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Semantic Web and Ontology Design for Cultural Heritage

The Heritage Digital Twin

Work in Progress towards its semantic definition and applicability

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To document Cultural Heritage we believe that we must start from Heritage, understand it and then structure knowledge accordingly.

So, let's start!

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A long time ago in an island far, far away...

A.D. 1468 - It is a period of war. Ottoman battleships,

A.D. 1468 - a series of misfortunate events

- King James II de Lusignan, king of Cyprus, marries Caterina Cornaro, a noble Venetian.
- 1473 James II dies in unclear circumstances, followed by his infant son a year later.
- 1474 Caterina Cornaro becomes Queen of Cyprus.
- 1489 Caterina is forced to abdicate, the Republic of Venice sends a governor to the island.





Tiziano Vecellio - Caterina Queen of Cyprus Galleria degli Uffizi

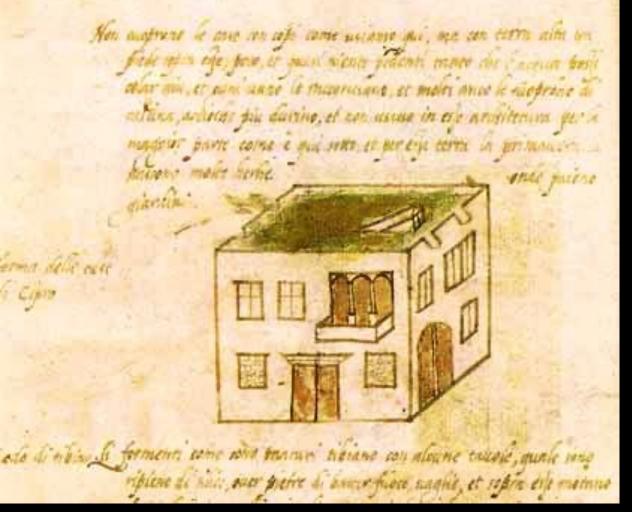


Venetian rule over Cyprus: 1489 - 1571

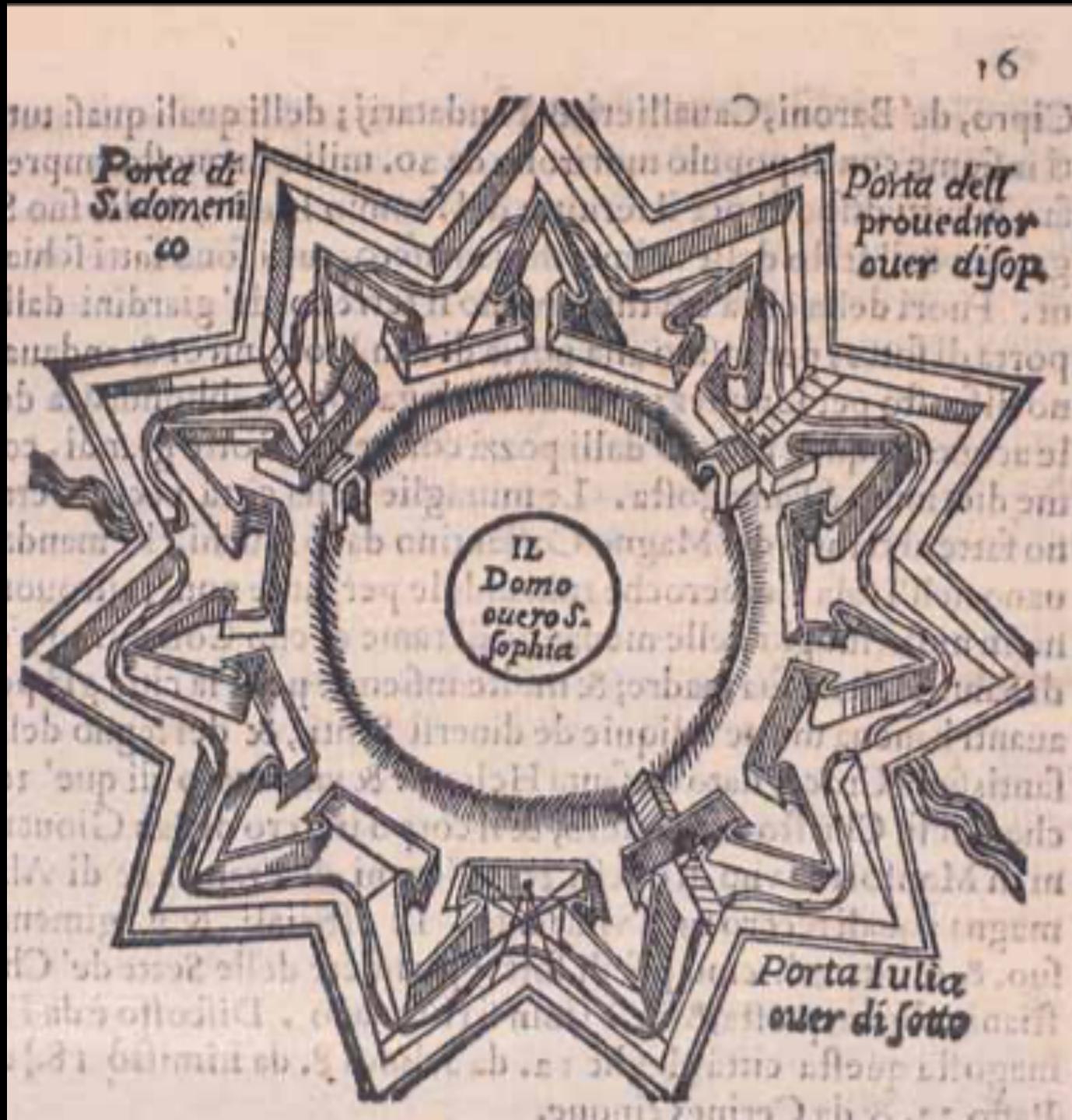
Domenico Tintoretto Portrait of Giulio Savorgnan wearing armour



