

Baltic Fort Route

Baltic Culture and Tourism Route Fortresses



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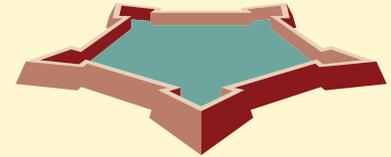
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INTERREG-III-B-project for trans-national cooperation to develop a high quality cultural route and to rescue fortifications as cultural heritage

Model of Culture Route Fortresses developed in trans-national cooperation



Baltic Fort Route



Project working program successfully realized *Final Conference with outstanding positive results*

At the Final Conference that took place after 28 months of trans-national cooperation, the 19 partners of the Baltic Fort Route Project were upbeat about their successful performance in these last years.

At the start up conference in Berlin's Citadel Spandau, the Mayor of Spandau, Mr Konrad Birkholz, the Deputy Governor of the Lubuskie voivodship, Mr Ireneusz Madej and the mayor of Kostrzyn nad Odrą, Dr. Kunt acknowledged the great collaboration of culture tourism in fortresses of the Baltic Sea Region.

The main session took place on October 17th and 18th, 2007 at the rehabilitated cultural building in the Lead Partner City Kostrzyn nad Odrą.



Baltic Fort Route - remarkable international feedback

Not only numerous fortresses, institutes and organizations from the Baltic Sea Region, but also from other European regions showed substantial interest in future cooperation in the field of fortress tourism. Several fortresses from Northern, Central and Western Europe participated in the closing conference and presented their attractive offers for culture tourism in fortress monuments.

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First step done

The "Baltic Culture and Tourism Route Fortresses" project as the "Start project" was conceived to develop the organized tourism of the European cultural heritage Fortresses in a sustainable way and to strengthen the identity of the Baltic Sea Regions.

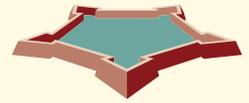
The first organized travels through fortresses of the Baltic Sea region will be offered in the travel season 2008. Under new quality levels the organized fortress tourism started with the cooperation of a German and a Polish tour operator under the label "Baltic Fort Route" in four sample routes (www.kylltal-reisen.de and www.KulTour.pl). Step by step, this product will be introduced to the market and will be opened to all tourist operators.

At the same time a new quality level of scientific research in the fields of conservation, reconstruction and monument compatible utilization of fortresses is reached through transnational cooperation.

Three Scientific Consultation Centers established

Non-Governmental Organizations manage the transnational scientific cooperation and fortress consultation.

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FINAL MEETING IMPRESSIONS

Overview of excerpted project results

The work package managers informed about the successful activities of the project partners during the project period from June, 2005 to November, 2007, for example:

- 9 pilot and demonstration projects
- 4 practical courses for students
- 6 network meetings
- 25 work package meetings
- 10 workshops
- 3 seminars
- 1 scientific conference
- 7 institutions were formed:
 - 2 management organizations for fortresses
 - 3 Scientific Competences/ Consultation Centers
 - 3 Non-Governmental Organizations
- 3 electronic virtualization of fortresses
- 6 written concepts and special publications

Network Meeting in Giżycko

The city of Giżycko and the fortress Boyen are situated in the picturesque landscape of the Masovian lakes. In the network meeting in June, 2007 the actual state of the realization of the project program and tourist offers of the fort Boyen was discussed. The partner Municipality Giżycko introduced the long-term plans of restoration and tourist development for this important part of the Baltic Fort Route. Yet, there is a museum and a gallery that hold important information for visitors. Here, fortress tourism is strongly connected with the nature tourism of the Masurian lakes. This special location is well known through events like the "Miss World" beauty competition as well.



Discussion of common workshop WP 1 and 3 in Giżycko

Interest of European Fortresses within and outside the Baltic Sea Region in cooperation

Presentation day and guest meeting

Increasing interest to collaborate and work on the cultural route of Baltic forts is high and not limited to the Baltic Sea Region. At the final meeting representatives from eight fortresses, who in the future want to work on the Baltic Fort Route Project, took part. The fortresses from the Baltic Sea Region Kiel, Königstein (D), Helsinki, Kotka (FIN), St. Petersburg (RU), Riga (LV) presented their tourist offers during the final meeting and enhanced the exchange of experiences with the Baltic Fort Route partners.

Even fortresses from the border regions of North-West Europe (Utrecht - NL) and Central Europe (Terezín and Olomouc - CZ) introduced themselves through presentations.

Further contacts are the fortresses Copenhagen (DK), Karlskrona (S), Venice (I), Komárno (H), Biržai (LT), Srebrna Góra (PL) and Poznań (PL).



They all want to participate in the expanding Baltic Fort Route project. For small fortress towns in particular, fortress tourism gives new perspectives to safeguard and create employment by enhancing the economy.

Owners and users of historical fortresses gained helpful suggestions, how they can market their tourist product more effectively and sustain the fortress in an economically effective way.

