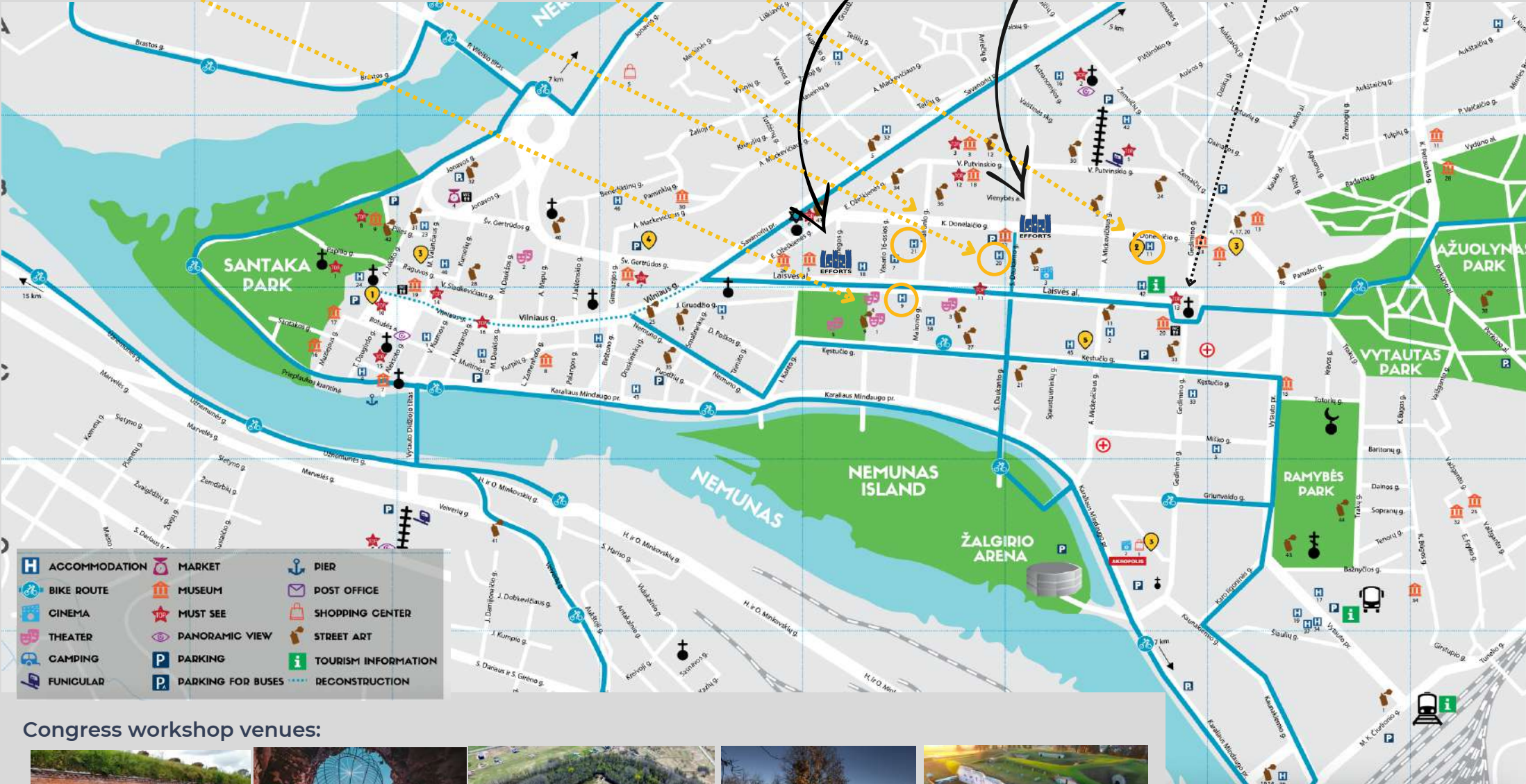
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**Kaunas Fortress Garrison church/ Soboras**



**Congress workshop venues:**



Kaunas Fortress Park workshop building



Fort no. 1



Fort no. 4



Fort no. 3



Fort no. 9