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### **Preliminary report on the archaeological research of the site Stari grad Ljubuški**

#### **Summary**

The paper shows results of the archaeological research conducted at the site Stari grad Ljubuški, in Ljubuški. Those excavations were of great significance because they were the first archaeological excavations of that remarkable Herzegovinian monument known among the people as "Kula hercega Stjepana". Conservation and restoration work followed the archaeological excavations. They will save the fortress from the collapse, since some parts of its walls and other constructive elements were almost destroyed or already collapsed. Archaeological research conducted by the Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Mostar, came up with many interesting data and numerous movable archaeological finds that will be displayed in the museum collection planned within the fortress and available to the general public. All the mentioned activities related to archaeological research and conservation and restoration work were organized in the framework of two EU cross-border cooperation projects: *FORT-NET* and *Heritage REVIVED*. The results of the conducted archaeological research will be published for the first time in this paper.

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