During the meetings with the guest a strategy for future collaboration

and expansion of the Cultural Fortress Route within the Baltic Sea Region and neighbour regions in Central and North-West Europe was worked out. The next strategy conference is planned for April 2008 in Berlin.

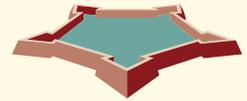
from above:

Mr Martin Daniel, Olomouc; Mrs Maria Eskevich, St. Petersburg; Mr Juhanni Ahlman, Helsinki; Mrs Anne Parikka, Helsinki; Mrs Dr. Angelika Taube, Königstein



Meeting of future partner fortresses from 6 countries with the representatives of the Baltic Fort Route project

PROJECT OPENS NEW HORIZONS



Coordinators certify successful project collaboration



H. Röder



Dr. H.-R-Neumann



A. Zurawska-Tatala

After some initial difficulties the project achieved very positive results. By working in a trans-national team a wide range of perspectives for historical monuments were considered. Together, a qualified culture tourism can be organized in the future and thus, contribute to the economic reevaluation of fortress monuments and fortress towns.

At the same time, a network of profiled Scientific Consultation Centers for inventory, restoration, nature conservation and utilization in line with generally accepted conservation practices has evolved. There was a need for science research in the European heritage fortresses that evolved through intensive trans-national cooperation. An important contribution for the education of students, for the European integration and the increasing efficiency of Universities in the Baltic Sea Region has been established, but not yet completed.

A better access to archives and original documents was achieved. Inventory methods were developed and restoration methods were tested in pilot projects. There is a collection of best practices available to improve fortress management. A handbook of strategies for monument compatible utilization concepts was worked out. Small scale investments improved the tourist infrastructure and service of some of the fortresses.

The model of Fortress tourism gets Europe-wide attention. There is a strong need for continuous trans-national cooperation, to operate it more effectively in the Baltic Sea Region. The model will be implemented and adapted to the whole Baltic Sea. Neighbour

regions in Central Europe show great interest in intensive tourist networking with the Baltic Fort Route.

The first steps on the way to achieve a pan-European movement of sustainable development and maintenance of the Heritage fortresses have been taken.

Project methods delivered optimal performance

The INTERREG-III-B-project Baltic Fort Route demanded to connect fortress tourism and the development of a culture route with the needed long-term restoration and monument protection of historical fortresses. For that, the power of trans-national cooperation need to be mobilized. The four thematic work packages were closely related to each other.

Work package 1 systemizes the inventory and documentation of fortification. This helps to organize and provide original documents for the maintenance and restoration of the fortresses as well as dealing with their past and planning their future.

Work package 2 deals with the structural conditions of the fortresses, with their astonishing architecture. It improved processes of restoration, reconstruction, monument conservation and nature management to prepare the fortresses architecture and infrastructure for tourism.

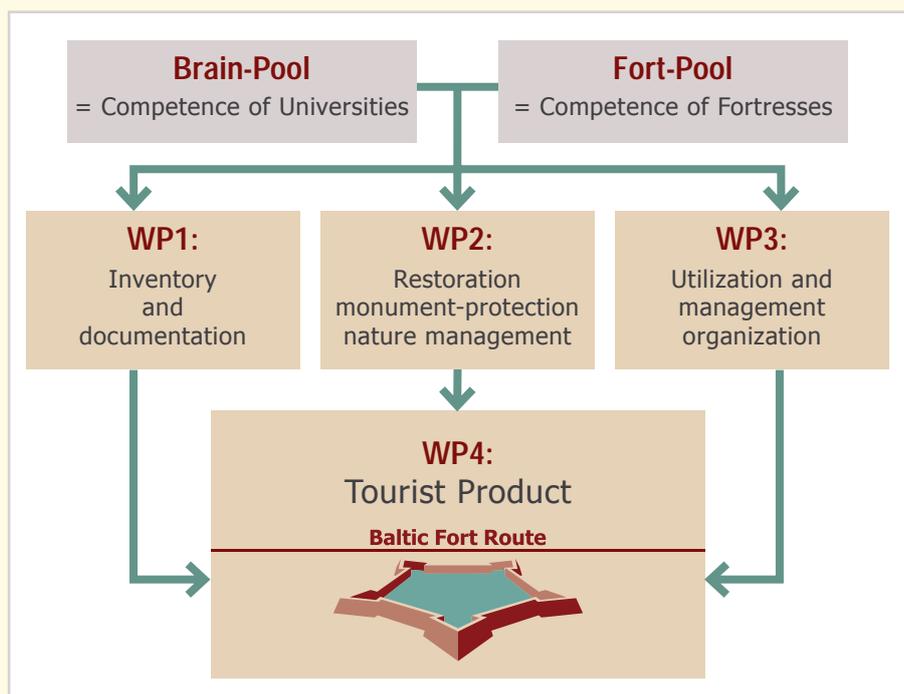
Work package 3 developed concepts for the utilization of heritage-protected monuments. It improved the exchange of experiences and further on the qualification of fortress management. Profound utilization and a strong management are the basis for attractive tourist offers and professional marketing of fortresses.