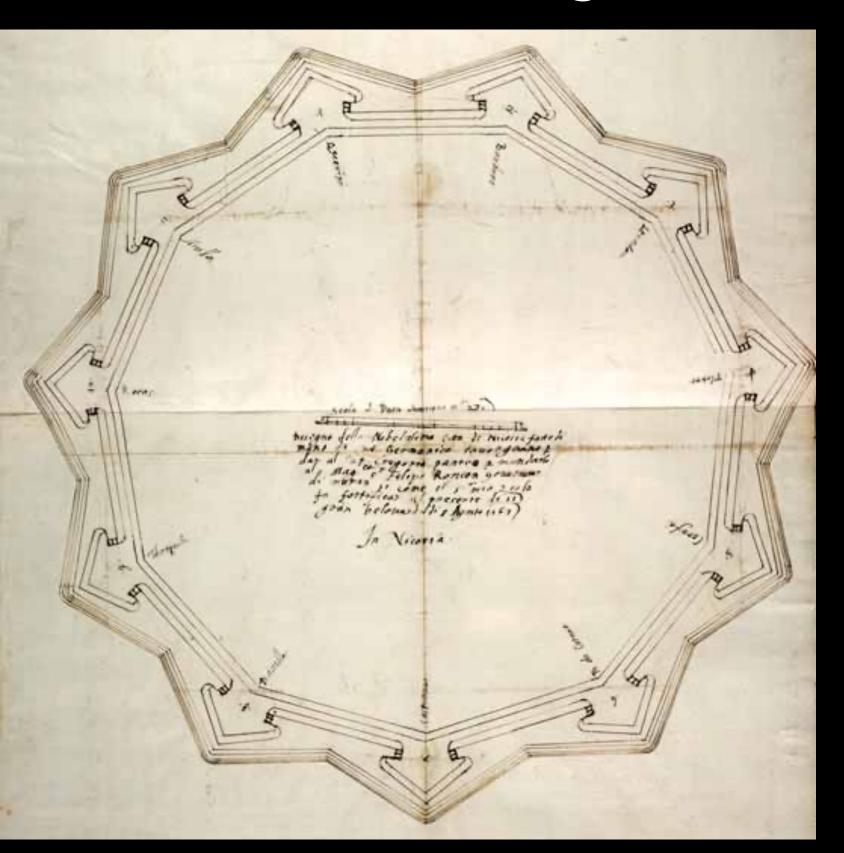
The Venetians rebuild the city

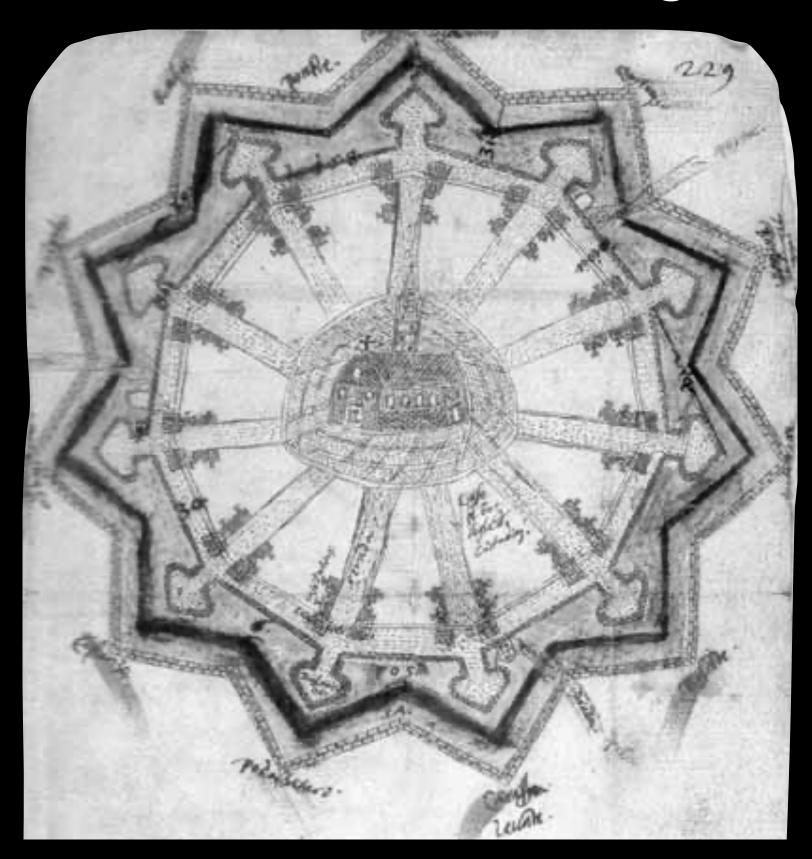






Germanico Savorgnan, Nicosia enceinte, 8 August 1567





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Disegno della nobelissima città di Nicosia fatto di mano di me Germanico Savorgnano, per dar al Capitanio Gregorio Pantea, per mandarlo al Magnifico Signor Felipo Roncon governator di Maran, si come il Signor mio zio la fa fortificar al presente di 11 gran belovard, il di 8 agosto 1567. In Nicosia. Rochas ± Pon[en]te ± [?] ± Quirini ± porta ± Tripoli ± 30 ± 158 ± 31 ± 10.10.10 ± Barbaro ± [?] ± 30 ± case de soldati ± strada ± Case et boteghe di cittadini ± Costanzo ± cav[allier]o ± baluardo ± 05 ± ponte ± Podochataro ± Caraffa ± Leva[n]te ± strada ± porta ± Besa[n]te. Da gola a gola passa no 280 \pm Da gola a fiancho no 36 \pm Dalla punta del baloardo al fiancho passa no 214 \pm El fiancho con la strada no 30 \pm El fiancho solo no 11 \pm [D]a fiancho [a] fianch[o] no 158 \pm A far la fronte dil baloardo si piglia la mezzaria della cortina con le 30 passa della spalla \pm A far lo rechion si fa otto passa de dentro [...] alli 11 passa de dritta linea al principio del altro rechion et in capo dalle otto passa si mette una squadra, et si fanno passa sette et mezzo, et li nasce il centro del rechion, si fa per diametro passa no 15 \pm La larghezza della [...] appresso il per[a]pedo passa no 15 \pm La larghezza del parapetto passa no 10 \pm La molada appresso la strada no 10 \pm La fossa si fa passa fondi no 6 \pm L'altezza del terren retirado di sopra no 6 \pm La larghezza della fossa alla punta del baloardo in squadra passa no 21 \pm La ditta fossa alla mezzaria della ditta cortina no 31.

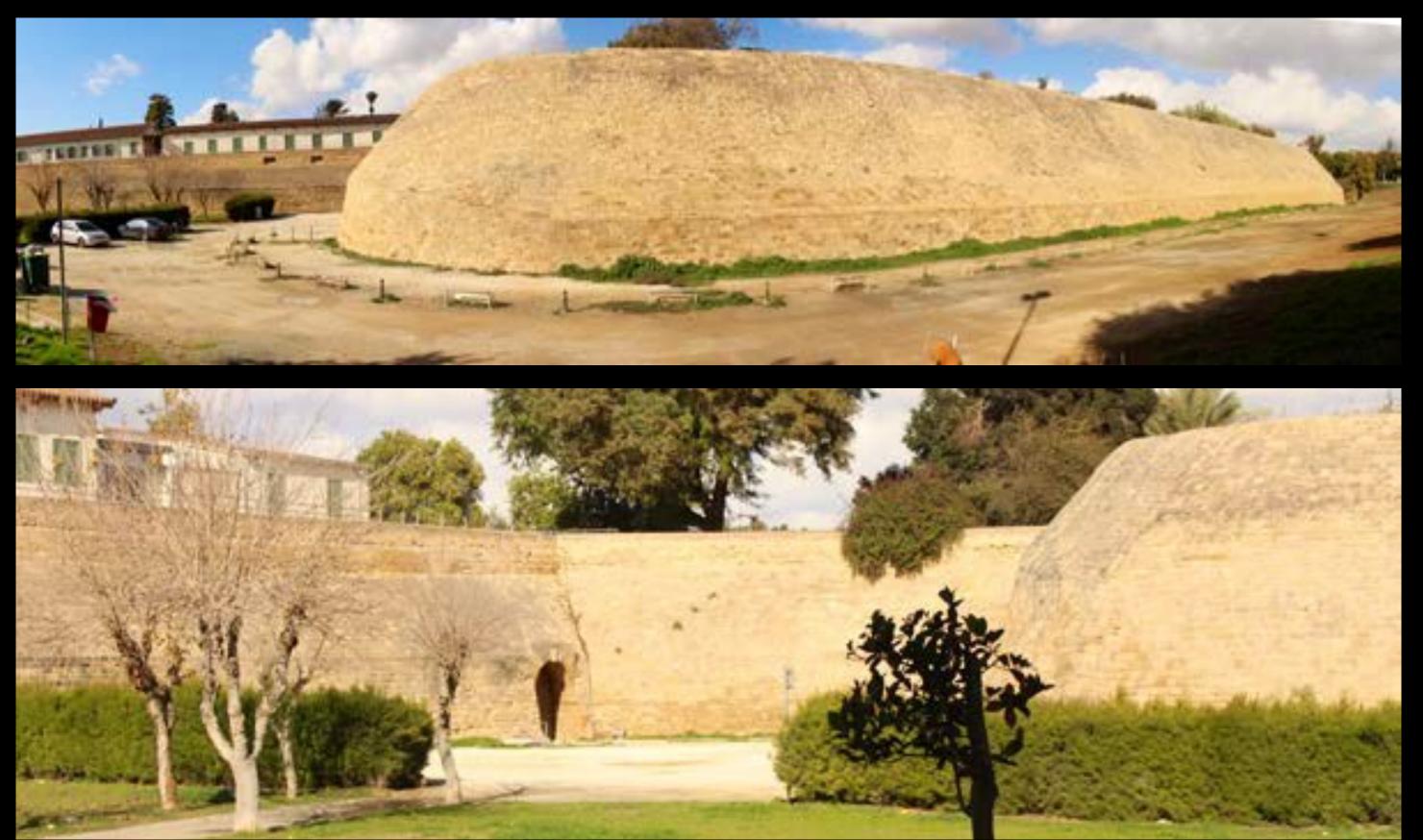
The new layout of the city - a European Renaissance plan

The fortifications are innovative for the period - later to be copied elsewhere (e.g. Palmanova)



