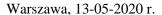
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Adam Bodnar

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Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin plac Króla Władysława Łokietka 1, 20-109 Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

uprzejmie dziękuję za Pana list oraz za informację o staraniach Miasta Lublin o uzyskanie tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

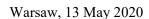
Wierzę, że to prestiżowe wyróżnienie byłoby doskonałym punktem wyjścia dla rozwoju wielu inicjatyw społecznych i wzmocnienia prestiżu miasta, które cenię i lubię. Muszę jednak zauważyć, że w przeszłości z zaniepokojeniem obserwowałem w Lublinie również sygnały dotyczące m.in. przestrzegania prawa do wolności zgromadzeń czy zakazu dyskryminacji. Dlatego chciałbym, aby te obszary stały się punktem wyjścia do szerszej debaty o otwartości miasta, jego wielokulturowym dziedzictwie i tolerancyjnej społeczności. Chętnie w takiej dyskusji wezmę udział. Tym bardziej, że wydaje mi się ona warunkiem niezbędnym do pretendowania do miana Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży.

Łączę pozdrowienia i pragnę zapewnić o mojej otwartości na naszą współpracę we wszystkich ważnych dla obywateli sprawach.

Adam Bodnar

Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich

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Adam Bodnar

KMiKS.43.60.2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin plac Króla Władysława Łokietka 1, 20-109 Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

thank you very much for your letter and information on the aspirations of the City of Lublin to be nominated European Youth Capital 2023.

I for one believe that this prestigious title would be a catalyst for numerous social initiatives and an opportunity to enhance the prestige of Lublin, which I personally like and admire. I must note, however, that in the past, I was concerned to learn about Lubliners reporting issues concerning respect for the right to freedom of assembly and the prohibition of discrimination. Therefore, I would like these concerns to mark a starting point for a broader debate about the openness of the city, its multicultural heritage, and tolerant community. I would be very contented to take part in such a debate myself. In my view, it seems to be a prerequisite for standing for nomination as European Youth Capital 2023.

I extend my greetings and wish to assure you of my openness to our cooperation in all matters relevant to citizens.

Adam Bodnar

Commissioner for Human Rights

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May 19, 2020

To: Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Subject: European Youth Capital Candidacy of Lublin

I strongly support the efforts of the City of Lublin authorities to award the title of European Youth Capital 2023. I am very pleased to observe the involvement of Lublin school youth in various projects, charity activities and numerous initiatives relating to important issues. These activities are often initiated and coordinated by student councils and youth organizations.

From my point of view the involvement of young city residents in local social life should also be appreciated. For many years students of Lublin schools have been active members of the Children and Youth Parliament of the Lublin Voivodship. There works the Youth City Council in Lublin and young people create a Youth Citizens' Budget. School youth participate in international educational, cultural and sport programs. A large group of students from all over the world attend schools and colleges in Lublin. Their initiatives and cooperation are based on universal values, are used to shape attitudes of responsibility and mutual respect.

I express my conviction that the honorable title of European Youth Capital 2023 will contribute to strengthening the role of young people in the social life of the city. I believe that new projects and initiatives will help to establish closer relationship with peers from other countries and will affect the integration of various social group.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Misiuk

Education Superintendent

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Warsaw, 18 May 2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk **Mayor of Lublin**

Dear Mr Mayor,

The Mayors of the Union of Polish Metropolises are content indeed to learn that the city of Lublin has been shortlisted for the final stage of the high-ranking and prestigious European Youth Capital competition. This is particularly good news for our Foundation.

As the largest Polish city east of the Vistula River, Lublin is seen as the westbound gate of the European Union and, above all, as a vibrant university centre, a gateway to adulthood for almost a quarter of its population. The city is old in historical terms but young through its youth who live and plan their future there.

The cities united in the Union of Polish Metropolises are always keen to build on Lublin's experience in investing in youth and their activities, aspirations, desires, potency, and unabated drive for development. During our joint debate, we agreed that enlisting young residents to champion the cause of development of urban policies promised proper and harmonious functioning of society, city, and state.

Lublin's entrance in the European Youth Capital competition will be yet another milestone in discussing the city's present and future – its limits will soon be defined by the today's young residents. They will make the reality and create new prospects. Lublin's initiatives inspire other cities to learn how to identify and solve problems, how to cooperate to everybody's benefit, or how to help and learn from each other.

In our opinion, the city of Lublin is in a position to meet the European organizational standards of the event because the fundamental components of the project are rested on the city's overarching idea of City in Dialogue, and because that process is irreversible.

Mr Mayor, all cities united in the Union of Polish Metropolises heartily endorse Lublin's efforts to be nominated the European Youth Capital. We do believe that your commitment and the commitment of your associates and young residents of the city to the drafting of the EYC application will make it a high-quality and convincing document, and that we will be able to celebrate the European Youth Capital in Lublin together in 2023.

Respectfully Yours,

Tadeusz Truskolaski

Mayor of the City of Białystok

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Fijołek Director of the Office Of The Union of Polish Metropolises



prof. dr hab. Stanisław Michałowski | REKTOR

Lublin, 12 maja 2020 roku

Szanowny Pan dr Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

w pełni popieram starania Miasta Lublin o uzyskanie tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Lublin to bez wątpienia miasto otwarte na młodych oraz silny ośrodek akademicki o wieloletniej tradycji. Uznawany jest za jedno z najlepszych miast dla studentów w Europie. O jego atrakcyjności decyduje między innymi szeroka oferta studiów i przyjazna atmosfera oraz liczne działania Urzędu Miasta, który akademickość traktuje jako jeden z filarów w strategii rozwoju Lublina.

Budowanie silnych relacji miasto-nauka-biznes daje wymierne korzyści zarówno ośrodkom akademickim, przedsiębiorcom oraz miastu. Celem podejmowanych działań jest zachęcanie młodych ludzi do studiowania w Lublinie. Miasto od wielu lat wspiera uczelnie i organizacje studenckie, przyznaje stypendia, udziela pomocy w realizowaniu praktyk i wprowadzaniu absolwentów na rynek pracy, stwarzając optymalne warunki dla rozwoju i samodoskonalenia młodych ludzi.



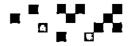
Lublin to miasto tętniące życiem, silny ośrodek kulturalny i sportowy. Młodzież chętnie realizuje tu swoje pasje, poszerza zainteresowania, buduje doświadczenie zawodowe oraz uczestniczy w licznych wydarzeniach kulturalnych i sportowych.

Dobrze rozwinięta infrastruktura miasta, sieć komunikacji miejskiej, liczne domy studenckie, ciekawa i przystępna cenowo oferta kulinarna stanowią kolejne argumenty zachęcające żaków do życia w Lublinie – mieście, które swoją zabytkową architekturą i wyjątkowym położeniem oraz wielokulturowością zachwyca i przyciąga każdego dnia.