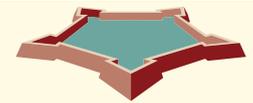
All these contributions from work packages 1 to 3 form the basis of the development of the culture route in collaboration with **work package 4**.

Action Plan 2008

The passing of the action plan 2008 on the Steering Committee meeting assured the continuation of all activities at the BFR even after the finish of the first project phase. Especially the preparation of an educational journey with an American tourist group from September 27th to October 10th, 2008 and the development of the pilot tour to the fortresses of Kronstadt from May 23rd to 30th, 2008 have gained international interest.

The main goal for the year 2008 is the elaboration of a new EU-project application to expand the Baltic Fort Route along the Baltic Sea by involving new partners from Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany.





EFFECTIVE TRANS-NATIONAL COOPERATION

Common Culture Route development

Method-Seminar in Świnoujście

As a first step to organize fortress tours along the Baltic fortresses, WP 4 invited to a seminar in the partner city Świnoujście on March 16th and 17th, 2007.

Dr. Armin Mikos von Rohrscheidt, lecturer for culture tourism in the faculty of Cultural Studies at the "Gnieznienska Wyższa Szkoła Humanistyczno Menedzerska Milenium", gave lecture on the following topics:

- Responsibility and structure of organization and route management
- Route program, example Start-Route "North"
- Modules and versions of local programs, themes of routes
- Timing and time table

A conceptual formulation for the development of the start route was developed for all fortresses.

A "Coordination Group Start-Route" was formed.



WP 4-Workshop in Kostrzyn nad Odrą and Gorgast

During the workshop on April 20th and 21st, 2007 the coordinators discussed many of the details of a "Start Route", which was to be started in the beginning of September from Kostrzyn nad Odrą in all four cardinal points at the same time. Special instruments of route management and route organization were developed and tested on this model tour. One of it is an "Organization Book".

Dr. von Rohrscheidt consulted the representatives of the fortresses and presented his experiences in organizing culture and educational tours to Polish fortresses, which his company KulTour.pl implemented successfully.

Baltic Fort Route organization Steering Committee meeting in Berlin with important decisions

The members of the Steering Committee of the Baltic Fort Route project came to important long-term decisions for further trans-national cooperation during the closing conference in Berlin on November 15th, 2007. The Steering Committee will continue working together in the future. The constellation will remain the same.

Installation of "Coordination Centers"

For continuous partnership, further development and expansion of the Baltic Fort Route as well as the better distribution of the work, three "Coordination Centers" were formed. They support the Steering Committee and the Lead partner.

The Coordination Centers take over responsibilities in different fields (see graphics). They are in permanent contact and information exchange.

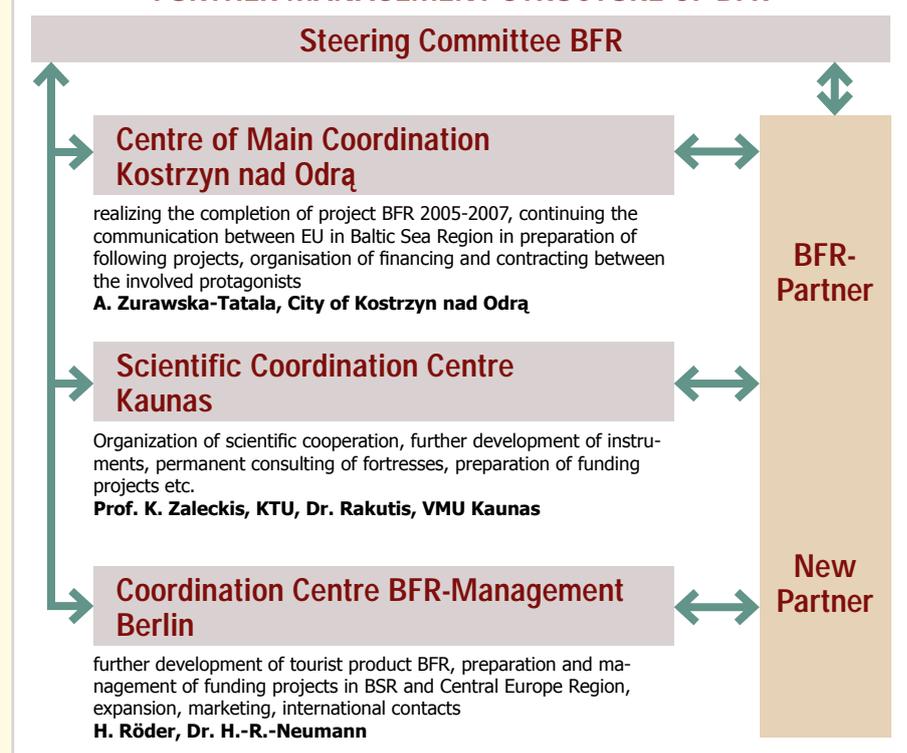
Virtualization of attractive fortress architecture

Fortifications have a very complex, in parts subsurface architecture, which is mostly too abstract for visitors to understand. Electronic models were developed for the fortresses Hahneberg in Berlin (D), Peitz (D) and Boyen in Giżycko (PL) within the work plan of the Baltic Fort Route project. The visitors can surrender to a fascinating virtual world of historical fortresses; they can interactively retrieve information and gain a completely new point of view. These models are distributed on the homepage or as a CD.

