

**Project RFC, Interreg Europe
Virtual Study Visit
in
Prešov Self-Governing Region
Slovakia**

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**STUDY VISIT in PREŠOV SELF-
GOVERNING REGION on-line
RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES**



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Day 1 - 8th of March 2022

**Time in the agenda is CET*

9:00 - 9:30	Testing of connection and registration	
09:30 - 10:00	WELCOME TO PREŠOV REGION – PSGR Project Team Prešov Region Official Videospot	
10:00 - 10:30	FORTRESS CITIES IN THE PREŠOV REGION Analysis of the condition of the fortress cities in Prešov region - Ing. arch. Alexandra Kotrusová, PhD. , architect, she completed PhD degree on the topic of medieval city fortifications in Slovakia.	
10:30 – 11:00	Fortification system in Bardejov - Mgr. Peter Harčar , archeologist, specializes in medieval archeology, modern archeology, castle issues, fortification architecture and the history of Bardejov.	
11:00 – 11:30	Bastion “Hrubá bašta” – cultural and community centre in Bardejov - at the beginning there were 5 volunteers, today a dozen enthusiasts, led by Mgr. František Maxin “Bastion” film - Why are we raising the four-hundred-year old building of the Rough Bastion in Bardejov? You will find out in our short film.	
11:30 – 12:00	Break	

12:00 – 12:30	Castle LUBOVNA - Barrier free castle and open-air museum in Stará Ľubovňa - Mgr. Daniela Reľovská and Ing. Oľívia Barlíková "Life at the Lubovna Castle " - short film	
12:30 – 13:00	STROPKOV Castle, a little-known town castle in the history of Slovakia - Mgr. Ľuboslav Šmajda, city historian, Municipality Stropkov	
13:00 – 13:10	Break	
13:10 – 14:00	Panel Discussion Questions and comments to the study visit Moderator: Mr. Hofman, expert of LP	
	End of Study Visit	

1st POLICY IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP on-line

RECAPTURE THE FORTRESS CITIES

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Day 2 - 9th of March 2022

*Time in the agenda is CET

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and Overview of RFC project <i>Moderator Mr. Jiří Hofman (expert of LP)</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Short introductory round by project partners & stakeholders <i>Short presentation project partners and stakeholders (2-3 min. for one of the participants)</i>
11:00 – 11:10	<i>Break</i>
11:10 – 11:30	Summary presentation of findings from GP <i>Presentation from architect of town Terezin-Walbert Schmirler (LP expert, 20 min.)</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<i>Presentation one of Good Practises (GP):</i>

	<p>“Creative industry and Terezin fortress revitalisation” The GP will be introduced to the participants by the Ústí Region (Lead partner)</p> <p>“Fortengordels: cooperation of fortresses around Antwerp, one of the largest fortress belts in Europe” The GP will be introduced to the participants by the Regional Landscape de Voorkempen - representative and responsible for the Antwerp Regional Landscapes (Partner 2)</p> <p>GP - “The Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre” The GP will be introduced to the participants by the North-West Regional Development Agency (Partner 4)</p> <p>GP - “Bastion-cultural and community centre in the City of Bardejov” The GP will be introduced to the participants by The Prešov Self-Governing Region (Partner 5)</p> <p>GP - “Live the Castle” The GP will be introduced to the participants by the Provincial Government of Teruel (Partner 6)</p> <p>GP - “The Fortress Advisory Board” The GP will be introduced to the participants by the City of Magdeburg (Partner 7)</p>
12:30 – 13:00	The round table discussions, findings and recommendations from all stakeholders, partners and political representations
13:00	<i>The end of 1st Policy Improvement Workshop</i>

Study Visit Minutes – 8th March 2022

The international project Recapture the Fortress Cities, which we are implementing as one of the six members of the international project consortium, is nearing the end of its first phase. As part of this project, the PSGR project team organized and carried out one of the key project activities, online Study Visit at PSGR on 8 March, followed by 1st Policy Improvement Workshop on 9 March.

The study visit was an opportunity to connect with project partners from five European countries (Czech Republic, Belgium, Romania, Spain and Germany), and project stakeholders at home and abroad, and to present the city fortifications and castles in PSGR.

According the agenda, participants presented an analysis of the state of fortified places in PSGR, the history and current state of the fortification system in Bardejov, the Cultural and Community Center Bastion in Bardejov, Ľubovňa Castle - a castle without barriers and Stropkov Castle - a little-known city in the history of Slovakia.

The program also included short films about PSGR, Ľubovňa Castle and the Bastion Cultural and Community Center in Bardejov, which greatly diversified the program of the event.

The virtual study visit was followed by a panel discussion in which the participants of the study visit discussed ways to revitalize and integrate the fortifications into the life of the city, and the possibilities of financing such activities.

The online event continued on March 9 with a 1st Policy Improvement Workshop, the content of which was provided by the Lead partner.

Annexes:

1. Participants list - presenters 8.3.2022
2. Participants list – ZOOM 8.3.2022
3. Participants list - ZOOM 9.3.2022
4. List of presenters