Jestem przekonany, że Lublin zasługuje na tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży. Raz jeszcze gorąco popieram Państwa inicjatywę o uzyskanie tego wspaniałego miana. Deklaruję również współpracę na tym polu. Ze strony Uniwersytetu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej osobą do kontaktu będzie Pan dr Marcin Gołębiowski – Dyrektor Centrum Promocji (e-mail: marcin.golebiowski@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl , tel. 81 537 57 64)

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Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Michałowski | REKTOR

Lublin, 12 May 2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

the City of Lublin has my full support in its aspirations to be named European Youth Capital 2023.

Lublin is known for its openness to the youth and as a strong academic centre with a long tradition. By many, it is considered one of the most student-friendly destination in Europe. It attracts students with its impressive range of university programmes and the supporting attitude and initiatives of the Lublin Municipal Office. No doubt, Lublin appreciates its academic character as one of the keystones of the city's development strategy.

Strong ties between the city, science, and business offer measurable benefits to the academia, entrepreneurs, and the municipality. This, in turn, encourages young people to study in Lublin. The city has been supporting universities and student organisations for many years by awarding scholarships, providing assistance in internship programmes, and helping graduates enter the labour market by creating optimum conditions for the young to achieve satisfaction and self-realisation.

Lublin is a vibrant urban community with innovative cultural and sports offering. The young people of Lublin are happy to pursue their dreams, passions, and interests here. They chose Lublin to start their professional career at the same time taking advantage of local cultural and sports programmes.

Well-developed and fast-growing urban infrastructure, public transport network, numerous student houses, interesting and affordable gastronomy are but a few arguments encouraging students to come and live in Lublin. With its historic architecture, unique location,





and multicultural colour, the city keeps attracting more and more temporary and permanent residents.

I am fully convinced that Lublin deserves the title of European Youth Capital 2023. Once again, let me reiterate my firm support for your initiative. I also declare my assistance in this process. I have nominated Marcin Gołębiowski, PhD, Director of the University Promotion Centre, to be your contact person if need be (e-mail: marcin.golebiowski@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl, phone 81537 57 64).

With complements, Prof. Stanisław Michałowski RECTOR

Lublin, dnia 14 maja 2020 r.

Szanowny Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

W odpowiedzi na pismo z dnia 28 kwietnia 2020 r. (numer: BRM-IV.111.1.2.2020) gratulujemy zakwalifikowania Miasta Lublina do finału konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Wyższa Szkoła Ekonomii i Innowacji w Lublinie stoi po stronie młodych ludzi i popiera każde działania nakierowane na wzmocnienie rozwoju tej grupy społecznej i podejmowane przez młodzież aktywności na różnych polach.

W związku z powyższym, wyrażamy swoje poparcie dla idei oraz starań podjętych przez Miasto Lublin o uzyskanie tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Jednocześnie deklarujemy wolę podjęcia współpracy Uczelni oraz naszych studentów nad programem Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Z poważaniem



Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Relative you your letter dated 28 April 2020 (ref. no. BRM-IV.111.1.2.2020), we wish to congratulate to you on the shortlisting of the City of Lublin to the final selection stage of the European Youth Capital 2023 competition.

The University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin invariably supports young people's aspirations and fully endorses all initiatives intended to strengthen the development of this social group and encourage them to be active in various fields.

That said, we wish to offer our full support for the idea and efforts made by the City of Lublin to be named European Youth Capital 2023. At the same time, we declare our, i.e. University and students', readiness to contribute to the programme of the European Youth Capital 2023 project.

Respectfully yours,

Prof. Mariusz Paździor

Vice-Rector for Education and Student Affairs University of Economics and Innovation in Lublin

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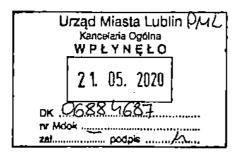
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Lublin, 18 maja 2020 r.



Szanowny Pan Dr Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin Plac Króla Władysława Łokietka 1 20-109 Lublin

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z ogromną radością przyjąłem informację o znalezieniu się Miasta Lùblina w ścisłym finale konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Lublin jest miastem młodych, którego akademicki charakter przyciąga kolejne pokolenia studentów, także z tych najodleglejszych zakątków świata. Tętniąca życiem przestrzeń publiczna to w dużej mierze zasługa młodzieży, która z naturalnym dla niej optymizmem wykorzystuje udostępnione sfery różnorodnej aktywności i podejmuje nowe inicjatywy.

Cieszę się z widocznej w przestrzeni miasta obecności studentów Uniwersytetu Medycznego. Poprzez udział w akcjach prospołecznych, profilaktycznych i popularyzujących wiedzę manifestują oni przywiązanie do swoich wartości, wyrażają troskę o zdrowie innych oraz chęć niesienia pomocy. Wszelkie działania na rzecz Lublina i jego mieszkańców są dla nich bardzo ważne.

Podkreśleniem tego związku jest spektaki teatralny z udziałem studentów i pracowników lubelskiej uczelni medycznej w dniu 13 października 2017 roku, dedykowany Lublinowi z okazji obchodów jubileuszu 700-lecia.

W imieniu swoim i całej społeczności Uniwersytetu Medycznego w Lublinie wyrażam szczere poparcie dła starań Miasta Lublin o uzyskanie tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

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Lublin, 18 May 2020

Dr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

I was pleased to learn that the City of Lublin was shortlisted in the European Youth Capital 2023 competition.

Lublin is a city of young people. Its academic character attracts subsequent generations of students, also from remote corners of the world. It is thanks to young people that public spaces become vibrant. The youth, with natural optimism, makes use of the available facilities and undertakes new initiatives adding dynamism and vigour to the city.

I am glad to see students from the Medical University on the streets of Lublin. When taking part in pro-social, preventative or awareness-raising campaigns, the students, manifest their values, express concern for the well-being of others or eagerness to help. All actions for the benefit of Lublin and its residents are very important for them.

This special connection was showcased in a joint theatrical performance by students and staff of Lublin Medical University premiered on 13 October 2017. This show was dedicated to Lublin on the occasion of 700th anniversary of granting the city rights.

On my behalf and on the entire community of the Medical University of Lublin, I express my sincere support for the efforts of the City of Lublin to become the European Youth Capital 2023.

Yours sincerely, Rector of Medical University of Lublin Prof. Dr. Andrzej Drop

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PREZYDENT MIASTA KATOWICE

Szanowny Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Seemony Tomie Verydesne,

Pragnę wyrazić słowa najwyższego poparcia dla kandydatury Lublina do tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Uzyskanie przez Miasto tego zaszczytnego wyróżnienia byłoby wyrazem szczególnego uznania dla działań podejmowanych przez jego władze na przestrzeni dekad, a także gestem doceniającym fakt akademickiego wizerunku Waszego Miasta, co nie powinno pozostawać bez znaczenia w tych staraniach.

Jestem przekonany, że to znakomite miano mogłoby stać się dla Lublina również szansą do dalszego rozwoju, zwłaszcza w kontekście społecznym. Niejednokrotnie powtarzamy, że przyszłość należy do młodego pokolenia. Otrzymanie więc przez Wasze Miasto tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży pomogłoby stworzyć przestrzeń, w której nie tylko młodzi lublinianie odnaleźliby szansę dla siebie, dla swoich talentów, szansę ku temu, by móc stworzyć coś dobrego dla swoich rówieśników, a tym samym dla miasta, znanego przecież z dobrych inspiracji.