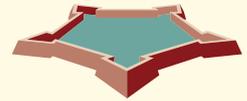


Electronic model Fort Hahneberg, produced by the GKU Standortentwicklung GmbH

FURTHER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF BFR



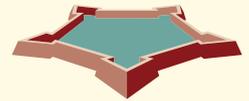
BALTIC FORT ROUTE OFFERS 2008



The offering of four tours in 2008 has only become possible through the cooperation of a German and a Polish tour operator. Tourists can enter the tour in Leipzig and Berlin and all tours end in Kostrzyn nad Odrą, the Polish "Pompeji".

<p>West-Route: Adventure Tour Mideuropean Fortresses (6 days)</p>	<p>South-Route: 3-Country-Fortress-tour: Germany, Czech Republic and Poland (9 days)</p>	<p>East-Route: Tour of Prussian-Russian Fortress History (10 days)</p>	<p>North-Route: The Baltic Sea and its Fortress Adventure (8 days)</p>
<p>The tour starts in Kostrzyn nad Odrą and over Gorgast, it goes to Berlin. In Berlin-Spandau, the Italian courtyards of the Citadel and Fort Hahneberg are visited. The tour continues over the Fortress in Dömitz at the Elbe River to Magdeburg. There the visitor explores the evidences of a great former Prussian fortification with its rich history. The highlight: Feel the rough everyday life of a garrison on Fort Hahneberg while eating the rustic camp food from a real field kitchen.</p>	<p>Fortresses in Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland will be explored on this tour: along the Elbe River the tour goes through Torgau, Dresden (Brühl'sche Terrace) and the Fortress Königstein, continues to Terezín and Jaroměř-Josefov, were it introduces the great European history of the 18th century. After crossing the mountains of the Giant Mountains the tour goes on in Silesia where Fortress Kłodzko and Srebrna Góra are visited. Then it leads to Wrocław and Poznań where the visitor gets a granular on very impressive former Prussian fortifications.</p>	<p>This tour explores the Baltic Fort Route to Lithuania like no other. Starting in Kostrzyn nad Odrą and Poznań the visitor explores the astonishing former Russian Major Fortress Modlin at the confluence of the Narew and Vistula River. After that, the tour continues to the former Russian Major Fortress Kaunas in Lithuania. The way home passes Kętrzyn (Wolf's Lair), Elbląg, Gdańsk, Malbork, Toruń and Kostrzyn nad Odrą.</p>	<p>This 8-day adventure package gives an exclusive inside to Baltic Sea Fortresses. Starting in Kostrzyn nad Odrą, the route continues to Świnoujście and than to Kołobrzeg. In both cities, different fort sides are visited. Here, the highlights are the guided adventure tours. The stay in Gdańsk is dedicated to the fortresses that have been renowned through Napoleon. It includes a visit of Fort Grodzisko and Fortress Vistulamouth. There, a medieval meal at a bonfire is waiting for the visitor. The journey ends with the visit on an 800-year-old Fort side of the Crusader Castle at Malbork.</p>





QUALIFIED MARKETING FOR THE CULTURE ROUTE

Marketing instruments for Culture Route

After closely analyzing the tourist offers of the 14 partner forts, the project coordinators developed a marketing strategy for the tourist product "Historic Fortresses". The strategy looks at different target groups, including groups interested in culture, leisure, architecture and not to forget nature. Up to the end of the Baltic Fort Route project, different folders, posters, roll ups and brochures that can be downloaded and distributed, will be produced (see homepage www.bfr.pl). All marketing instruments will follow the same corporate design. Fort-Route-Marketing will be complemented by different merchandising products (like material bags, shirts, ball pens, pads, calendars, stickers) and route elements (signs).

Travelling Exhibition of Baltic Fort Route opened

The development of a Travelling Exhibition for fortresses of the Baltic Fort Route is completed. Under the guidance of the project coordinators, an expert group worked out a great concept in their five meetings.

On the World Peace Day, September 1st, 2007, the mayor of Kostrzyn nad Odrą, Dr. Andrzej Kunt and the coordinator Hartmut Röder, opened the Travelling Exhibition "Fortresses" at the newly reconstructed Berlin Gate in the Old Town of Kostrzyn nad Odrą.

A large contribution to the high quality of the exhibition and to the development of the brochure that goes along with it came from the Kaunas University of Technology, Institute for Architecture and Construction under special direction of ass. Prof. Dr. K. Zaleckis. Being the implementation partner, the city of Kaunas financed the production of the 19 wall charts.



