Cross Border Co-operation in Frankfurt (Oder) & Słubice: operating as if it was one common city …
This is where you are
General information about cross border cooperation between Frankfurt and Słubice

Projects concerning public transport, tourism and city marketing

Projects concerning education, culture and event marketing
European and University Twin City

- **direct neighbours** on both sides of the River Oder
- together about **80,000 inhabitants**
- **common university** Viadrina & Collegium Polonicum with together about 8,000 students from about 80 countries
Daily life in 2013 is (partly) cross border

- 30% Polish people among commercial and railway clients in Frankfurt
- 50% of about 8,000 students at both universities are Polish
- more than 200 Polish pupils in Frankfurt’s schools and kindergardens
- about 2,000 Polish citizens living in Frankfurt, a few hundred Germans in Slubice

- more than 200 Polish companies registered in Frankfurt, several German companies in the Kostrzyn-Slubice Special Economic Area
- Polish owner of East-West Combined Traffic Terminal in Frankfurt
Overview: Fields of co-operation and ist structures

- Education
- Culture
- Tourism
- Economy & Traffic
- Neighbour’s language
- City marketing

Joint City Council Assemblies
Joint City Council Commission
Local Action Plan 2010-2020
Lord Mayor/ Mayor
Administration
Frankfurt-Słubice Co-operation Center

- **Purpose**: Common administrative task force of both cities for cross-border cooperation, three German and three Polish bilingual employees, INTERREG funding until 31.12.2013

- **Projects on focus**: Europe’s Day in Frankfurt & Słubice (08.-09.05.), Citizens’ meeting during the Hanse City Party (12.-14.07.), Science Village on Woodstock Festival (01.-03.08.), promotion start of Educative Youth Travels (March)

- **Slogan**: „Project cooperation between Frankfurt and Słubice = as if it was one common city“
Cross-border public transport system

- Bus line opening on 09.12.2012
Building future on common history

- Reconstruction of the Bolfras Building (16th century) as German-Polish Center, including German-Polish tourist information and Frankfurt-Słubicer Hanseatic hall
- Realization: end of 2014
- Technical planning of Kleist Tower in Słubice
- Remarkable: Joint identification with history and modern, cross-border use
The Kleist itinerary

- Tourism promotion of historical sites on both sides of River Oder, linked to the Kleist family
- Opening: July 2012
- Remarkable: successful German-Polish understanding based on a delicate, historical ground
Common city brand

- Result of 16 months process from August 2011 to December 2012
- More than 100 people from both sides involved
- 10 meetings with the Mayors, 20 meetings on working level
- “story“ with open end … even yet one hour before the Joint City Council Assembly, 11.12.2012

Without borders.
- Each year in July (12-14 July 2013)
- On both sides of the River Oder
- Biggest German-Polish city party: about 100,000 visitors
Polish-German integrative kindergarten

- Construction of a new kindergarten in Slubice till end of 2013
- Places for 40 german and 150 polish children
- Language training for the employees
- Projects costs: about 1,9 mln Euro
Europe‘s Day in Frankfurt (Oder) & Słubice

- Each year on the 9th of May, related to the European Year
- Last year 1,000 visitors
- 2012 Attempt to the Guinness Book of World Records: Human Star with 380 participants on the Frankfurt-Slubice city bridge
Educative Youth Travels to European Twin City: Discover Frankfurt and Slubice

- Developing and promoting of cross-border travel offers for schools/pupils (subjects: Europe, culture, sport, german-polish integration, history) – main focus on schools with european profiling
- Promotion start in March 2013
- Remarkable: Visit of European Mary‘s High School from Warendorf in June 2011 with 1.000 students
- www.discover-frankfurt-slubice.eu
Science Village on Woodstock Festival

• 500 sqm tent village of Frankfurt & Słubice on Europe‘s biggest Open Air Festival with about 700.000 visitors (1-3 August 2013) in Kostrzyn (PL)
• Presentation as german-polish education location
• Remarkable: 2012 first presentation on Woodstock of two cities
- innovative
- creative
- european

[Cityscape image]

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