



## PRESS RELEASE



The Municipality of Vejano in cooperation with the property of the Rocca Borgia of Vejano is pleased to announce that the private visit coordinated by the European Association Forte Cultura in Vejano was concluded on September 26, 2023. The municipality particularly thanks Prince Landolfo of Naples Rampolla for his hospitality. In fact, Vejano participated in a tour of Lazio's castles built under Pope Borgia Alexander VI. From September 23rd to October 1st, 2023, a pilot and study tour by European experts on the heritage of fortifications in and around the city of Rome. The tour was implemented as part of the European cultural itinerary FORTE CULTURA aiming to exchange experiences among colleagues. The twelve participants came from seven different European countries (Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, France, Ukraine, England and Italy) and covered fields such as architecture, urban planning, monument conservation, museology and tourism.

Rome and its surroundings have a rich historical heritage of fortifications, much of it unknown. In Lazio, many Renaissance fortresses, north and south of Rome, do not play a role in tourist perception outside the region because they are not interconnected. The fact that, for the first time in 414 years, a Renaissance fortress for private use such as that of Vejano opens to European experts underscores the importance of this visit by European experts who have visited the ramparts of

Vatican City and Castel Sant'Angelo and Renaissance fortifications north of the city of Rome (Civita Castellana, Nepi, Vejano, Civitavecchia) and south (Ostia, Nettuno, Sermoneta). We thank Marcello Assandri for coordinating the visit to the Rocca Borgia of Vejano.

We thank the following guests: Fabio Stefoni of the Lazio Region, representing the Lazio Region's Councillor for Culture, Simona Renata Baldassare, the Mayor of Vejano, Teresa Pasquali, the Co-Founder of Forte Cultura in Berlin, Germany, Dr. Hans-Rudolf Neumann. Professor of Renaissance Urbanism, Teresa Colletta member of ICOMOS a UNESCO advisory body, the former curator of the Orsini Archives in Rome, Elisabetta Mori, the local history writer Patrizia di Filippo and the Art writer Dalmazio Frau and all guests from seven European countries.

The Municipality of Vejano (Comune di Vejano) hopes with this visit to arouse national and regional interest in significant periods of Italian history, which can be carried forward through a cultural itinerary coordinated at local, regional and European level.

Vejano September 27, 2023

The Mayor

Teresa Pasquali