The defence system







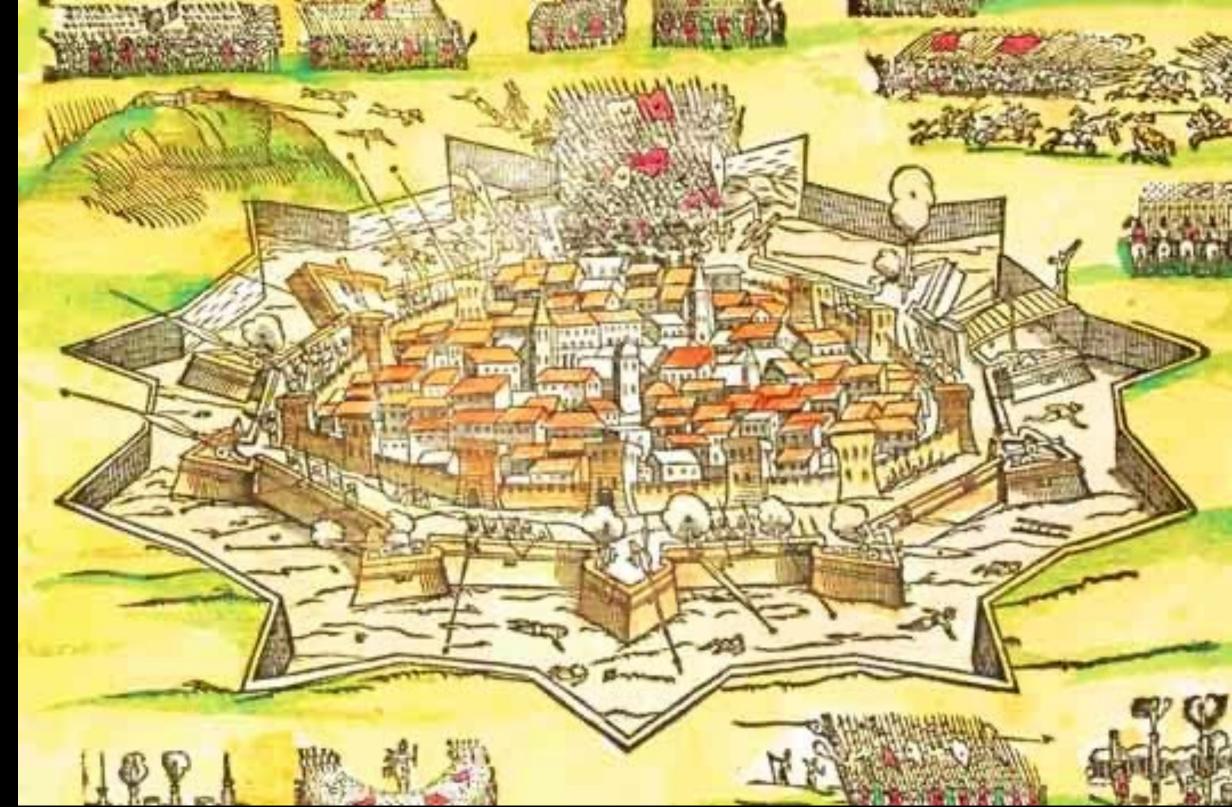


Some of the bastions



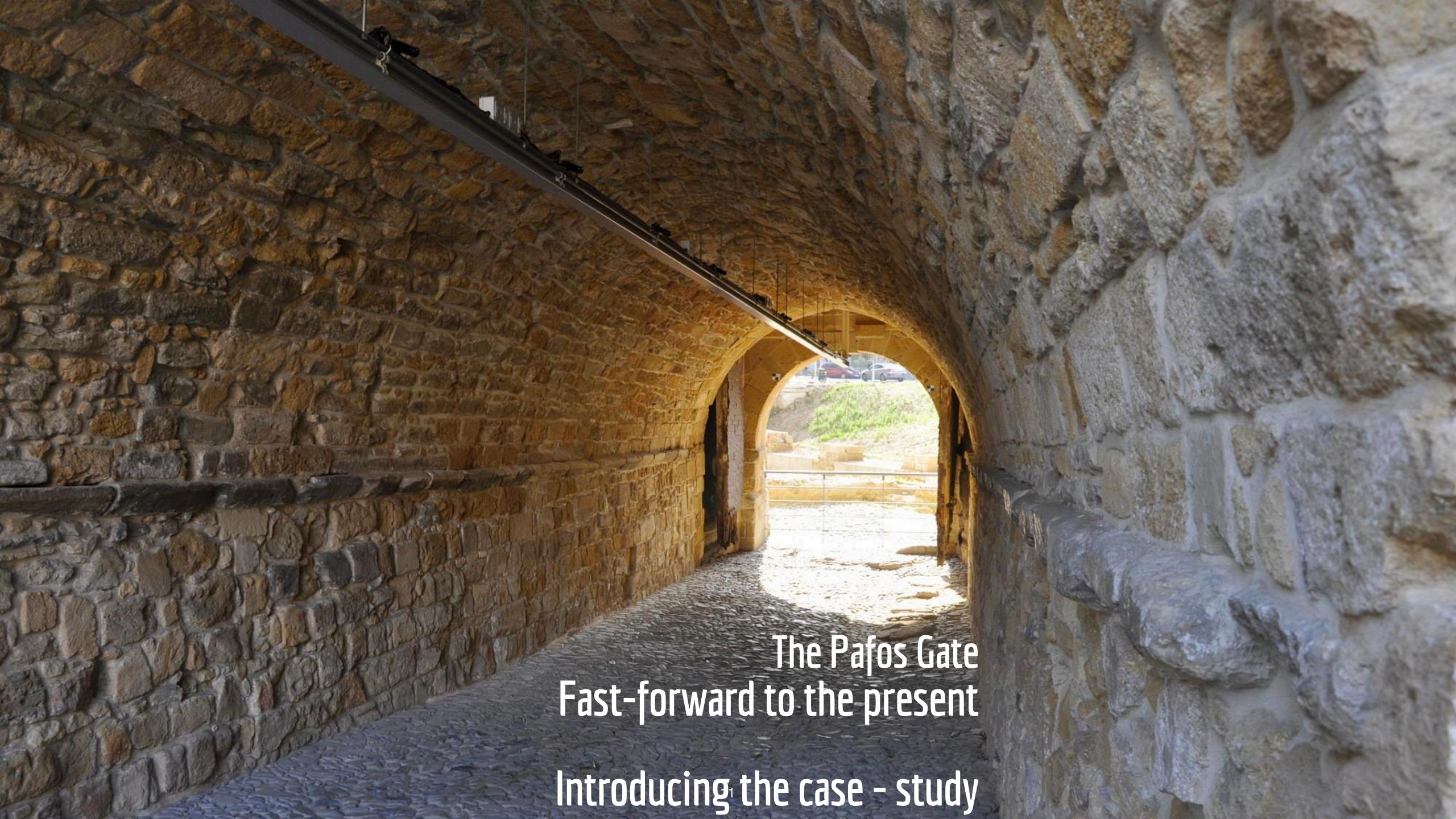






The city fell on September 9, 1570;

20,000 Nicosians were put to death, and every church, public building, and palace was looted.