Mayor Dr. Kunt and Coordinator H. Röder open the Travelling Exhibition and Berlin Gate

A multimedia-show was developed by the GKU Standortentwicklung GmbH, Berlin.

After two month at the Berlin Gate of Kostrzyn nad Odrą, the Travelling Exhibition Baltic Fort Route has been transferred to the citadel Dömitz. There, it will be presented from January onwards.

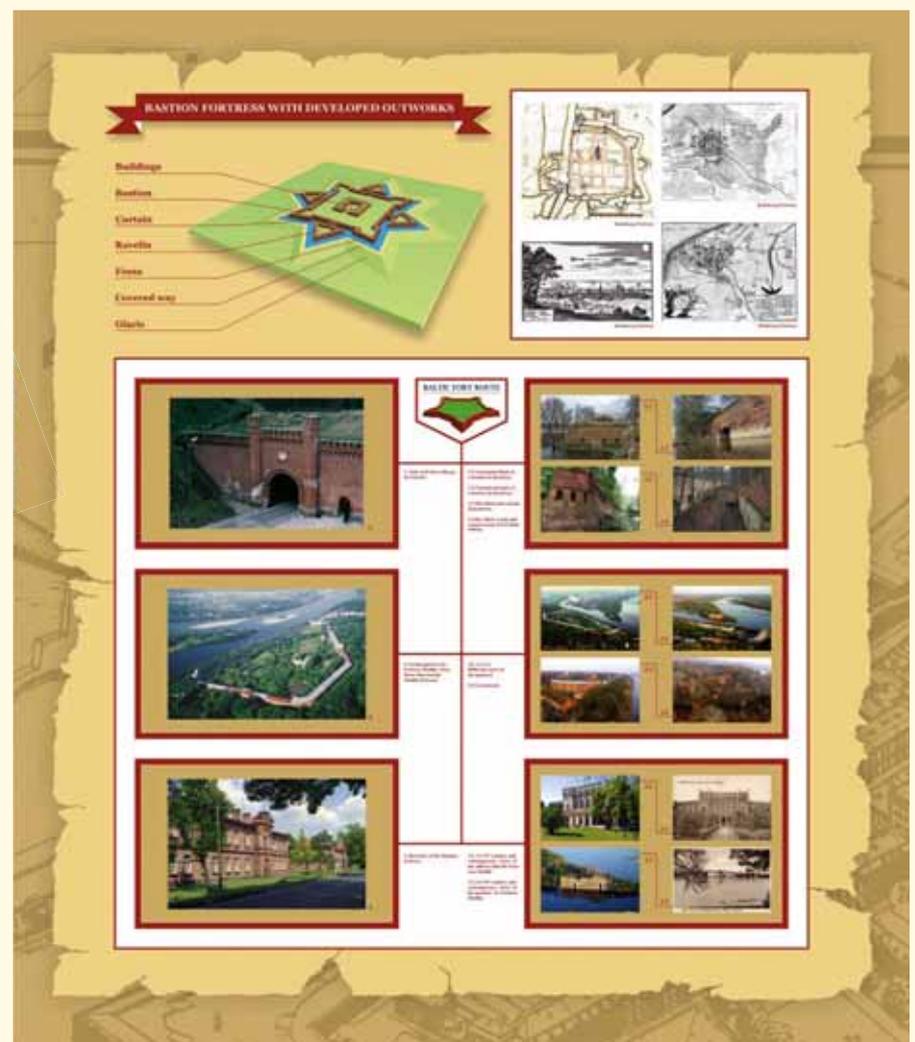


For this tourist product a homepage that supports the marketing of the fortresses in the 2008 season is in the development process.

First Catalogue with Route offers 2008

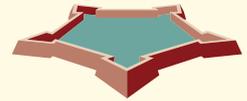
The tour operator "Kylltal-Reisen" from Leipzig included the four sample routes in its seasonal offers catalogue 2008.

Thus, the first tour operator officially listed the Baltic Fort Route. Kylltal cooperates with the Polish operator KulTour.pl, who is a specialist from Poznan.



Example of one board of the Travelling Exhibition

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



Initiative of Fortresses in Baltic Sea Region:

Model of Culture Route Fortresses needs implementation

One of the central results of the INTERREG-III-B-Project "Baltic Culture and Tourism Route Fortresses" is the development of the model Culture Route along the 14 fortresses in 4 countries. First instruments, like an organizational book, route elements, merchandize products and diverse marketing materials were created. Test routes proved the marketability of the product.

Therefore the "Baltic Fort Route" can be understood as a trans-national initiative and start-up project.

In the upcoming years, the model will be subject to continuous enhancement, qualification and regional expansion. This in order will help to increase the economic and cultural performance of the fortresses in the Baltic Sea Region and to generate culture as a location factor. The most important task for the future is the implementation of the model as a culture route in this region. This will be realized in a follow-up project that will be applied in 2008.

Many fortresses from adjacent countries in the Baltic Sea Region showed increased interest in long term cooperation.