Przyłączając się więc do głosów wspierających Lublin w staraniach o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023, pragnę wyrazić nadzieję, że Wasze dotychczasowe zasługi i kreatywność, pozwalająca mądrze wykorzystać rodzące się możliwości, zostaną zauważone przez Europejskie Forum Młodzieży, i że już wkrótce będziemy mogli wspólnie rozpocząć świętowanie uzyskania przez Was tego wyróżnienia, czego z serca Wam życzę!

Prezydent Miasta Katowice

Marcin Krupa





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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KATOWICE

Katowice, 13 May 2020

Krzysztof Żuk

Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

I would like to express my firm support for Lublin's candidature for the title of the European Youth Capital 2023. Obtaining this honourable award would be an expression of particular appreciation for the actions undertaken by Lublin authorities over the decades, as well as a token of appreciation for the academic image of your city. The image that should not remain insignificant in these efforts.

I am convinced that this prestigious title could also become an opportunity for Lublin to develop further, especially in the social context. We often say that the future belongs to the young generation. Thus, obtaining the title of European Youth Capital by your city would help to create a space, where young Lubliners and others, would find a chance for themselves, for their talents, a chance to create something good for their peers, and thus for the city, known for its good inspirations.

Therefore, I would like to join many voices supporting Lublin in its efforts to become the European Youth Capital of 2023, and I hope that your previous merits and creativity, allowing you to use the emerging opportunities wisely, will be recognised by the European Youth Forum, and that soon we will be able to start celebrating this award together, which I wish you with all my heart!

Mayor of the city of Katowice

Marcin Krupa

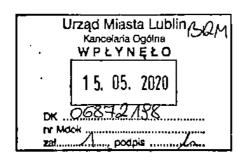
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PREZYDENT OLSZTYNA

URZAD MIASTA OLSZTYNA

Olsztyn,11 maja 2020 r.



Europejskie Forum Młodzieży Bystrzyca Kłodzka Polska

REKOMENDACIA

Samorząd Olsztyna z radością przyjął informację o zakwalifikowaniu Lublina do ścisłego finału konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Uważamy, że jest to bardzo dobra decyzja organizatorów konkursu, a miasto to będzie godnym reprezentantem Polski.

Nasze przekonanie wynika z faktu, że w dotychczasowych działaniach Lublin wielokrotnie demonstrował swoje znakomite zdolności organizacyjne oraz otwartość i kreatywność w poszukiwaniu nowych kanałów komunikacyjnych z młodym pokoleniem Polaków. Pod tym względem jest prawdziwym liderem i wzorem dla innych miast Polski.

Bogata historia miasta oraz jego tolerancja i otwartość na wyzwania XXI wieku, sprawiają, że Lublin ma wszelkie predyspozycje, żeby być niekwestionowaną stolicą europejskiej młodzieży. Ewentualny wybór Lublina traktujemy również jako szansę dla innych miast Polski, w tym także dla Olsztyna, i deklarujemy szeroką współpracę przy tworzeniu nowych, atrakcyjnych wydarzeń, wspomagających integrację młodzieży z całej Europy.

Nie mam najmniejszych wątpliwości, że decyzja o przyznaniu Lublinowi miana Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży będzie ze wszech miar trafna, a tytuł ten trafi w godne ręce.

Z wyrazami szacunku

Piotr Grzymowicz Prezydeził Olsatyms

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PREZYDENT OLSZTYNA

URZĄD MIASTA OLSZTYNA

Olsztyn, 11th May 2020

European Youth Forum

Bystrzyca Kłodzka

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The local government in Olsztyn was happy to learn that Lublin has qualified for the final round of the European Youth Capital 2023 competition. We believe that the organisers have made a very good decision and the city will proudly represent our country.

Our belief is based on the fact that, over the years, the city of Lublin has repeatedly demonstrated their excellent organisational skills, openness and creativity in the process of finding new means of communication with the younger generation of Poles. It is a true leader in that regard and an example for other cities in Poland.

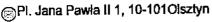
The rich history of the city, its tolerance and openness to the challenges brought by the 21st century give Lublin all the necessary qualities to become an unquestionable capital of the European youth. If Lublin was selected, it would also mean that other cities in Poland, including Olsztyn, would be given a great opportunity. We pledge to offer our support and cooperation in the process of creating new attractive events which will support integration of young people from every corner of Europe.

For me there is no doubt that the decision to appoint Lublin as the European Youth Capital will be an apt decision and the title will go into good hands.

Yours faithfully

Piotr Grzymowicz

Mayor of Olsztyr



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Poznań, 18th of May, 2020.

Letter of support for the candidacy of the city of Lublin as European Youth Capital 2023

I am very pleased that Lublin is taking part in the next stage of the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

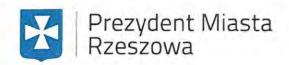
As the Mayor of Poznań, a city with rich traditions of active civil society and vibrant youth involved in university life and youth organizations, I fully support the initiative of Lublin to become the European Youth Capital, and I also encourage the Jury to take this decision.

I can imagine that a multitude of events and programmes established by the local authorities and non-governmental organisations, addressed to young people, will create a wide array of opportunities for development and make the city even more friendly to the young generation.

I am convinced that cooperation between the municipal authorities, non-governmental organisations and other associations of youth in this project's organisation will bring excellent results. I would like to declare that we will support Lublin in organizing events during the year 2023. In view of all this, I fully support the candidacy of the city of Lublin for the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

Jacek Jaskowiak

Mayor of Poznań



KST-K.404.14.2020.AK

Rzeszów, 8 maja 2020 r.

Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

proszę przyjąć szczere gratulacje oraz docenienie wielkiego zaangażowania i ogromu pracy, dzięki której Miasto Lublin znalazło się w ścisłym finale konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Absolutnie podzielam pogląd, że uzyskanie tytułu ESM 2023 stanie się znakomitą okazją do zaprezentowania aktywności młodych ludzi w rozmaitych dziedzinach życia społecznego oraz szansą na zwiększenie atrakcyjności i promocję turystyczną Miasta. Dlatego z ogromną satysfakcją i wdzięcznością przyjąłem zaproszenie Miasta Rzeszów do stworzenia wspólnych wydarzeń w ramach Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Jako dowód przygotowania Rzeszowa do współtworzenia tych wydarzeń, postrzegam również fakt, że to właśnie stolica Podkarpacia została wybrana w 2011 roku jako miejsce inauguracji pierwszej edycji Europejskiego Stadionu Kultury. Pragnę podkreślić, że planowane w ramach tego projektu "Miasteczko Młodych ESK" doskonale korespondowało z otwartością naszego miasta na młode pokolenie, stanowiąc również kolejną odsłonę międzymiastowej i międzynarodowej współpracy. Co zaowocowało rok później wzajemną współpracą Rzeszowa i Lublina wraz z naszą bogatą historią, doświadczeniem i zapleczem organizacyjnym przy współtworzeniu kolejnej edycji Europejskiego Stadionu Kultury. Nasza udana współpraca na tym polu trwa już dziewięć lat. Obecnie w ramach międzynarodowego projektu WSCHÓD KULTURY.

