



Development of sustainable twining network between East and West





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Partners:

PLUNGÉ



TUKUMA NOVADS



BLATO



ANDRYCHOW



QUICKBORN



COMUNE DI MARTANO

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Dear our friends, foreign partners, dear citizens!

We have implemented the European Union project „Development of sustainable twinning network between East and West“. During the events and festivals we gathered like a family in order to admire various places and their people, share the achievements and problems, think about the future, and also spend some festive time with friends.

I am very happy about our long-lasting friendship with Boxholm commune in Sweden, this cooperation involves not only politicians, but also some art groups, musicians, painters, traditional crafts cherishers, youth.

A special friendship ties us with brothers Latvians from Tukums district municipality. It seems that we live not far away, but both regions learn from each other not only how to administer certain things, organize events, but also how to develop sports infrastructure and use it effectively.

We hope that our friendship with Martano municipality from Italy and Blato municipality from Croatia, which started not a long time ago, will develop every year, as there is really a lot what we can learn from them.

I am pleased with our cooperation with Quickborn municipality from Germany and Andrychow municipality from Poland, which covered cultural areas for cooperation due the events in Boxholm and Tukums. This friendship joins our districts.

There was a lot happening during the Project. There were exhibitions; folk art, crafts and trade fairs; sportsmen were competing; and various music has been played, a lot of discussions, conferences were taken place...

I am sure you all have got a lot of pleasant moments and impressions. I would also like all of us to feel the pulse of our Europe from the cultural traditions up to the youthful art colors. I want you to hear the sonority of different dialects and our powerful songs echoing in the sky. Thank you for being together with us!

Yours faithfully,
Mayor of Plunge district municipality
Albinas Klimas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Albinas Klimas', written over a light blue background.

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The main objective of the Project is to develop an active network by promoting joint activities between people and organisations seeking to show how European cooperation improves the quality of our lives. The project is aimed firstly to develop a good working network and secondly to develop such cooperation based on the European dimension taking into consideration the multicultural society, mutual understanding and solidarity.

All involved municipalities gained their favourable experience through the implementation of international projects. Their precondition from the cultural point of view is the active society. It unites local community as well as politicians, youth, seniors, foreign partners. The gained knowledge and experience will be shared at the local and European level.

Promoting of European values and cultural and linguistic diversity during the particular project implementation will be organized through collaborative events, workshops and seminars, conferences.

A webpage <http://www.eastandwest.eu/> is created for joint information about cultural activities in the partner municipalities and it is a joint database of short information about country, municipality, representatives of municipality and decision makers, culture and sport organizations, information about the events, other relevant information etc.

Duration of the project:

The project started on 01/01/2011: The project ended: 31/12/2012.

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The activities and the events of the international project “Development of sustainable twinning network between East and West”, implemented by the Europe for Citizens Programme (2007-2013), took place six times in different towns of partner municipalities. International participants from Boxholm (Sweden), Tukums (Latvia), Plunge (Lithuania), Martano (Italy), Quickborn (Germany), Andrychow (Poland) and Blato (Croatia) municipalities came to venues. Local participants were involved directly in project activities, hundreds of people were involved indirectly – due the public events, conferences, workshops, discussions, publicity campaigns.

Partners were actively engaged in the development thematic and long lasting cooperation between towns and were highly interested in its success and further cooperation, which had features of complementary, modernity, and joint use.

Project results:

- Developed the active network by promoting joint activities between people and organizations, based on the European dimension taking into consideration the multicultural society, mutual understanding and solidarity.
- Created web page <http://www.eastandwest.eu/> for joint information.
- Appointed sustainable forms for future cooperation.
- Given visibility campaigns about Europe for Citizens Programme (2007-2013).

Project outputs:

- Promoting of European values and cultural and linguistic diversity during the project implementation was organized through the collaborative events, workshops, seminars and conferences.
- Twinning municipalities enjoyed an active working relationship in international level - activities with partner municipalities laid the basis for the subsequent growth relations that will continue in the future.

Best practice to share:

- The project partners participating in joint activities came from different economical, political and educational backgrounds. All partner countries – Croatia, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Sweden- implemented plenty of activities proposed by the venue format. Synergy effects resulted from the close cooperation between twinning towns.
- Intercultural actions opened new horizons of modern societies. The meetings' participants came to a conclusion that local public authorities, institutions and organisations, communities, etc. can play a crucial role in the pursuit of the aims and core values in the united Europe and in furthering intercultural dialogue.

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“We can certainly say that our relationship, which is born from the twinning, it has become stronger. We got to know each other better. We discovered many aspects of your traditions and your way of living during the Festivals”.

Head of the Administration
Mr Massimo Coricciati
Martano, Italy

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