A high interest came from fortresses in the neighbour regions in Central- and North-West Europe. There is a great chance to enhance the "Baltic Fort Route" to a "European Fort Route" along the European Cultural Heritage Fortresses.



Fortresses belong to the European Cultural Heritage. The development of fortresses is strongly connected with the spatial planning of cities and with the safety interests of former empires.

Vision of Baltic-Adriatic-Fortress-Route

12 of 14 member fortresses in Baltic Fort Route belong to the Baltic Sea Region as well as to the Central Europe Region. Special possibilities to expand the Baltic Fort Route to a very attractive Culture Route through Central European fortresses like Dresden, Königstein, Ingolstadt (D), Terezín, Jaroměř, Olomouc (CZ), Komárom (H), Komárno (SLO), Linz (A), Venice (I) arise from that. The development of a "Baltic-Adriatic-Fort-Route" will be started in 2008 with many of the interested partners. The project coordinators conducted the first meetings.

Exchange of experiences with INTERREG-III-C-project ASCEND in Utrecht

The coordinators as well as the partners Berlin-Spandau, Giżycko, Technical University and Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas participated in a workshop of the INTERREG-III-C-project ASCEND in Utrecht (NL). They exchanged experiences with other fortress networks in Europe and discussed possibilities of closer collaboration for a better conservation, tourist utilization and management of fortress monuments. A long-term cooperation was agreed upon.

Meeting between Baltic Fort Route and British Fortress Study Group

The partners of the Baltic Fort Route project and members of the British Fortress Study Group, an organization of fort experts from the countries of the Commonwealth, met on April 21st, 2007 to exchange information and experiences at Fort Gorgast. The "Baltic Fort Route" tourist tour gained interest especially from partners outside of Europe. They agreed on strong collaboration.



Opening of the Info-Point in Fort Gorgast together with the British Fortress Study Group



TRANS-NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND CONSULTING ESTABLISHED

Organization of common scientific consulting

Establishing of Scientific Competence & Consultation Centers and Non-Governmental Organization

All goals to develop the first trans-national cooperation between well-known scientific institutions to conserve and develop the cultural heritage fortresses in the Baltic Sea Region have been successfully reached. Ass. Prof. Dr. Kestutis Zaleckis, representative of the Technical University of Kaunas, happily declared this at his presentation during the final conference. The biggest contribution came from Dr. Frank Riesbeck, representative of the Humboldt-University at Berlin.

Three scientific competence and consultation centers were founded, which are administrated by Non-Governmental Organizations. This represents a whole new quality level of hands-on science cooperation, which is exemplary for Europe.



Ass. Prof. habil. Dr. Juozas Augutis (left) and Dr. V. Rakutis open the Scientific Consultation Center at Vytautas Magnus University

Fortresses and other similar historical monuments or buildings can obtain qualified consultation in the special fields of inventory and documentation, reconstruction and monument protection and nature management. The experts can be contacted with the addresses besides.



Contact Scientific Consultation Centers

Trans-national Documentation & Inventory Center Fortresses



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Signing of Cooperation-Agreement between scientific partner

On September 11th, 2007 an "Agreement on Academic and Scientific Cooperation" between the Trans-national Competence and Consultation Center "Nature Management in Baltic Monuments" (Berlin), the Trans-national Documentation & Inventory Center Fortresses (Kaunas) and the Trans-national Consultation Center Reconstruction Technology and Monument Protection of Baltic Fortresses (Kaunas) was signed by the responsible persons PD Dr. habil. Frank Riesbeck (Humboldt-University at Berlin), by Dr. Valdas Rakutis (Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas) and by Dr. Kestutis Zaleckis (Kaunas Technology University).



After agreeing on close cooperation, the three Universities founded Non-Governmental Organizations and named representatives of the Universities as their heads.

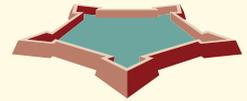
This agreement is a very important milestone in the project BFR for the further long-term scientific cooperation between the Brain and Fort-Pool Partners and the use of their results after the project.

The basis of the work of the three Centers will be a commonly developed Trans-national Information System. First steps of the common future work will be the connection of the developed web pages (WP 1 and WP 2) to a common web page of the documentation centers, (linked with BFR Website), where the results of the BFR project are presented.