Wyrażam przekonanie, że pomyślny przebieg tego projektu jest zapowiedzią kolejnych, równie udanych przedsięwzięć, dzięki którym promocja szeroko pojętej kultury młodzieżowej, będzie miała kluczowe znaczenie. Wierzę, że wielu twórców oczekiwało na stworzenie takich możliwości twórczego dialogu, jaki ma szansę powstać po uzyskaniu przez Miasto Lublin tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Gorąco życząc wygranej w konkursie, wyrażam nadzieję, że działania podjęte w ramach ESM 2023 staną się płaszczyzną wielu nowych przedsięwzięć i rozpoczną kolejny rozdział w historii współpracy naszych Miast.

Z poważaniem,

PREZYDENT MIASTA RZESZOWA

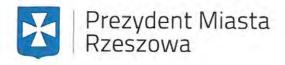
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Rzeszów, May 8, 2020

KST-K.404.14.2020.AK

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

please accept my sincere congratulations and appreciation for great commitment and enormous work that made the City of Lublin in the finals of the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023. I absolutely share the view that obtaining the title will be a great opportunity to present young people's activity in various fields of social life and a chance to increase the attractiveness and tourist promotion of the City. Therefore with great admiration I accepted the invitation for City of Rzeszów to create joint events within European Capital of Youth 2023.

Confirmation that our City is highly prepared to co-create above mentioned events, is fact that Rzeszów, in 2011 was chosen for inauguration of the first edition of the "European Stadium of Culture". I want to emphasise, that "City of Youth" organised during the festival, corresponded perfectly with the openness for young generations strongly promoted in Rzeszów and both, regional and international cooperation, what resulted in organising another edition of the festival together with Lublin, contributing rich history, experience and complex facilities of both cities. Our successful and fruitful cooperation in this field has been going for nine years now, currently, in the scope of international project EAST OF CULTURE.

I am convinced that the successful course of this project is a harbinger of further, equally successful initiatives, thanks to which the promotion of broadly understood youth culture will be of key importance. I believe that many creators and artists were waiting for establishing such a creative dialogue opportunities, that have a chance to arise after obtaining by City of Lublin the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

Keeping my fingers crossed and wishing you great success in the competition, I hope that the activities emerging within the scope of European Youth Capital 2023, will become a platform for many new ventures and will start the next chapter in the history of cooperation between our cities.

Sincerely yours

PREZYDENT MIASTA RZESZOWA

dr h. c. Tadeusz Ferenc











Prezydent Miasta Torunia

Toruń, 22 May 2020

WPiT. 0343. 6 2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Hr Hayor,

I would like to send warm greetings from Toruń and congratulate you on your active work to date, which has allowed Lublin to take its place in the group of the final three cities applying for the title of European Youth Capital 2023. I would like to confirm the support of Copernicus' City for Lublin's participation in the competition organized by the European Youth Forum on the initiative of the Council of Europe.

Toruń believes in the success of Lublin! We are impressed by the great impact of Lublin's projects on contemporary cultural life. We are also impressed by Lublin's partnership cooperation with its sister cities and towns from various continents. These international relations, full of cultural and artistic accents, perfectly correspond to the historical heritage of Lublin.

Obtaining the title to which the City of the President aspires would be a confirmation of the importance of young people in social and civic life and a great thing for all young people in Poland!

In Toruń, we know the impressive cultural potential of Lublin and its active student community, which is mainly provided by the Catholic University of Lublin and Maria Curie-Skłodowska University.

The words of official support for Lublin's efforts to become the European Youth Capital 2023 are directed from Toruń - the birthplace of the astronomer of all time - Nicolaus Copernicus and one of the centres which, together with Lublin, have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

We would like to wish Lublin all the best in the competition and we hope that we will be able to help with the implementation of ideas and participation in the programme. As regards possible joint projects of our cities, please contact the Director of the Department of Promotion and Tourism of the Municipal Office of Toruń, Ewa Banaszczuk - Kisiel: phone +48 56 61 18 785, e-mail: wpit@um.torun.pl

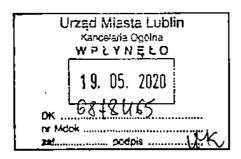
Best regards
President of the City of Toruń

Michał Zaleski

Urzad Miasta Torunia



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Prezydent Wrocławia

Szanowny Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Lublina

Wrocław, 11.05.2020

SZAHOWIM TAMIE PROMOTHICIE, DROCI LETISCTOFIE

serdecznie gratuluję Lublinowi wyboru do ścisłej trójki w walce o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Cieszę się, jako prezydent Wrocławia, partnera w programie Koalicja dla Kultury, że Lublin podejmuje kolejne wyzwania. Ale cieszę się także jako człowiek, który zawsze powtarza, że młodzież to nasza przyszłość.

Bez świadomej młodzieży, która ma pęd do wiedzy i chce się rozwijać żaden prezydent nie będzie w stanie zmieniać swojego miasta na lepsze. Kształt naszych miast, ich przyszłość za kilkanaście lat zależy od pracy tych, którzy teraz dopiero zdobywają swoje życiowe doświadczenia. A zachęcanie młodych ludzi do udziału w życiu społecznym i obywatelskim to wręcz nasza powinność.

Z całego serca popieram kandydaturę Lublina do zaszczytnego miana Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Nasza współpraca z Gdańskiem, Katowicami, Łodzią, Poznaniem i Szczecinem w programie Koalicja dla Kultury pokazała, jak miasta mogą łączyć się we wspólnym celu, a nie tylko ze sobą rywalizować. A to cenna umiejętność – konstruktywnej dyskusji, wspierania się, uzupełniania w działaniu. Nasza Koalicja była pierwszą taką inicjatywą w historii przyznawania tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Kultury! I 4 lata po zakończeniu projektu we Wrocławiu wciąż pozostajemy w kontakcie i działamy! Tego powinna uczyć się młodzież z całego świata – i z własnego doświadczenia wiem, że Lublin będzie tutaj doskonałym nauczycielem.

Deklaruję także nasze wsparcie dla wspólnych projektów, wiem, że Biuro Promocji Miasta jest już w kontakcie z wyznaczoną przez Pana osobą.

Prezydent Wrocławia

/Courtesy translation/

Mayor of Wrocław 11 May 2020

Dear Mr Mayor, Dear Krzysztof,

I warmly congratulate Lublin on being shortlisted to top three in the bid for the title of the European Youth Capital 2023. As Mayor of Wrocław, a partner in the Coalition for Culture programme, I am glad that Lublin is taking up further challenges. But I am also happy as a person, who always says that youth is our future.

Without conscious youth, who have a thirst for knowledge and want to develop, no president will be able to change his city for the better. The shape of our cities, their future in years to come, depends on the work of those, who are only now gaining their life experience. I dare say that encouraging young people to participate in social and civic life is our duty.

