

Declaration of Common Intent

The towns of Durbuy (Belgium), Kobylnica and Kościelisko (both Poland), Uusikaupunki and Orimattila (both Finland), Valga (Estonia), Östhammar (Sweden) have been working very successfully together on the Twin-Town-Project since 2001, the year in which Sweden had the EU Presidency. In 2007, the towns of Valka (Latvia) and Tvrdošín (Slovakia) and the district of Weißenburg-Gunzenhausen (Germany) joined the intensive exchange of the communes and regions.

The above-mentioned communes firmly intend to set up, in a common spirit, a functioning and stable network between the respective twin towns. Getting to know one another and understanding the social, cultural, and economic structures of the involved communities should therefore be the first priority.

To attain that goal the representatives of our towns and regions declare their will to further organize yearly meetings in one of the participating communities. Within these meetings issues of common interest should be dealt with, discussed, and worked out.

Further, we encourage enabling and supporting the exchange between schools, youth organizations, sports clubs, charities, business enterprises, and organizations being active in a cultural environment . Another field of activity should be mutual visits and the exchange of information between the administrations of the above-mentioned communes and regions.

Within their possible financial framework the twin towns and twin regions express their readiness to procure the necessary financial means for the yearly realization of the Twin Town Project. The cooperating communes additionally express their intention to apply together for third-party funds.



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Valga

Uw



Lettland

Valka

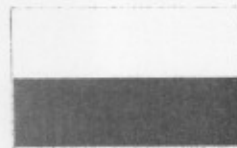
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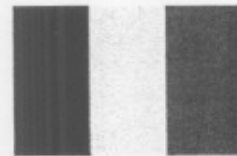
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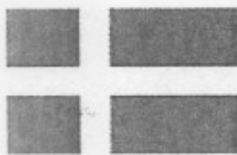
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