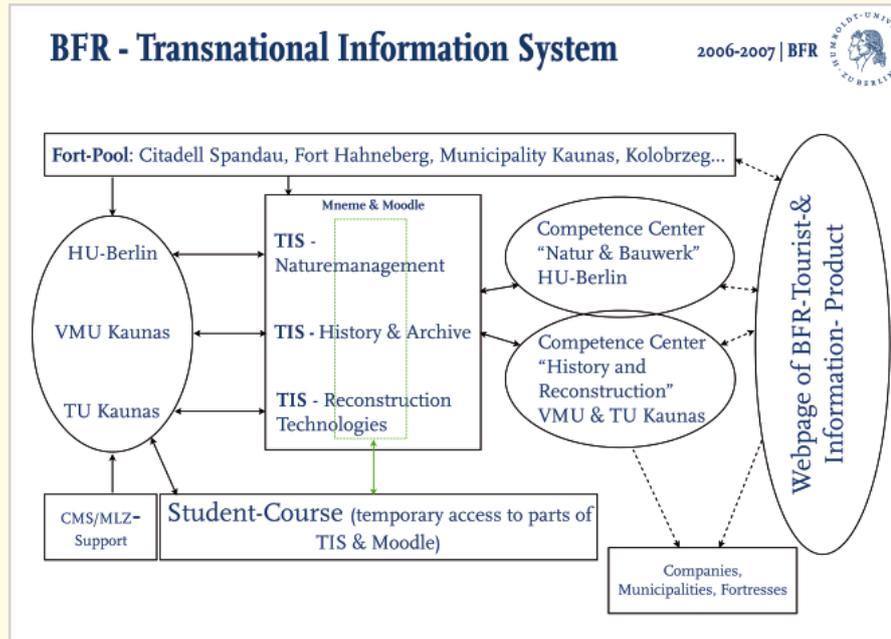
Team of scientists and coordinators

EXCELLENT SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT



Transnational Information System -TIS- started Fast growing central database

The Transnational Information-System (TIS) has attracted great interest. Situated at the Humboldt-University Berlin, the databank holds more than 2000 titles, pictures and object photos for the topic "Fortresses in the Baltic Sea Region". The databank is growing with the continuous feeding of project- and fortress-relevant data. Thus, all project information is stored and documented electronically. This documentation includes all presentations, reports and not to forget descriptions of each of the fortresses with pictures, text and planning documents of the project phase. They are mostly based on archive research.



Scientific Conference Kaunas Kaunas Declaration passed

The International Scientific Conference under the theme "Research, conservation, reconstruction and financing of fortresses" took place from March 21st to 23rd, 2007 in Kaunas / Lithuania. Contributors were invited and came from many European countries. All together, 33 contributors and 100 professionals took part, which shows a high interest in this thematic matter. The participants came from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Sweden, the Netherlands, Denmark, Great Britain, Hungary and Italy.

As regards the content of the conference topic, it can be divided into three large blocks: History and Architecture, Restoration and Nature Management and as the third the use of fortifications. In three sessions, presentations about the basic principles were held. In the afternoon of the second conference day, a discussion and closing ceremony followed the passing of the declaration of Kaunas. An absolute majority of the participants agreed with the following: fortresses present a European Cultural Heritage; in the future, more has to be done to conserve and meaningfully use this heritage. Especially the state of historical fortress conservation in countries along the Eastern European borders is mostly way below any European standards.

Database TIS-excerpt from the inventory



Aside from functioning as a documentation instrument, TIS works as an information platform. Across borders, presentation und publications are collected and feed into the memory. This enables everyone to get information about the state of affairs concerning restoration techniques and for solving problems of monument conservation at any time. It also gives information to inventory and historical data management.

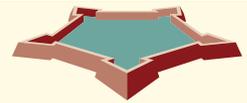


Left:
Close attention during the plenary session

Below:
Opening of the Scientific Conference Kaunas on March 21st, 2007 by the Dean of the Humanitarian Science Department Prof. Dr. habil. Ruta Marcinkeviciene at the University Kaunas



At the end of the conference, a sight-seeing of the fortification in Kaunas took place. The city complies with the best requirements: the fortress was built by the Russians at the end of the 19th century as a cache fortress to defend Russia's Western borders against the German Reich or Prussia. The whole conference took place under the directory of a science committee. Sc. Coordinator Dr. H.-R. Neumann was the head of the committee.



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF WORK PACKAGES TO CULTURE TOURISM IN BALTIC FORTRESSES

Contribution of WP 2: Nature development and nature management

Dr. habil. Frank Riesbeck, Berlin

Nature has two important meanings for fortress tourism:

- As part of a defensive fortification, like ramparts, moats and foreland for a clear shooting field
- As a disadvantage for the monument

Because military kept the sites closed to public, nature successively took over the site. Now many fortresses offer a rich nature, flora and fauna. This wild nature around the monuments attracts many tourists. It must be sustained on this high quality level and at the same time carefully made accessible.

Through scientific and engineering research, partly done as student work, programs for nature management in some of the fortresses were developed. Thus, it increases the attractiveness of the Baltic fortresses for tourism.

In the fortress Peitz and the Spandau Citadel research was carried out on the interaction of nature and monument in the conflict with nature conservation policies. This research was necessary to get the permission to cut bushes, take away trees and especially Hedera from the walls. Hedera is responsible for most of the destruction of the outer walls of the monuments. Thus, this research presents an important contribution to monument conservation.



Nature concept for Fort No V Kaliningrad

Similar research on the destruction of monuments by nature and on the conflict between nature and monument conservation was carried out in the fortresses Hahneberg, Gorgast, Kaunas and Kaliningrad. Results were analyzed and solutions to the problems were worked out.

