



Agreement on Friendship Cooperation

Joint Declaration by

The Royal Capital City of Krakow in the Republic of Poland

and

The City of Dublin, Capital of the Republic of Ireland

Whereas the City Of Krakow was the Royal Capital of Poland and is known as a University City, a centre of learning and international centre of tourism and the City of Dublin is Ireland's capital, a international centre of learning and a major tourist venue, there are grounds for developing practical co-operation between these cities.

Furthermore Ireland has received many workers and students from Poland and Krakow increasingly welcomes visitors and students from Ireland and there are direct air connections between both cities.

Therefore

**The Royal Capital City of Krakow in the Republic of Poland represented by the Mayor -
Mr. Jacek Majchrowski**

and

**The Capital of the Republic of Ireland, the City of Dublin represented by Lord Mayor -
Councillor Eibhlin Byrne**

Agree that, basing on their current good relations, they pledge friendship between their cities and agree to develop practical cooperation in the areas of communal management and public transportation as well as in the other fields of social and economic life being the subject of mutual interest.

The cities will for the next three years cooperate in the following areas:

1. Communal Management

The City of Krakow will learn about the waste management system operating in the City of Dublin and in particular, with the state-of-the art technical and technological solutions and best practices concerning the system management. The cooperation will also allow for the gaining of knowledge about methods and ways of running discussions and maintaining contacts between the authorities of the City of Dublin and the residents.

At the same time, the City of Dublin will learn about the existing municipal heating system in the City of Krakow and will be introduced to the rules and methods of the network organisation in the municipal areas.

Both cities will exchange visits by city officials, experts and elected members as appropriate for purpose of this learning and will develop web links between such individuals.

2. Public Transportation

The parties will discuss the issues of improvement and modernization of the public transportation system, by exchanging their own experience in this respect. This will involve other transport authorities or agencies in the cities. A short web based documentary setting out the key learning and potential application will be produced before the end of the agreement and displayed in relevant city websites.

3. Culture

The city of Krakow and the City of Dublin will undertake actions aimed at cooperation between cultural institutions of both cities. An annual Cultural Connection Workshop will be held in each city where cultural institutions will be invited and potential practical co-operation will be scoped and planned. The first of these will be held in Dublin in 2009, followed by one in Krakow in 2010 and concluding with a cultural links event in both cities in an agreed timeframe in 2011.

4. Education and youth exchange

The parties will actively support and facilitate cooperation between educational institutions of Krakow and Dublin. This will involve a programme of youth exchanges and the promotion of youth tourism.

5. Social Affairs

The City of Krakow and the City of Dublin will exchange experience in the development and implementation of social projects, especially programmes of urban regeneration and community development/consultation. This will involve both cities agreeing a programme of visits and web based information exchange by the autumn of 2009.

6. Business contacts

The Parties will promote and facilitate in conjunction with relevant business organisations contacts between businesses and entrepreneurs of both cities. They will agree a programme by the autumn of 2009 for this activity and this will include the following:

- The facilitation of trade missions to both cities
- The publication and promotion of investment activity opportunities in the other city in both cities.

General

Reports and programmes shall be submitted to relevant municipal organs according to the procedures and rules currently in force in each city.

All correspondence required for matters related to this agreement shall be in the English language.

This agreement will become effective upon the date of its signing by both parties and will operate for an initial period of three years.

This agreement has been drawn up in duplicate, each copy in English and Polish, both language versions of equal validity. Each party receives one copy in English and Polish.

Mayor of the City of Krakow


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Mr. Jacek Majchrowski

Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin


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Councillor Eibhlin Byrne

Krakow, April 14th 2009