I wholeheartedly support Lublin's candidature for the honourable European Youth Capital 2023 title. Our cooperation with Gdańsk, Katowice, Łódź, Poznań and Szczecin in the Coalition for Culture programme has shown, how cities can work together, instead of competing, towards a common goal. And this is a valuable skill, a skill of constructive discussion, support and complementing one another. Our Coalition was first such an initiative ever in the history of European Capital of Culture competition! And 4 years after project in Wrocław came to an end, we still keep contact and act! This is the formula that young people from all over the world should learn – and I know from my own experience, that Lublin will be an excellent teacher in that respect.

I also declare our support for joint projects and I know that Wrocałw City Promotion Office is already in contact with the person appointed by you.

Jacek Sutryk Mayor of Wrocław

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Bychawa, 20.05.2020 r.

Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

pragnę wyrazić oficjalne poparcie dla starań Miasta Lublin o uzyskanie tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

W imieniu własnym oraz mieszkańców gminy Bychawa chciałbym okazać uznanie dla ilości i jakości aktywności oraz przedsięwzięć kierowanych do przedstawicieli lubelskiej młodzieży.

To młodzież – nawiązując do słów wielkiego Polaka Jana Pawła II – jest przyszłością świata. Lublin bez wątpienia dostrzega i wzmacnia potencjał młodych ludzi.

Współpraca naszych miast w ramach Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitalnego potwierdza, że Lublin jest partnerem godnym zaufania. Partnerem, dla którego każdy nowy projekt jest kolejna możliwością rozwoju oraz poszerzania horyzontów.

Z wyrazami szacunku,







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Bychawa, 20 May 2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

I am happy to express my official support for the efforts of the City of Lublin towards becoming European Youth Capital 2023.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the residents of Bychawa, I would like to show my appreciation for the many high-quantity initiatives and programmes intended for young Lubliners.

Referring to the words of the great Pole, St John Paul II, the youth is the future of the world. No doubt, Lublin understands and strengthens the potential of young people.

The cooperation of our cities within the Lublin Metropolitan Area by all means proves that Lublin is a trustworthy partner for whom every new project is yet another opportunity to develop and broaden residents' horizons.

Truthfully Yours,

Janusz Urban

MAYOR OF BYCHAWA





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Pan Krzysztof Żuk

Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Serdecznie gratuluję Miastu Lublin udziału w finale konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Z perspektywy młodzieży naszej gminy Lublin najczęściej wybierany jest jako miejsce nauki, pracy, kultury, rozrywki i aktywności społecznej. Lublin przez mieszkańców gminy Garbów postrzegany jest jako miejsce atrakcyjne i przyjazne dla młodzieży.

Dotychczasowe działania Miasta Lublin, współpraca ze środowiskiem młodzieży oraz włączenie wielu pozarządowych organizacji młodzieżowych w budowanie wizerunku i przyszłości miasta we wszystkich obszarach z całą pewnością zasługują na uzyskanie miana Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Mieszkańcy i władze Gminy Garbów popierają starania i kandydaturę Miasta Lublin o uzyskanie prestiżowego tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

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Mr Krzysztof Żuk

The President of Lublin

I wholeheartedly congratulate The City of Lublin on participating in the final of European Youth Capital 2023 competition.

From the perspective of our young citizens Lublin is the place most frequently chosen for education, work, culture, entertainment and social activity. The residents of Garbów area see Lublin as an attractive place, friendly for the young.

The current activities of the City of Lublin, cooperation with youth environment as well as engaging many youth organizations to influence the image and the future of the city in all areas definitely prove that Lublin deserves the name of European Youth Capital 2023.

The residents and authorities of Garbów therefore support Lublin as the candidate for the prestigious title of European Youth Capital 2023.

WÓJT GMINY GARBÓW

Kazimierz Firlej



Jastków, dn. 20.05.2020 r.

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Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

Składam serdeczne gratulacje w związku z zakwalifikowaniem się Miasta Lublin do finału konkursu o tytuł "Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023". Jestem przekonana, że wieloletnie działania realizowane przez Miasto Lublin w obszarze edukacji obywatelskiej oraz promocji postaw społecznych wśród dzieci i młodzieży zostaną docenione przez kapitułę konkursu.

W imieniu własnym oraz Samorządu Gminy Jastków składam oficjalne poparcie dla Miasta Lublin jako Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży w 2023 roku. Wieloletnie doświadczenia przy realizacji wspólnych projektów, dają mi pewność, że stworzycie Państwo doskonałe warunki dla rozwoju przestrzeni dedykowanej najmłodszym mieszkańcom regionu.

Edukacja i promocja postaw społecznych stanowi kluczowe działanie w kontekście tworzenia przyszłego społeczeństwa obywatelskiego. Tego typu działania przyczyniają się do kształcenia liderów, którzy swoim zachowaniem będą edukować i przekazywać najlepsze wartości kolejnym pokoleniom.

Przesyłam pozdrowienia oraz życzę osiągnięcia sukcesu w prestiżowym konkursie.



[Courtesy translation]

JASTKÓW COMMUNE R0.021.1.2020.MA.2

Jastków, 20 May 2020

Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

I would like to congratulate you as the city of Lublin qualified to the final in 'European Youth Capital 2023' contest. I am convinced that many years of activities by the City of Lublin in the area of civic education and promotion of social attitudes among children and young people will be appreciated by the jury panel.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Jastków Commune Council, I officially support the City of Lublin as the European Youth Capital in 2023. Many years of experience in the implementation of joint projects, assure me that Lublin will create perfect conditions to develop a space dedicated for the youngest inhabitants of the region.

Education and promotion of social attitudes is a key task in the context of creating future civic society. Such activities help create natural leaders who, through their actions, will educate and pass on the best values to next generations.

With best compliments, let me wish you overall success in this prestigious competition.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Kot Head of the Commune Jastków

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Konopnica, dnia 19.05.2020 r.

Szanowny Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Wójt Gminy Konopnica wyraża swoje poparcie dla kandydatury Miasta Lublin na Europejską Stolicę Młodzieży 2023, które jest przyznawane corocznie przez Europejskie Forum Młodzieży powstałe z idei Rady Europy.

Aktywność młodych ludzi w budowaniu nowatorskiej polityki, jest niezaprzeczalnym dowodem wzmacniania znaczenia młodego pokolenia nie tylko w życiu społecznym ale i obywatelskim.

Gmina Konopnica jest częścią składu Lubelskiego Obszaru Funkcjonalnego, który ma na celu zintegrowanie współpracy z Miastem Lublin poprzez podejmowanie wspólnych inicjatyw mających na celu podniesienie jakości życia wszystkich mieszkańców.

Kluczowym jest wspieranie aktywności i zaangażowania młodzieży w procesy obywatelskie, celem wzmacniania ich świadomości społecznej dlatego jestem przekonany, że Lublin stał się tego idealnym przykładem, co potwierdza miejsce w prestiżowym konkursie.

WOJT mgr Mirostaw Zydek



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Konopnica, 19.05.2020r.

Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of the City of Lublin

The Head of the Konopnica Commune expresses his support for the candidacy of the City of Lublin for European Youth Capital 2023, which is awarded annually by European Youth Forum founded on the idea of the Council of Europe.