At the same time the beauty of nature and the high biodiversity needs to be made carefully accessible to the tourists. "Flora and Fauna in European Fortresses" is a topic to expand the potentials for tourist offers.

As a result of work package 2, concepts for nature paths were worked out for the Spandau Citadel, the fortresses Hahneberg, Gorgast, Fort No V in Kaunas and Fort No V in Kaliningrad. They go in line with nature conservation policies.

These concepts work for many fortress sides in the Baltic Sea Region and all over Europe. The results of WP 2 are documented on the homepage.



Tourism concept for Fort No V Kaunas

Contribution of WP 3: Utilization and management methods

Pjotr Stoppa, Gdańsk

Work package 3 concentrated on two challenges to increase fortress tourism during its work:

- Promotion of qualified culture and leisure offers in the interesting setting of fortresses
- Improvement of the management quality and vision of cultural and tourist utilization of the monuments

Good management is the key to success

Fortifications are managed in many different forms and ways. Some of the forts of the Baltic Fort Route still don't have a functional organization. WP 3 analyzed the existing forms of management in Europe and published them in a documentation.

This Handbook of best practices offers effective management structure aids not only to fortresses of the Baltic Fort Route, but to other fortresses in the Baltic Sea Region and in Europe. Thus, the legal form of management is here less important.

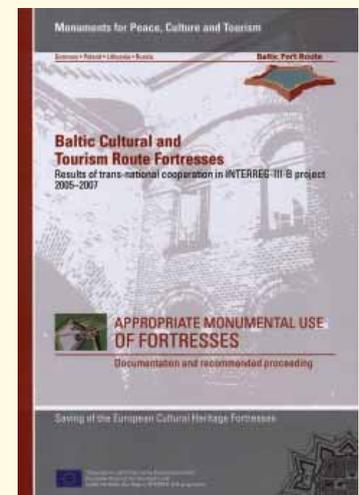
Only a fortification managed by an organization and by people who are focused on the development of this fortification, will be successful. Dispersion of aims and lack of skilled labour leads to a slower development and sometimes even to a degradation. This problem can be observed mainly in Eastern Europe where many fortifications are owned by municipalities with no separate manager.

Quality of utilization - responsible for attractiveness of a fortress

The way of utilization of fortification is the vital point for its tourism attractiveness. Each fortification should have a vision, or even a strategy for its development made on the basis of analysis of strengths and weaknesses as well conditions of the environment. At the same time a concept of the utilization of a fortification should be prepared. During the project, three utilization concepts were worked out: for the Citadel Berlin Spandau, for Forts No V in Kaunas and Kaliningrad, based on many researches and analysis. Rules of monument protection, condition of present infrastructure, the capacity of the buildings and the area, possibilities of reaching the fortress and much more had to be taken into consideration.

At present, fortifications are utilized in many ways. They function as museums, are used for events, concerts, workshops for artists and craftsmen, as places for conferences and seminars, green areas, sports etc.

WP 3 gave important input for the development of culture tourism in Baltic fortifications. Exchange of experiences in management and utilization influenced future development of fortifications and tourism in Baltic Sea Region.



WP 3-publication "Appropriate monumental use of Fortresses"



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*Second session of seminar
"Utilization Concepts in Fortresses"
in Citadel Berlin-Spandau*



The assistant General Director of "Cultural Heritages Rhineland-Palatinate", Dr. J. Glatz, talked about the reconstruction of the provisions depot Mainz

Following the Königstein-Seminar from the year 2006, the second utilization seminar took place at the Spandau Citadel on June 5th and 6th, 2007 under the directory of the Viadrina-University in Frankfurt / Oder and the German Society for Fortress Research e.V. (DGF). Well-known contributors from Germany and the Netherlands presented examples of well used fortresses and also talked about the obstacles on the way to such a goal. A conference transcript presenting the results from the seminar is available at the Spandau Citadel.

WP 1-Meeting in Nowy Dwór Mazowiecki, Fortress Modlin



The last workshop for WP 1 took place from April 22nd to 24th, 2007 in Modlin.

The mayor of the City, Mr. Kowalski, welcomed the 11 participants. Under the direction of the WP-Manager Dr. Rakutis the two PDP's Modlin and Kołobrzeg were discussed and partly finished. Looking at their construction, the TIS- and TDICF-structures were discussed.



Tourist Infrastructure and Service improved: Information Centre in Fort Gorgast opened

With the investments of the INTERREG-III-B-projects Baltic Fort Route (small scale investments) the partner association Fort Gorgast renovated the rooms in the gate lodge of the fort. Technical features were modernized and an information center was installed. The chairman of the association Andreas Werk and the assistant mayor Mr M. Heinsohn opened the rooms on April 21st, 2007 with a special ceremony. The conditions for communication and customer care improved considerably. With only a little effort the rooms can be effectively used to control who enters and leaves the fort.



Opening ceremony with soldiers

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