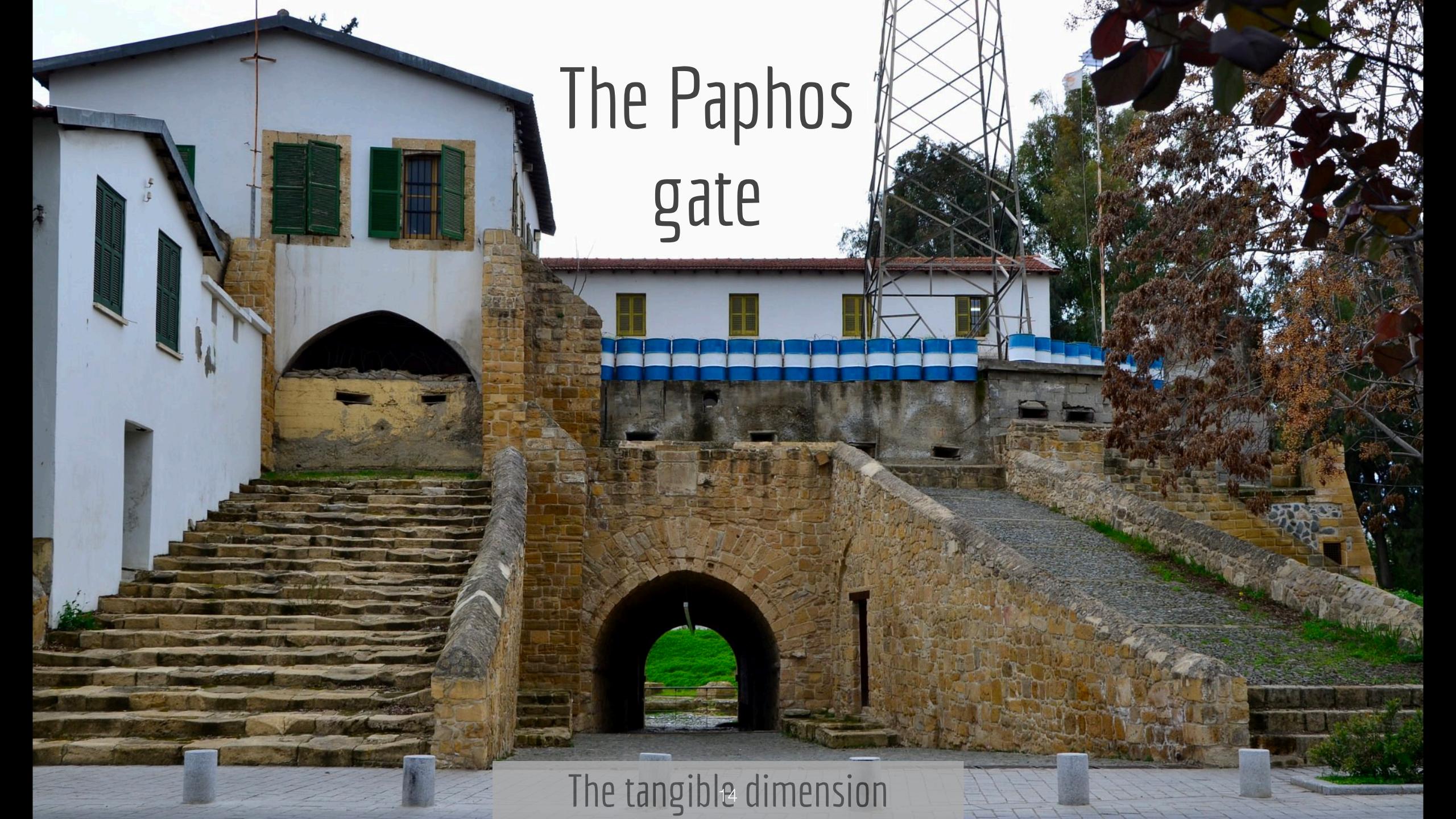


Introducing the case-study

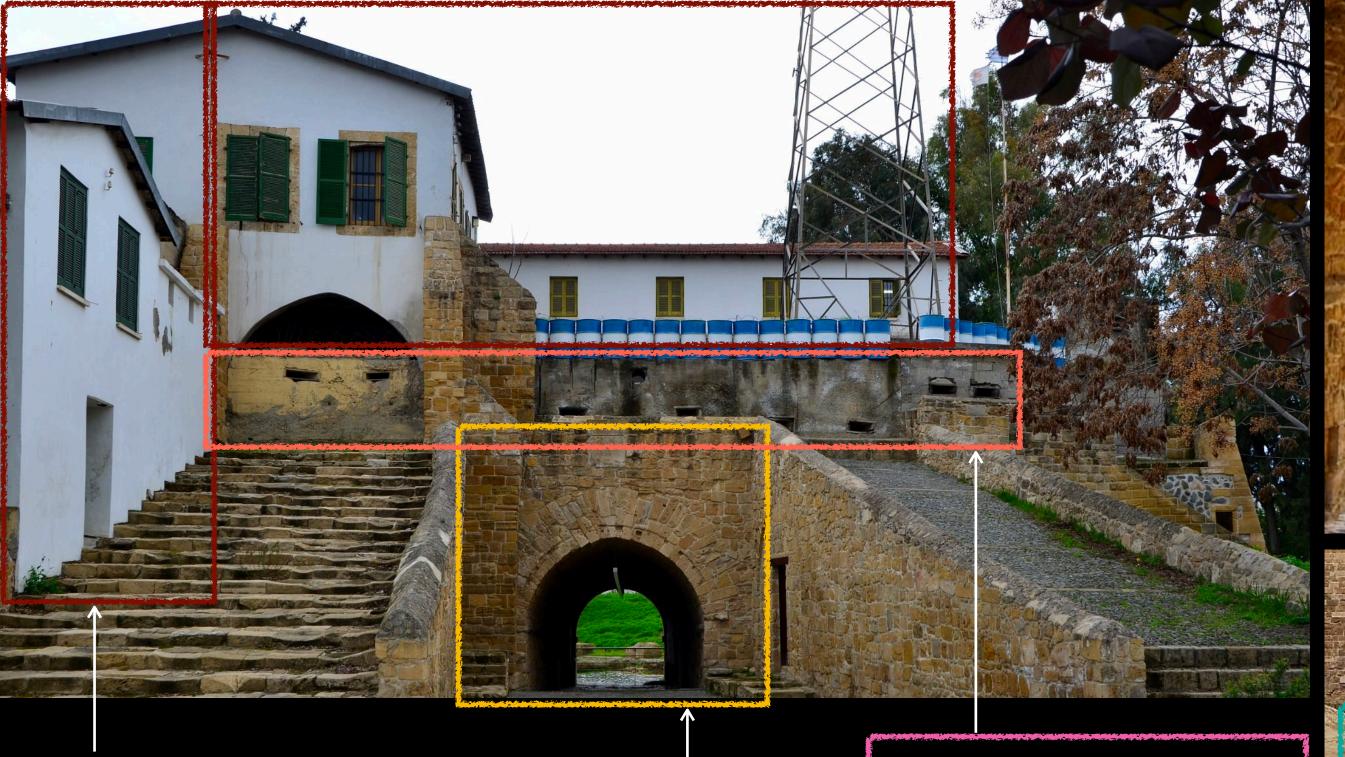
- The Paphos Gate (Πύλη Πάφου), or the Gate of St Domenic, named after the medieval monastery of St Domenic, which housed the second Lusignan royal palace, was built by the Venetians (16th century) over an old Gate (12th century) now below ground level.
- It served all the roads connecting the western to the eastern parts of the island.
- During the British Colonial period, a section of the Venetian wall was opened to allow the ever-increasing flow of traffic and the gate was closed by the British in 1879.
- The buildings on top of the Gate functioned as "artillery barracks", today under the aegis of the Divisional Police Headquarters and the Fire Brigade.

The gate from outside the walls







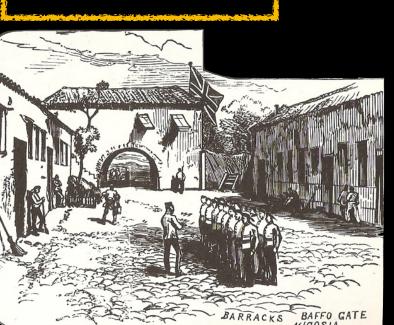


Police and firemen buildings
Ex (Ottoman and later British military barracks)

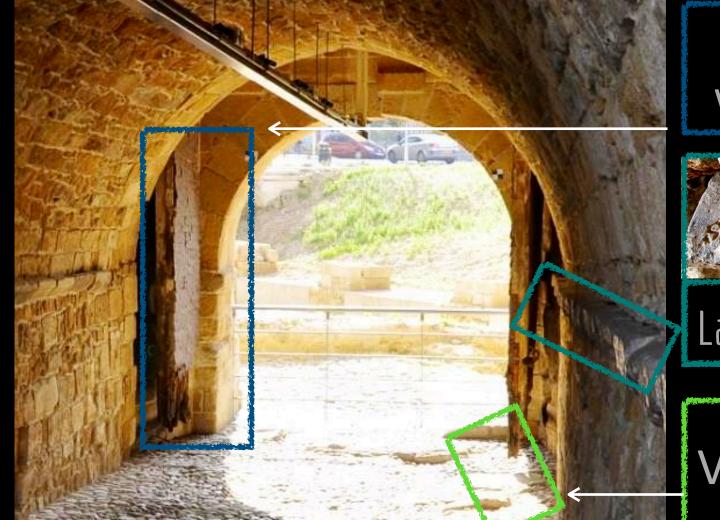


The gate (ca. 1568, with an addition in 1879)

Casemates built during fights against the Turkish army (ca. 1974)







Venetian city gates (built with earlier re-used wood)