Young people's activity in building innovative policy, is undeniable evidence of strengthening the importance of the young generations not only in social but also civic life.

The Konopnica Commune is part of the Lublin Functional Area, cooperating under a partnership agreement that has through which cooperation with the City of Lublin is integrated by undertaking joint initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for all residents.

The key is to support youth activity and involvement in civic processes, to strengthen their social awareness, that's why I'm convinced that Lublin is a perfect example of this, which confirms the place in the prestigious competition.

WÓJT mgr Wirosław Żydek



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Niemce, May 20, 2020.

Mr. Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin City

Dear Mr Mayor,

I would like to congratulate to you on your success in qualifying the City of Lublin for the final three in the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023. At the same time, I strongly believe that this prestigious title, awarded annually by the European Youth Forum, should belong to Lublin in 2023.

Our municipality has the honor of being a neighbor and a partner to the City of Lublin in many important undertakings especially those aimed at creating space for the development of youth.

The city authorities support projects and initiatives implemented by young people, such as the establishment of the Lublin Youth Council. Many cultural events are also held here, most of which are attended by younger audience - such as "Noc Kultury", "Inne Brzmienia" or "Carnaval Sztukmistrzów".

Finally, it should be stressed that due to the numer of universities in Lublin, the city is often called "academic". As a representative of the community of Niemce Commune, as well as private person visiting this wonderful city on a daily basis, I fully support the candidacy of the City of Lublin for the European Youth Capital 2023.





Burmistrz Piask



Or. 0054.3.2020

Piaski, 22.05.2020 r.

Pan

Krzysztof Żuk

Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

W odpowiedzi na pismo z dnia 08.05.2020 r. znak BRM-IV.111.1.2.2020 na wstępie składam serdeczne gratulacje z okazji znalezienia się Miasta Lublin w ścisłym finale konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Jest to niezwykła okazja do promocji miasta i pokazania jego najlepszych atrybutów, szczególnie w zakresie nowoczesnej polityki młodzieżowej.

Miasto Piaski, działając wspólnie z Lublinem w strukturze Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitarnego, wielokrotnie miało możliwość współpracować przy licznych projektach o charakterze infrastrukturalnym, społecznym i edukacyjnym. Ta wzorowa współpraca przyniosła liczne owoce dla mieszkańców miasta i całej gminy Piaski. Młodzi mieszkańcy naszej gminy, ze względu na bliskość Lublina, chętnie i aktywnie uczestniczą w realizowanych przez miasto metropolitarne przedsięwzięciach kulturalnych i edukacyjnych. W ramach Zintegrowanych Inwestycji Terytorialnych, realizowanych wspólnie z miastem Lublin, gmina Piaski prowadzi obecnie projekt "Piaski – dbamy o przyszłość młodzieży!", który daje możliwość wyrównywania szans edukacyjnych.

Jestem przekonany, że Miasto Lublin zasłużyło na tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023 z tego powodu jako Burmistrz Piask udzielam poparcia Państwa aplikacji.

Życzę wszystkim osobom zaangażowanym w przygotowanie do konkursu, wiele radości i satysfakcji podczas najbliższych miesięcy, a finalnie wygranej.

Z poważaniem,

BURMISTRZ

Michal Chojewa





Burmistrz Piask



Or. 0054.3.2020

Piaski, 22.05.2020 r.

Mr

Krzysztof Żuk

Mayor of the City of Lublin

Dear Mr President,

In response to the letter of 08.05.2020, mark BRM-IV.111.1.2.2020, at the beginning I would like to congratulate You of finding Yourself- the City of Lublin in the final of the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023. This is a fabulous opportunity to promote the city and what is more to show its best attributes, especially in the field of modern youth policy.

The city of Piaski acting jointly with Lublin in the structure of the Lublin Metropolitan Area, has repeatedly had the great chance to cooperate on numerous infrastructure, social, and educational projects. This exemplary cooperation has brought many advantages for the residents of our commune, due to their proximity to the city of Lublin, willingly and actively participate in the cultural and educational projects implemented by the metropolitan city.

As a part of Integrated Territorial Investments implemented with pleasure with the city of Lublin, the commune of Piaski has been curently running the project 'Piaski- we care for the future of youth!". It makes us possible to equalize educational chances.

I am strongly convinced that the City of Lublin deserved the title of European Youth Capital 2023. As the Mayor of Piaski, I support the Your application.

I would like to wish everyone involved in the preparation for the competition a lot of joy and satisfaction in the coming months and finally victory!

Yours sincerely,

Michal Cholewa



WÓJT GMINY STRZYŻEWICE



POWIAT LUBELSKI * WOJEWÓDZTWO LUBELSKIE

Strzyżewice, dnia 22 maja 2020 r.

RRII-P.0542.1.2020

Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

Niezmiernie cieszy nas fakt, że miasto Lublin jest jednym z pretendentów do tytułu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. W imieniu Gminy Strzyżewice wchodzącej w skład Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitalnego, pragnę wyrazić swoje zdecydowane poparcie dla kandydatury Miasta Lublin do tak prestiżowego tytułu.

Lublin to centrum naukowo - kulturalne wschodniej strony Wisły. Miasto cechuje bogata baza dydaktyczno — szkoleniowa przeznaczona dla dzieci i młodzieży oraz osób dorosłych. System edukacji szkolnej opiera się na różnego rodzaju placówkach oświatowych. Istnieje tu sieć placówek przedszkolnych, szkół podstawowych i średnich. Lublin to również największy we wschodniej Polsce i jeden z najważniejszych w kraju ośrodek akademicki, przyciągający studentów bogatą ofertą kierunków studiów i wysokim poziomem kształcenia. Obecność licznej młodzieży akademickiej sprawia, że Lublin to miasto ludzi młodych, z dużym potencjałem twórczym, dynamicznych i kreatywnych. Zauważalny jest wkład samorządu miasta Lublina we wspieranie wszelkich działań na rzecz aktywności społecznej i obywatelskiej młodzieży, tworzenie odpowiednich warunków do realizowania przez nich projektów i inicjatyw.

Miasto to kulturalne centrum regionu. Władze samorządowe wraz ze społecznością studencką, są organizatorami licznych imprez kulturalnych, z których wiele nawiązuje do wielokulturowego dziedzictwa Lublina. Znajdują się tu ośrodki samorządowe, pełniące funkcje animatorów życia kulturalnego młodzieży.

Lublin mocno wspiera także partnerski model współdziałania samorządów. Gmina Strzyżewice, jako jedna z gmin należących do Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitalnego, posiada bardzo dobre doświadczenia ze współpracy z miastem Lublin przy wdrażaniu instrumentu Zintegrowanych Inwestycji Terytorialnych. W obecnej perspektywie finansowej 2014 - 2020 realizowane są projekty partnerskie przyczyniające się do rozwoju Lubelskiego Obszaru Funkcjonalnego. Lublin zdecydowanie sprawdza się jako Lider we współpracy partnerskiej. Jest głównym inicjatorem w podejmowaniu działań mających na celu wyeliminowanie obszarów społecznie i gospodarczo zdegradowanych oraz wspieranie cennych obszarów regionu Lubelszczyzny.

