



We cordially invite you to the seminar on

**”German-Polish cooperation in the educational sector in
Saxony and Lower Silesia“**

followed by the exhibition

”The City and its Citizens. Görlitz and Zgorzelec 1945 - 1989“

10th July 2013, Committee of the Regions, Room JDE 53

Programme

10:00 Words of welcome

Gerhard Stahl
Secretary General Committee of the Regions

Wolf-Eberhard Kuhl
Director Saxony Liaison Office Brussels

Ewa Woods
Director Lower Silesia Regional Office in Brussels

10:15 Keynote speech: “European cooperation in the educational sector in border regions”

Jan Trzuszczński
Director General for Education and Culture, European Commission

10:30 Keynote speech: “German-Polish cooperation in the educational sector”

Cornelia Pieper
State Minister, Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

10:45 Presentation: ”Three cooperation projects in Saxony and Lower Silesia“

Bartłomiej Ostrowski
Director Unit for international cooperation and projects, Marshal's Office of Lower Silesia

Dorit Stenke
Director Saxon Education Institute, Free State Saxony

11:05 Panel discussion

Kinga Hartmann-Wóycicka
Director Coordination Office of the ETC Objective 3 Projects, Saxon Education Agency,
Free State Saxony

Guus Muijzers
Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Jacek Pilawa
President Commission for Foreign Affairs, Lower Silesian Regional Council

Moderator: Brigitte Gröger
Saxony Liaison Office Brussels

11:30 Presentation of the exhibition

”The City and its Citizens. Görlitz and Zgorzelec 1945 - 1989“

Kazimierz Wóycicki
Curator of the exhibition

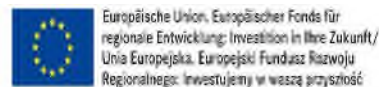
12:00 Lunch Buffet

Simultaneous Translation: German/Polish/English

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European integration is getting more and more obvious and habitual: EU borders open and people turn from strangers into neighbours. The European Union is supporting this process in border regions with its measures of the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC).

The earlier neighbourly relations are made possible, the better people get to know each other and their relationship becomes trustful and stable. Therefore, Saxony and Lower Silesia have been developing a strong and multidimensional cooperation, especially in the educational sector.

The perception of German-Polish border regions as an interesting and attractive place with specific opportunities is facilitated and strengthened through EU-funded German-Polish-projects.

Three model projects: “Specialist teachers network”, “InterCultureManagement” and “Citizens for freedom. Civil Courage against dictatorship. Saxony and Lower Silesia 1945 - 1989” which are managed by the Saxon Education Agency in cooperation with the Saxon and Lower Silesian project partners, show how the relationship between the two regions is becoming more and more strategic, multidimensional and thus simply closer.

The projects aim is to enhance the qualification of teachers in the linguistic field and in regional geography of the neighbouring country. Furthermore, these projects aim to improve pupils' and students' motivation to increase their interest in cooperating with their counterparts across the border.

Jan Truszczyński, Director General for Education and Culture of the European Commission, will present the overview of the German-Polish educational cooperation in the European context. **State Minister at the Federal Foreign Office Cornelia Pieper**, coordinator for German-Polish relations, will outline the development and current state of play of German-Polish cooperation in the field of education and culture.

The project “Citizens for freedom. Civil Courage against dictatorship. Saxony and Lower Silesia 1945 - 1989” was awarded as an “Model project of German-Polish cooperation” by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland. A group of German and Polish students that were involved in the development of the project will be present at this event to give a living testimony of the project development and influence.

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