Venetian sewage system

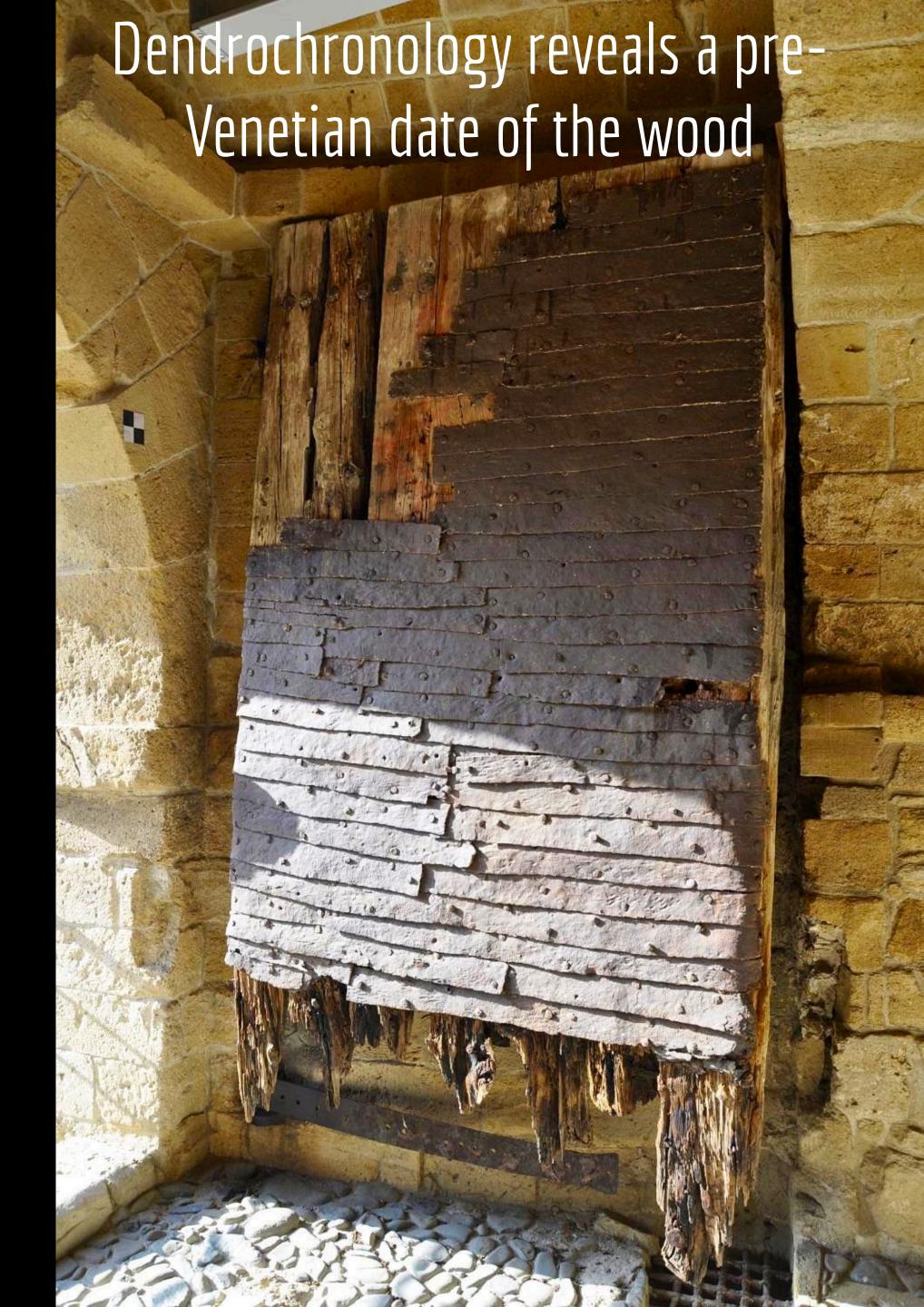


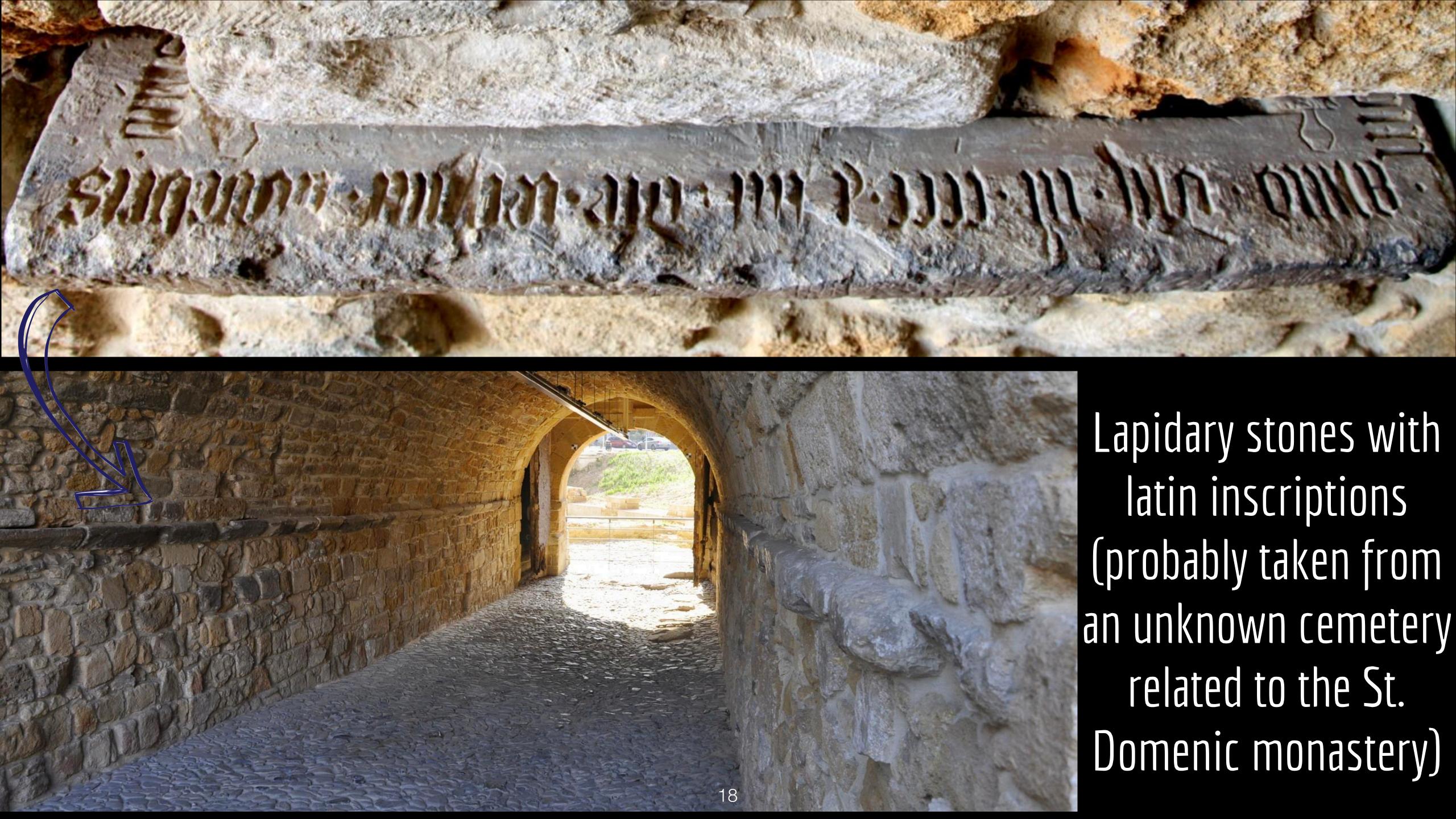
Ottoman Aqueduct

Ancient (undated) bridge

Venetian moat





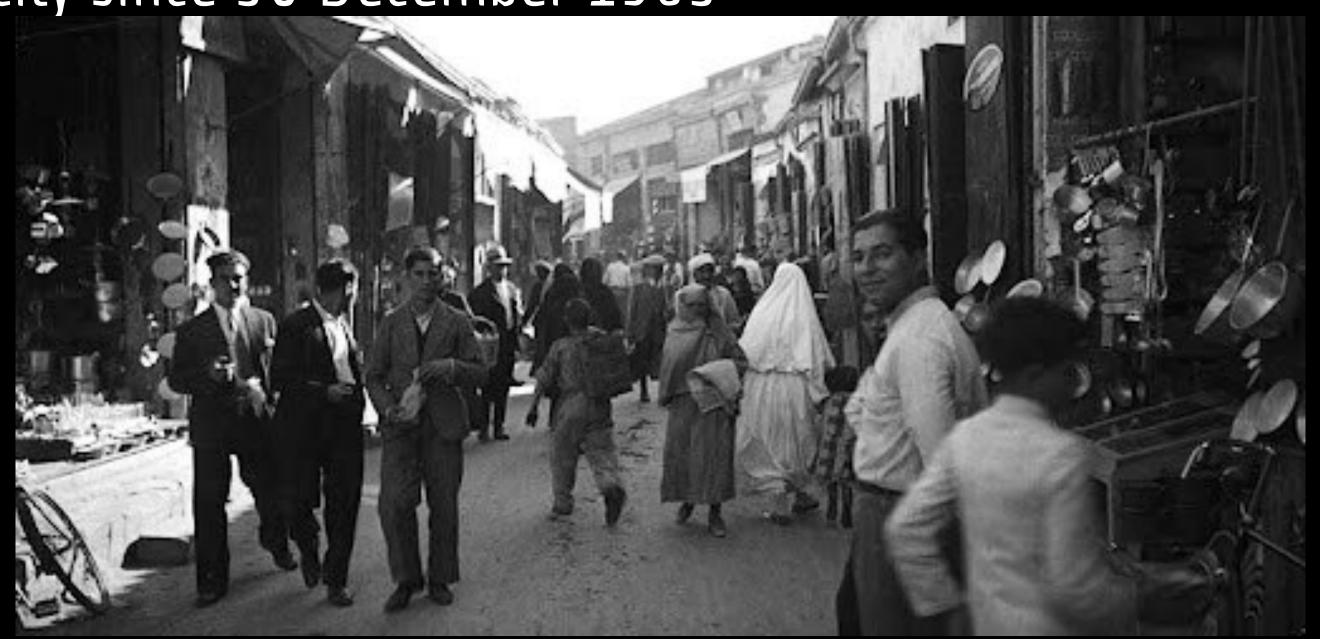




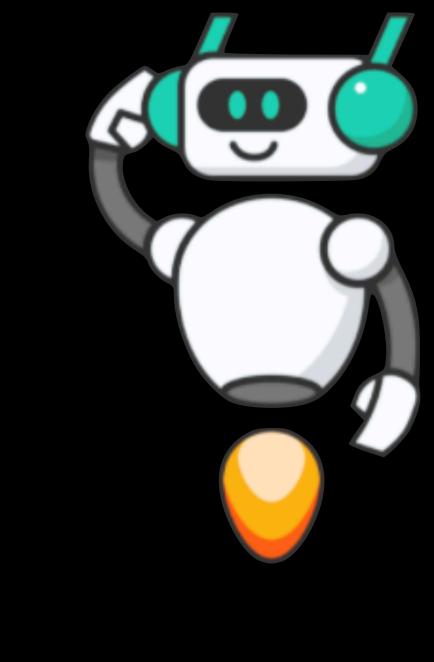
What about The intangible dimension of Heritage?

From co-habitation to segregation Green line dividing the city since 30 December 1963









How to achieve the needed Quality Data for the

An European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage

Introducing the EU-funded initiative 4CH The Competence Centre for the

Conservation of Cultural Heritage



Mission of the Competence Centre

•Advice:

- •Research and cutting-edge digital technologies on the preservation, conservation and sustainable promotion of monuments and sites.
- •Report on the most valuable initiatives, experiences and best practices across Europe and internationally.

•Support:

- •Promote a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to the conservation of CH.
- Facilitate coordination between European Heritage Agencies and CH Institutions and European initiatives.
- •Build an effective partnership to promote the conservation and valorisation of CH.
- •Enable the take up and transfer of research project results by the CH sector.

•Services:

- •Define training and up-skilling programmes for cultural heritage institutions, operators and professionals.
- •Develop consultancy, guidelines and protocols on the use of digital technologies for CH management.

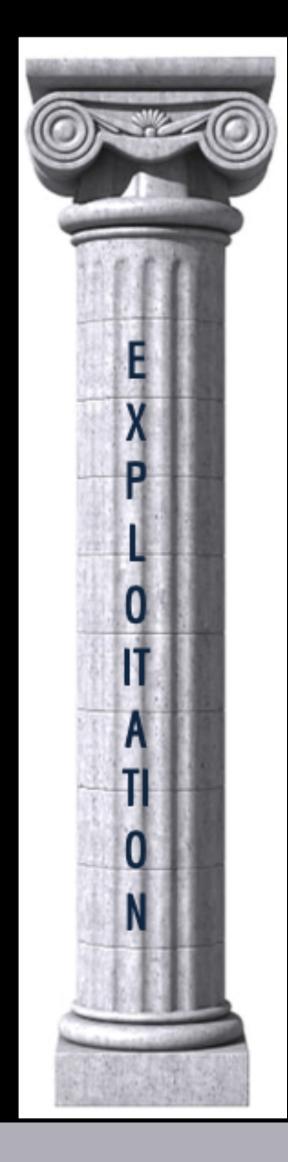


Conceptual structure

- Implementation of a map of risks which can damage Cultural Heritage assets for prioritising preservation and conservation activities
- Cultural Heritage monuments and sites addressed as the sum of their geometric shapes and material properties (tangible aspects), as well as their immaterial aspects (traditions, rituals, etc.), within their natural and anthropic environment.