Potwierdzeniem tych działań jest podpisany w dniu 28 stycznia 2020 r. przez 21 gmin i 5 powiatów list intencyjny na rzecz rozwoju Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitalnego, w ramach którego partnerzy po raz kolejny wyznaczyli na Lidera Miasto Lublin. Jego zaangażowanie i doświadczenie pozwoli w kolejnej perspektywie finansowej zrealizować inwestycje służące mieszkańcom LOM.

Z wyrazami uznania

GIT GMINY

Barbara Zdybel

Otrzymują:

- 1. Adresat
- 2. a/a







WÓJT GMINY STRZYŻEWICE



POWIAT LUBELSKI * WOJEWÓDZTWO LUBELSKIE

Strzyżewice, 21 May 2020

RRII-P.0542.1.2020

Mr. Krzysztof Żuk
The President of Lublin City

Dear Mr. President

We are extremely satisfied that the city of Lublin is one of the contenders to the title of European Youth Capital 2023. On behalf of Strzyżewice community, which is a part of Lublin's Metropolitan area, I wish to express my determined support for the candidature of Lublin city to such a prestigious title.

Lublin is a scientific and cultural centre of eastern part of the Vistula river. The city is characteristic for its extraordinary didactic and training base aimed for children, youth and adults. Educational system is based on various educational centres. A lot of kindergartens, primary schools and secondary schools are located in the area. What is more, Lublin is also the biggest and one of the most prestigious academic centre in eastern part of Poland that attracts students with diverse academic courses and high level of education. Due to the fact of existence academic youth, Lublin is a city of young dynamic people with great creative potential. Worth noticing is a contribution of local self-government to all the social and civil initiatives of youth leading to creating ideal conditions to fulfil their projects and initiatives.

Lublin is a cultural centre of region. Local self-government with the academic community are organisers of numeral cultural events many of which refers to multicultural heritage of the city. Many self-government centres are situated in the area that perform functions of animators of cultural life for youth.

Lublin is also highly supportive for cooperative partnership model of local self-governments. Strzyżewice commune, as one of the communes of Lublin's Metropolitan Area, has also great experiences with Lublin's cooperation implementation of instrument called Integrated Territorial Investments. With the present financial perspective 2014-2020 there are ongoing projects which are leading to development of Lublin's Functional Area. The city is an absolute leader of partnership cooperation. Moreover, Lublin is a major initiator undertaking actions leading to eliminating areas of social and economic exclusion and supporting precious and valued areas of Lubelskie Region. The confirmation of these projects is an intentional letter signed 28th January 2020 by 21 communes and 5 districts in favour of development of Lublin's Metropolitan Area. Under this agreement Lublin was designated as the leader.

It's involvement, commitment and experience will allow fulfilling investments improving citizens existence of Lublin's Metropolitan Area in the following financial perspective.

Yours Sincerely

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Barnara Zdybel









Świdnik, 14.05.2020

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Mayor of the City of Lublin Krzysztof Żuk

I would like to support the City of Lublin efforts to become the European Youth Capital 2023.

Lublin is a city of cultural diversity, that brings together residents and students. It has a wide educational and cultural offer, the city also encourages young people to engage in various activities. Due to different cultural and artistic events, it gathers young people interested in exploring, discussing and learning about their closest environment.

This title will have a great promotional impact not only for the City of Lublin, but also for the whole region, including the City of Świdnik. Our young residents enthusiastically take advantage of all the educational and cultural opportunities given by the City of Lublin. That is why it is an ideal candidate for the European Youth Capital 2023 title.

Sincerely,











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Wojciechów, 21.05.2020 r.

Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

Bardzo ucieszyła mnie wiadomość, że Miasto Lublin zakwalifikowało się do ścisłego finału konkursu o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Wiem, że od wielu lat staracie się Państwo konsekwentnie wzmacniać młodzież i wspierać ich aktywność i zaangażowanie w procesy obywatelskie i społeczne. Ubieganie się o ten zaszczytny tytuł jest okazją do promocji kultury młodzieżowej i działania młodych ludzi w różnych obszarach, m. in. kultury, nauki, sztuki, sportu. Z pełnym przekonaniem wyrażam nasze poparcie dla kandydatury Lublina na Europejską Stolicę Młodzieży 2023. Jako Gmina Wojciechów mamy dużą przyjemność współpracy z Miastem Lublin w ramach Lubelskiego Obszaru Metropolitalnego, w skład którego wchodzi kilkanaście innych samorządów. Miasto Lublin jest liderem tego obszaru. Wspólnie realizujemy tematykę dotyczącą: poprawy dostępności komunikacyjnej i zrównoważonego transportu niskoemisyjnego; adaptacji LOM do postępujących zmian klimatu, w tym również w zakresie: ochrony różnorodności biologicznej, ochrony wód, gospodarki wodno-ściekowej, ochrony dolin rzecznych, podniesienia efektywności energetycznej i ochrony powietrza, bezpieczeństwa mieszkańców w obliczu zagrożeń naturalnych; interwencji w zakresie rozwoju polityki społecznej (w tym infrastruktury społecznej), w szczególności ukierunkowanej na osoby starsze i z niepełnosprawnościami w tym dzieci i młodzież; rozwoju turystyki; odnowy zdegradowanych przestrzeni położonych na terenie LOM poprzez rewitalizację społeczną i przestrzenną; wsparcia kultury i ochronę dziedzictwa kulturowego; rozwoju przedsiębiorczości wsparcie terenów inwestycyjnych; wsparcia edukacji; efektywnego systemu gospodarki odpadami; cyfryzacji procesów administracyjnych.

Lublin to miasto ludzi młodych. Tu, co roku, edukację akademicką na kilku uniwersytetach rozpoczyna kilkanaście tysięcy osób. Cieszę się, że także i młodzież z terenu Gminy Wojciechów może rozwijać swoją wiedzę, aktywnie włączać się w realizację wielu projektów edukacyjnych, Lubelskich Festiwali, m. in. Noc Kultury, Carnaval Sztukmistrzów a następnie z nich korzystać.

Życzę, aby 2023 rok, w którym Lublin pełniłby rolę Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży, stał się świętem nie tylko młodzieży lubelskiej, ale także świętem młodzieży w całej Polsce.



Bardzo dziękuję również za zaproszenie do współpracy przy tworzeniu i realizacji programu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023. Chętnie włączymy się w tę inicjatywę.