INTERPRETATION

Classification of risks - natural

(cumulative) processes





Classification of risks - anthropic

intended

heritage crimes

vandalism arson theft illegal excavations illicit traficking collectors

management

modern re-use corruption political quarying

indirect

building / infrastructure / industry

constructions industrial activity transportation pollution mining

other war

land conversion
agriculture forestation

heritage management

neglicence neglect restoration handling tourism industry visitors

built type carved natural studied un-documented investigation / preserved legal status recorded excavated on-ground underwater location underground cave monument, urban / site / context rural landscape landscape fauna biod iversity flora geology current function past stand-alone structure complex ensemble artisanship immaterial social activity aspects performing art

(cumulative) processes

environmental

sea level raise glaciation erosion silting desertification ground-water deposition vibration



*biological*animal migration pest vegetation decay degrade

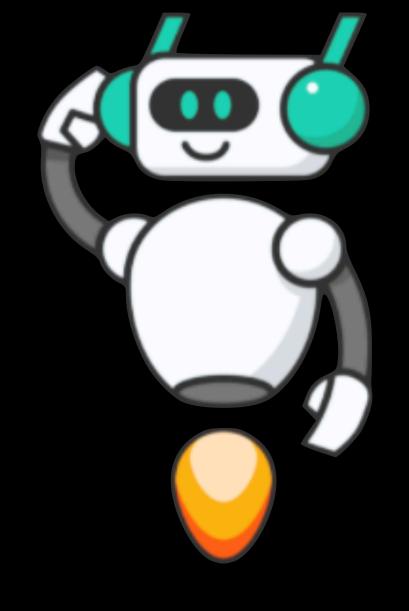




Open Challenges for 4CH

- Documentation:
 - What needs to be documented? What is out there and what is missing?
 - Which are the most suitable and sustainable methods and tools for the needed documentation?
- How to:
 - organise all data collected?
 - define and set a network of sensors to monitor environmental conditions at the site?
 - monitor the state of conservation of the interested sites?
 - define simulation and predictive modelling environments to evaluate what-if scenarios given current climate changes?

Towards a definition of A Digital Twin for Cultural Heritage



research, conservation, preservation, valorisation

Digital Twin - origin

The DT is... a digital informational construct about a physical system created as an entity on its own. This digital information would be a "twin" of the information that was embedded within the physical system itself and be linked with that physical system through the entire lifecycle of the system... (Grieves and Vickers 2017:92) ... such a fusion will ensure a higher flexibility and scalability of manufacturing systems through information technologies, while the digital transformation of enterprises requires the design and application of digital models, i.e. digital twins, which represent a set of knowledge of the real processes (Panetto et al. 2019).

The term was coined by Michael Grieves, of the University of Michigan, during a presentation to industry in 2002, for the formation of a Product Lifecycle Management center.

How GE, P&G, Ford, Toyota, and Other Leading Companies Achieved Dramatic Increases in Productivity and Profit

PRODUCT LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



How NASA, Apple, Boeing and other leading organizations achieve continuing value for themselves and their customers through virtual products.

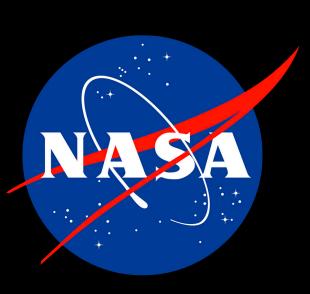
Virtually Perfect



DR. MICHAEL GRIEVES

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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)



Multiphysics, multiscale, probabilistic, ultra-fidelity simulation that reflects, in a timely manner, the state of a corresponding twin based on the historical data, real-time sensor data, and physical model"

(Glaessgen & D.Stargel 2012)".

The Digital Twin for Cultural Heritage

The present - an accumulation of past transformations









"Heterotopic" spaces for simulations of "what if" scenarios

Past Present Future

There is a need to understand past (physical and social) dynamics that shaped the present









environmental monitoring sensors and documentation of changes

Digital twins in urban heritage

A virtual representation that serves as the real-time digital counterpart of a physical object

It has to represent a unique asset in a specific instance of that asset

Conceptualisation and Instantiation

It simulates the physical state and behaviour of the asset.

Geometric, physical and chemical properties

It provides values through visualisation, analysis, prediction and modelling.

Virtual research environment

It updates continuously changes in the state, conditions of contexts of the asset, in order to assure the model mirrors reality and embodies a relational interaction data model.

Sensors monitoring network

Digital Twins conceptual structure

The semantic structure and data

CRMARCHEO CRMBA

CRMDIG CRMHS

The Virtual Research Environment

nD Visualisation

Analysis

Modelling

Simulation

Integration of sensors data and interactivity

Input from monitoring sensors

CH Services (conservation, preservation, exploitation)

Relational interactive model

Properties of The Cultural Heritage Digital Twin

- It exists in a virtual environment
- It connects, through a network of IoT, between the real world and the digital world
- It contains:
 - digital descriptions of an asset existing in the real world in some form (partial, imaginary, complete)
 - the data itself used for the above description
 - tools to update the data and consequently tools to update the digital description
 - tools to manipulate data for simulations, modelling, predictions, calculations, etc.

Properties of The Cultural Heritage Digital Twin

- Different from CAD (that exclusively focuses on the digital world) and IoT (that concentrates on the physical world), DTs are characterised by the two-way interactions between the digital and physical worlds and thereby create new possibilities.
- DTs can be addressed as integrators of both, physical and digital worlds, as well as internal and external processes of value creation.
- The main beneficiaries of DT are "services" (external value creation) and operations (internal value creation).
- The conceptual reference framework for DTs must include therefore:
 - (i) data resources sources, categories and formats
 - (ii) external value creation attributes of the services, level of complexity required and stakeholders profiling
 - (iii) internal value creation lifecycle of CH asset, management and level of actualisation

The Heritage Digital Twin Ontology (HDT)

- Moving beyond HBIM (unable to address intangible and natural dimensions of heritage), we develop a semantic model of the Digital Twin where the knowledge about each asset is organised in a knowledge graph.
- The Heritage Digital Twin (HDT) of a Heritage Asset (HA) is the digital representation of the complex of knowledge about that asset, organised according to a specific, HDT ontology.
- The HDT approach organizes information for retrieval, allowing to access data by a human agent from any point of the knowledge graph that documents the heritage asset.
- Information may also be used for direct machine processing by means of simulation models integrated with the knowledge base. Thus, messages from sensors or from external big data systems may trigger automated actions (e.g. alerts in case of risks).

The Heritage Digital Twin Ontology

- All HDT classes are subclasses of an overarching one, *Heritage Entity*, with no instances. The pivot concepts are the class *Heritage Asset*, corresponding to actual heritage assets (physical, both movable or immovable, immaterial or born digital), and the class *Heritage Digital Twin*, to indicate the whole of the digital information pertaining to the Heritage Asset. The Heritage Digital Twin is related to the Heritage Asset via the property is digital twin of (*has digital twin*).
- Information about the parts forming an asset is relevant also to the whole; parts of a heritage asset may be considered as assets by themselves, and correspondingly the HDT of the whole will incorporate the HDTs of all the parts of the entire heritage asset (e.g. chapels in a church).

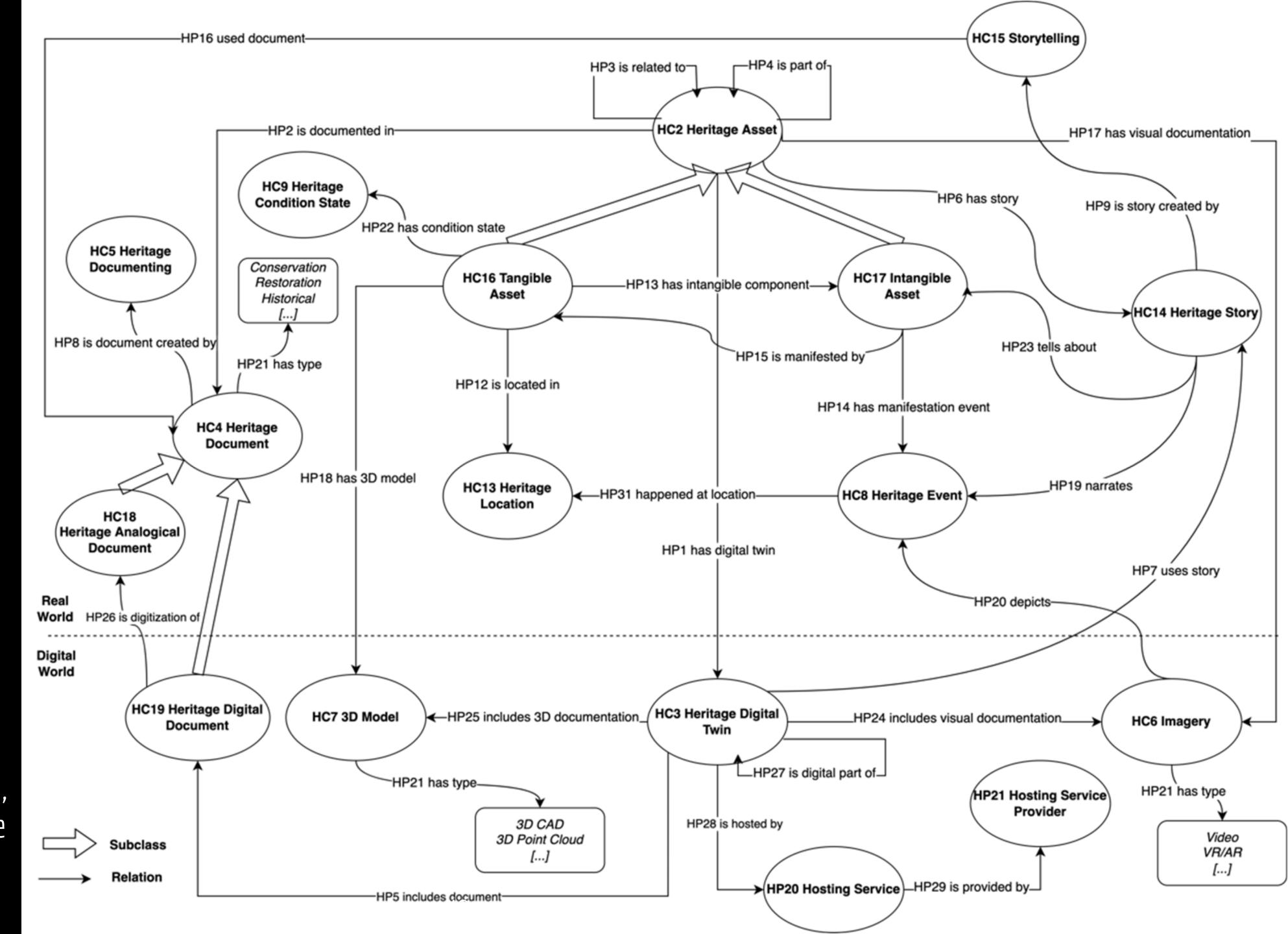
The Heritage Digital Twin Ontology

- The *Heritage Document* class includes all the documentation items pertaining to a Heritage Asset, e.g. born digital or analog objects and sensors data digitized. The property linking *Heritage Asset* to *Heritage Document* is "is documented in" (documents), which may apply to the whole asset or to specific parts of it.
- A *Heritage Asset* has many a *Heritage Story* associated to it. A *Story* includes any kind of witness related to the asset, e.g. a narrative, a historical source, a popular attribution, co-created content. A *Heritage Story* relates tangible heritage assets to their intangible components and to their reference communities and are of paramount importance also for the asset's physical conservation and the safeguard of its intangible value.

HP1 is digital HC2 twin of HC3 Heritage Digital Twin Heritage Asset HC5 The Heritage Event(s) Heritage used device produced had input/ had output Digital HC6 **Digital** Twin Twin data used to create device used to create Data HC4 HC7 Virtual Ontology Device Asset device used to produce

semantic graph of the ontology

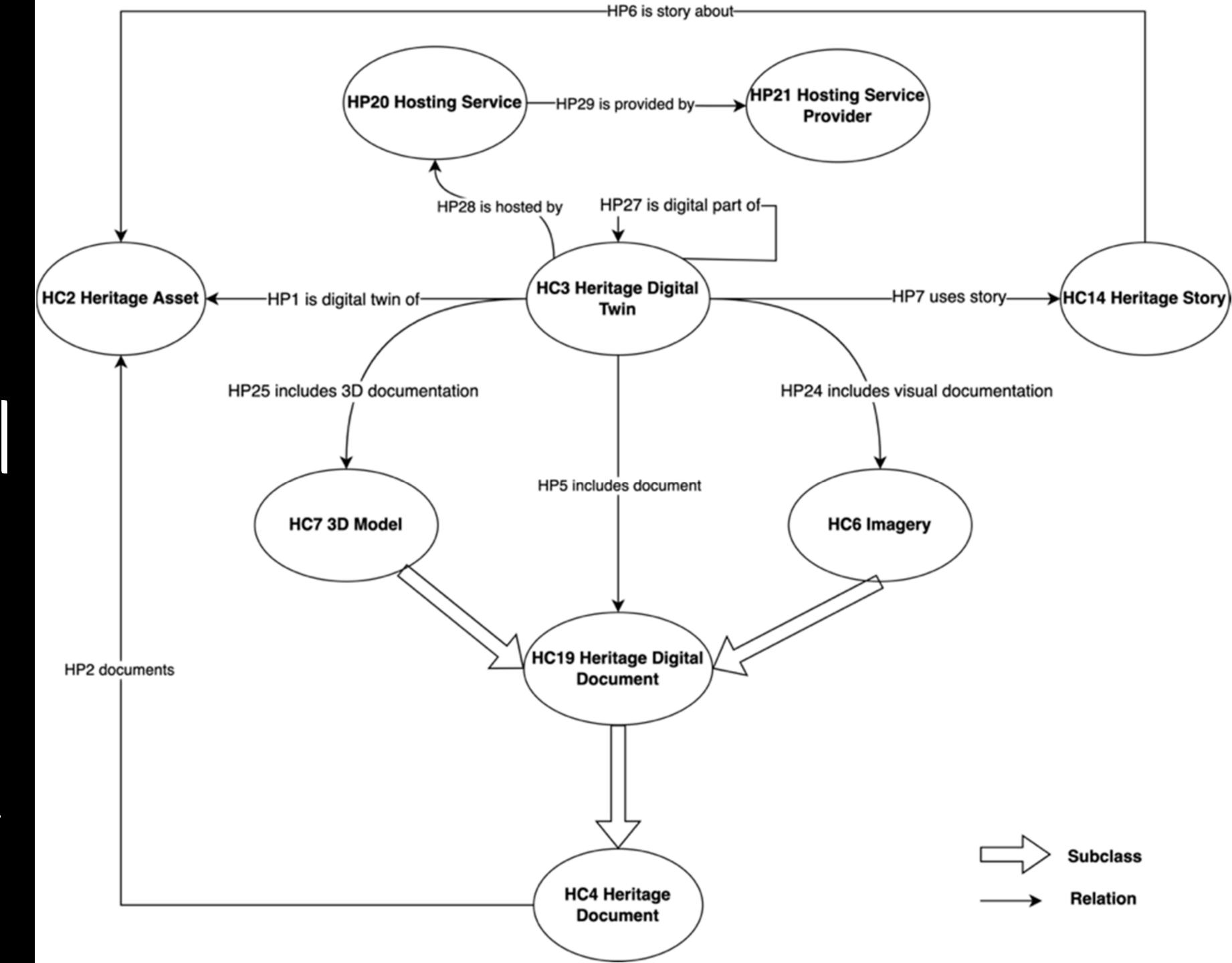
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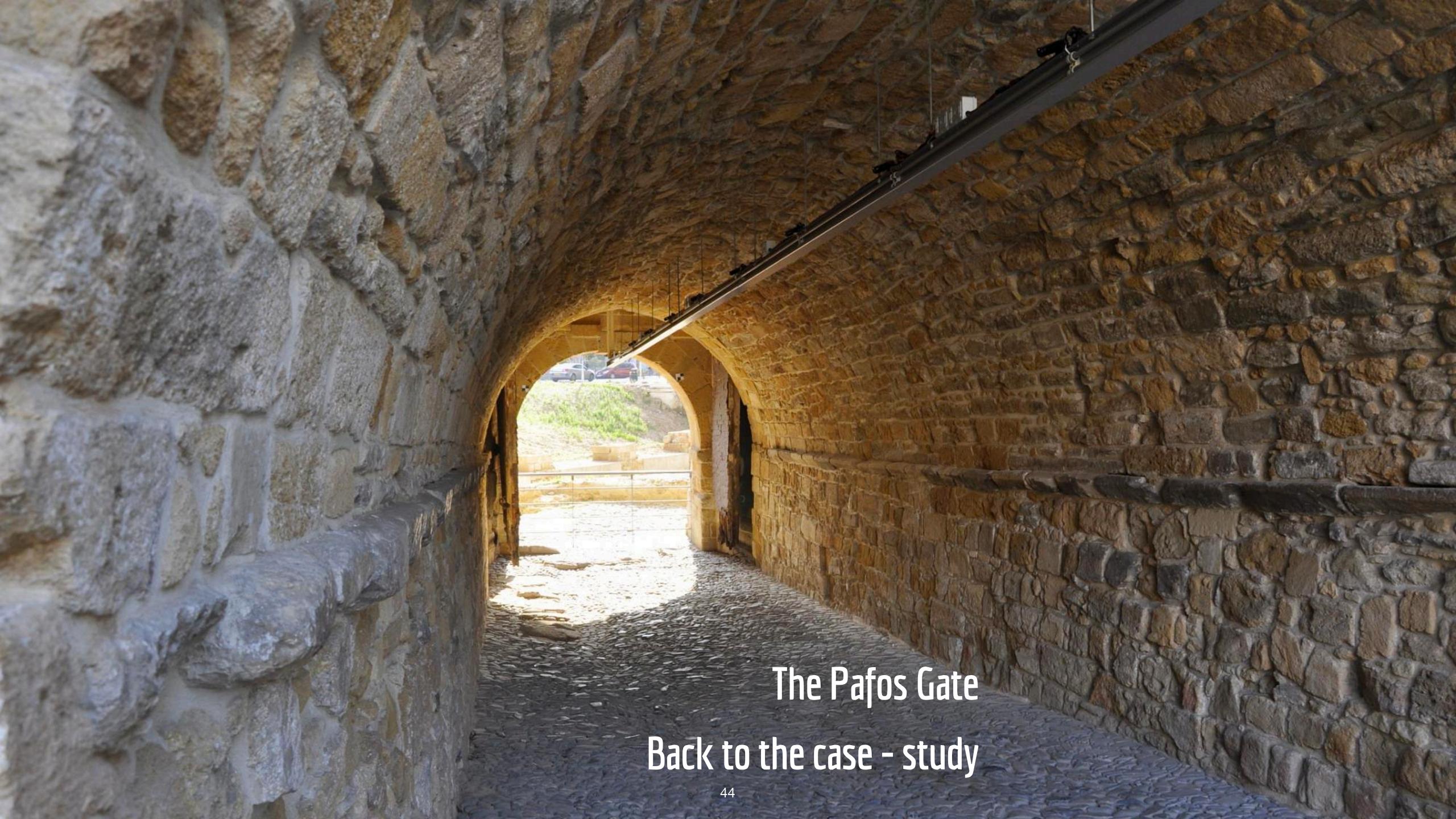


The semantic graph of HC3

Heritage Digital Twin

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an HDT for the Pafos Gate

- The historical documentation of the asset by Giulio Savorgnan and Fra' Stefano Lusignano, both as actual documents and their digital counterpart;
- The visual documentation consisting in drawings and 2D and 3D images;
- Its architectonic components and their characterisation;
- The overall monument of which it is part, i.e., the Nicosia fortifications;
- The names under which it is known and its official identifier, e.g., in the heritage inventory;
- The location where it is placed;
- Stories mentioning the asset, useful for communication and storytelling;
- Intangible components of the Gate.

Pafos Gate (HC16 Tangible Asset)

HP1 has digital twin Pafos Gate Digital Twin (HC3 Heritage Digital Twin)

HP2 is documented in Pafos Gate Documentation Folder (HC4 Heritage Document)

HP2 is documented in Giulio Savorgnan's Letters (HC18 Heritage Analogical Document)

HP2 is documented in Giulio Savorgnan Drawings (HC18 Heritage Analogical Document)

HP2 is documented in Fra' Stefano Lusignano's Chronography (HC18 Heritage Analogical Document)

HP3 is related to Nicosia Venetian Fortification System (HC16 Tangible Asset)

HP4 is formed by part Pafos Gate Doors (HC16 Tangible Asset)

HP4 is part of Nicosia Venetian Fortification System (HC16 Tangible Asset)

HP4 is part of Police/Firemen Headquarters (HC16 Tangible Asset)

HP6 has story Pafos Gate Story (HC14 Heritage Story)

Pafos Gate (HC16 Tangible Asset)

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HP6 has story Pafos Gate Story (HC14 Heritage Story)
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HP10 is identified by "DoAIN2022" (HC11 Heritage Identifier)

HP30 is titled "The Pafos Gate" (HC12 Heritage Title)

HP30 is titled "High Gate" (HC12 Heritage Title)

HP30 is titled "Porta San Domenico" (HC12 Heritage Title)

HP12 is located in Nicosia, Cyprus (HC13 Heritage Location)

HP13 has intangible component Tanners and Dyers Commerce (HC17 Intangible Asset)

HP14 has manifestation event Activity of Tanners and Dyers Workshops (HC8 Heritage Event)

HP31 happened at location Nicosia, Cyprus (HC13 Heritage Location)

HP17 has visual documentation Pafos Gate Tunnel Image (HC6 Imagery)

HP18 has 3D model Pafos Gate Laser Scanning (HÇ7 3D Model)

Pafos Gate Digital Twin (HC3 Heritage Digital Twin)

HP5 includes document **Pafos Gate Documentation** (HP19 Heritage Digital Document) HP8 is document created by **Pafos Gate Documenting Activity** (HC5 Heritage Documenting) HP5 includes document Scan of Giulio Savorgnan's Letters (HP19 Heritage Digital Document) HP26 is digitization of **Giulio Savorgnan's Letters** (HC18 Heritage Analogical Document) HP7 uses story **Pafos Gate Story** (HC14 Heritage Story) HP24 includes visual documentation **Pafos Gate Tunnel Image** (HC6 Imagery) HP25 includes 3D documentation **Pafos Gate Laser Scanning** (HC7 3D Model) HP21 has type 3D Point Cloud (crm:E55 Type)

HP28 is hosted by **STARC Repository** (HC20 Hosting Service)
HP29 is provided by The Cyprus Institute (HC21 Hosting Service Provider)

Pafos Gate Story (HC14 Heritage Story)

HP9 is story created by Correspondence between Giulio Savorgnan and Venetian Officials (HC15 Storytelling)

HP16 used document Giulio Savorgnan's Letters (HC18 Heritage Analogical Document)

HP9 is story created by Fra Stefano Lusignano's Narration (HC15 Storytelling)

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HP8 is document created by Pafos Gate 3D Modelling Activity (HC5 Heritage Documenting)

Instances, Classes and Descriptions

Instance: Pafos Gate Digital Twin

Instance of Class: HC3 Heritage Digital Twin

Instance Description: http://public.cyi.ac.cy/starcRepo/explore/objects Pafos Gate collection

Instance: Pafos Gate Documentation Folder

Instance of Class: HC4 Heritage Document

Instance Description: Folder containing all material on the study of the gate in order to develop a 3D virtual environment, as part of the rehabilitation plan of the Nicosia municipality to transform the area into a visitable archaeological park.

Instance: Pafos Gate Documenting Activity

Instance of Class: HC5 Heritage Documenting

Instance Description: The activity of collecting or digitizing documents concerning the Pafos Gate

Instance: Pafos Gate 3D Modelling Activity

Instance of Class: HC5 Heritage Documenting

Instance Description: Activity of creating 3D models of the various architectonic components of the Gate

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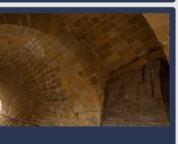
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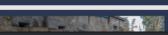




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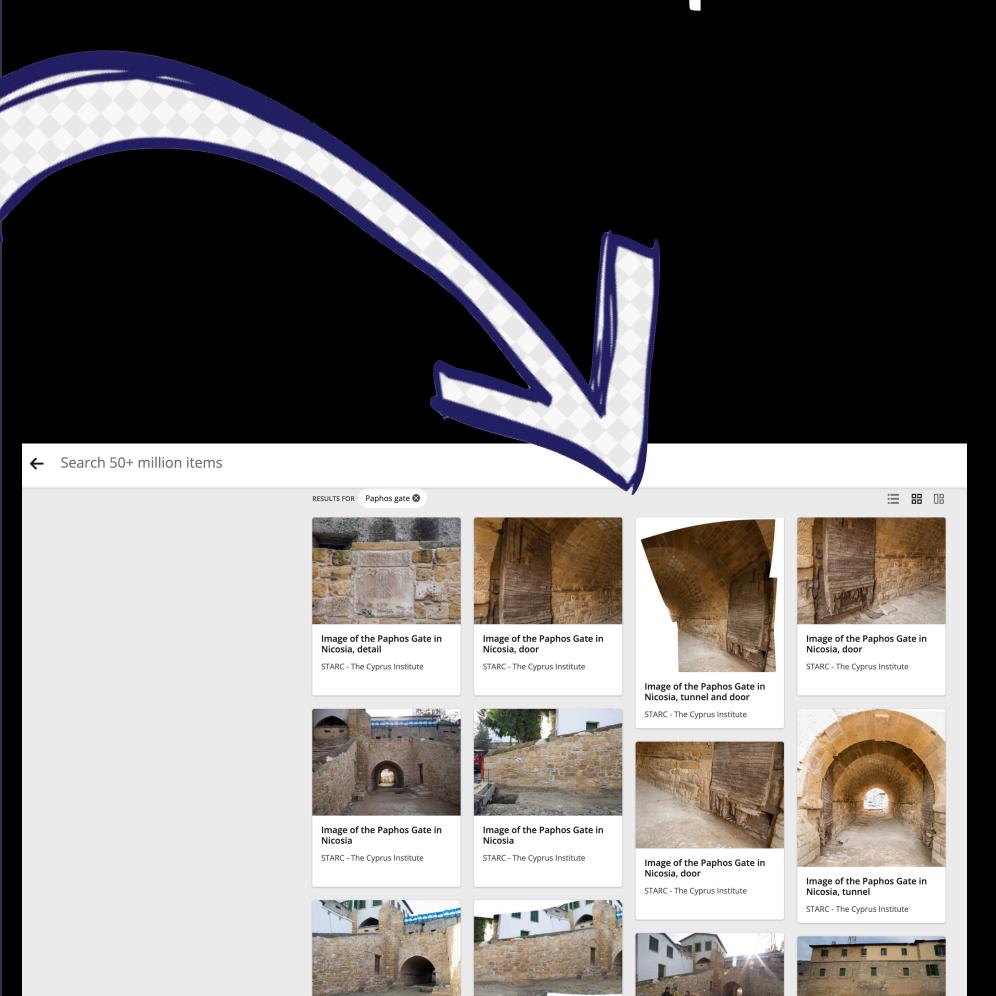


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Paphos Gate in Nicosia, coat of arms, Structure-From-Motion





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creation_date: 2014-06-24

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Cultural heritage asset »

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The Paphos gate



Summary

- The HDT ontology primarily aims at organizing and managing digital information on heritage, in order to produce what the EU Commission calls "high quality records" in the Recommendation on a common European data space for Cultural Heritage.
- Such high quality records require rich, high-quality metadata, as those implemented by the HDT ontology proposed here.
- It relies on and is fully compliant with the CIDOC CRM international standard.
- Using the HDT ontology enables interoperability and reuse, making heritage data FAIR.
- It supports the creation of a distributed system, a federation of European Heritage storage and cloud facilities.
- It enables linking with other economic sectors such as tourism and creative industries and supports the development of advanced services, such as development of mitigation strategies in cases of alerts, climate change impact assessment,.
- It is ready to be adopted by the Knowledge Base of the forthcoming 4CH project Competence Centre for Cultural Heritage and from a broader perspective, the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage.