Z wyrazami szacunku

ar Artur Markayan



HEAD OF THE WOJCIECHÓW COMMUNE

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Wojciechów, 21.05.2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mayor,

I was very pleased to hear that Lublin got to the close finals of the competition for the title of the European Youth Capital 2023. I know that throughout the years you have made consistent efforts to support young people and their activity and involvement in citizenship and social processes. Claiming this honourable title is an opportunity to promote youth culture and the activity of young people in various areas, including culture, science, arts and sports. With full confidence, I wish to express our support for Lublin's candidacy for the European Youth Capital 2023. As the Wojciechów Commune, we have a great pleasure to cooperate with the City of Lublin within the Lublin Metropolitan Area, which includes over a dozen local government bodies. Lublin is the leader of the area. We are working on such issues as improving transport accessibility and sustainable low-emission transport; adaptation of the LMA to progressing climate change, including the protection of biological diversity and of waters, water and sewage management, river valley protection, improving energy efficiency and air protection, ensuring residents' safety from natural disasters; interventions in the area of social policy development (including social infrastructure), targeted especially at the elderly and disabled, including children and adolescents; tourism development; renewal of degraded areas located within the LMA through social and spatial revitalisation; supporting culture and cultural heritage protection; business development and supporting areas for investments; supporting education; an effective waste management system; and the digitalisation of administrative processes.

Lublin is the city of the young. This is where each year over a dozen thousand people start their higher education at several universities. I am glad that young people from the Wojciechów Commune are also able to develop their knowledge and actively contribute to the performance of numerous educational projects and festivals held in Lublin, such as the Night of Culture, Carnaval Sztukmistrzów, and to participate in them.

I wish that 2023 will be the year in which Lublin will become the European Youth Capital and a year of celebration not only for young people in Lublin but in the entire Poland.

I would also like to thank you for inviting us to cooperate on the creation and implementation of the programme of the European Youth Capital 2023. We are looking forward to joining this initiative.

Kind regards,

Artur Markowski

Head of the Wojciechów Commune

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Mayor of Lublin Mr. Krzysztof ŻUK

Dear Mr. Mayor!

I am pleased to support our partner city Lublin in its initiative to become the European

Youth Capital 2023.

Kharkiv and Lublin have a lot in common. Moreover, there is one important common feature - young people being the face of our cities. They are willing to study, explore the world, enjoy their lives and love their hometown.

The youth movement is being actively developed and supported in Kharkiv. The effective functioning of Kharkiv Youth Council, which was established in December 2015,

evidences it. Kharkiv youth is very active and show positive results of their work.

A number of projects in the field of youth and volunteer exchanges have been implemented jointly by our cities. We have been actively cooperating within the framework

of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize as well.

I would like to express my support to the City of Lublin in this challenging, but at the same time interesting struggle for the title of the European Youth Capital 2023. I am deeply convinced that gaining such a prestigious status will give a new impetus to the development of youth policy in Lublin, which will become an excellent platform for various events involving young Europeans. Kharkiv youth are always ready to join international programs and initiatives, as building a prosperous future of our cities is impossible without the participation of the young generation.

I renew my assurances of respect to you, looking forward to further fruitful cooperation and implementation of interesting projects for young citizens of Kharkiv and

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Lublin.

Sincerely, Mayor of Kharkiv

Gennadiy KERNES

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

Lublin is a city of inspiration. Lublin is the capital of self-fulfillment for students from Poland and other countries. This is a city always open for youth initiatives and student projects. It is a city of young, initiative, and enthusiastic people. Lublin is a city for people open to the world.

Cooperation between Kharkiv and Lublin becomes stronger every year. This partnership gives tangible and visual results.

During 2017-2018, Lublin warmly hosted active youth representatives of Kharkiv. Participation in the 6th and the 7th editions of the Eastern Europe Initiatives Congress and a two-week comprehensive training made a great contribution to the development of new projects and initiatives by the Kharkiv Youth Council.

Another area of fruitful collaboration between our cities is volunteering being a very relevant topic nowadays. Lublin promotes the development of volunteering by involving young people to the process of organizing and holding various forums and conferences. This kind of international volunteering makes it possible to acquire new skills, get acquainted with peers, and improve networking.

As the chair of the Kharkiv Youth Council, I can confidently claim that Lublin deserves the title of the European Youth Capital 2023.

Looking forward to our future mutually beneficial cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Chair of the Kharkiv Youth Council

Dmytro Davidyants



Mayor Krzysztof Zuk Mayor of the City of Lublin Plac Władyslava Lokietka 1, 20-109 Lublin Poland

6 May, 2020

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Thank you very much for your kind letter, it is always a great pleasure for us to hear about our friends in Lublin!

These times of pandemic are very difficult. In Debrecen we have done all the effort we could do, in order to handle the coronavirus situation that hit us. So far, our city and region is doing very well in the sense of numbers of illnesses. I agree with you when you say we have to look ahead and continue with future projects and activities, hoping for the end of this pandemic.

About your request, first of all let me congratulate you that your city was shortlisted for the final competition of European Youth Capital 2023. I would like to assure you, that the city of Debrecen supports this initiative and I hope that Lublin will win the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

Wishing you all the best, luck and health! Hope to be able to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Mayor

Stadt Delmenhorst

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April 29th, 2020

Lublin's candidature as European Youth Capital 2023

Dear Mr Mayor Żuk, dear colleague,

Thank you very much for you letter from April 23rd. I was very intriqued to read about Lublin's candidature as European Youth Capital 2023. To me, granting your city that title seems very appropriate indeed. For I perceive Lublin as a very internationally minded, thus truly European city, and I perceive it as a young city - not, of course, in terms of its impressive history, but with respect to the role young people play in the local community.

Let me refer, just as one example, to last year's celebrations of the 450th anniversary of the Union of Lublin. Historically, that might have been interpreted as an act concerning mainly the Poland and Lithuania of centuries ago. However, you made a point of particularly emphasizing the European dimension both of the historical event and of its lasting significance even today. You did so not only in writing and in speech, but also by inviting your twin cities to share this spirit with the people of Lublin. And certainly not least with the youth of Lublin. Even though I myself could not participate in the celebrations, I was informed by the members of the Delmenhorst delegation that well beyond formal functions the programme included a wide range of events for and with young people, from knight's games for children via the "East of Culture" music festival aiming primarily at adolescents and young adults to the nightly multimedia fountain shows on Litewski square that attracted spectators of all ages and thus brought together the generations.

Just one outstanding programme for a special occasion would of course not be sufficient for the title of a European Youth Capital. But even from afar, we in Delmenhorst are aware of other cultural and sports events in Lublin with a strong youth connection - as "creative spirits" of the events and their auxiliary organisers and/or as participants.

Moreover, at least as important for the involvement of young people in the local community are all the things happening on a less prominent level. We are proud and happy, for example, that for more than a quarter of a century aspiring young musicians from the Karol Lipiński General Music School in Lublin and from our Max-Planck-Gymnasium have been meeting for joint rehearsals and concerts in both cities, and we hope to continue this fruitful exchange well into the future.



Last but not least, we are curious about the new ideas you will undoubtedly develop if your application as European Youth Capital is successful, and we are looking forward to giving our young people a chance to participate in international projects within that context.

I do hope that the European Youth Forum will acknowledge your achievements, your commitment and your potential by rewarding Lublin with the title for 2023. And I am sure you will prove to deserve it.

Kind regards

Lord Mayor of Delmenhorst



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Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

On behalf of the residents of Ivano-Frankivsk and myself, I would like to express my respect and wish you and the citizens of Lublin health, endurance and optimism. Today, at the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to maintain friendly and partnership relations between our cities.

Partnership is a great opportunity for the communities of our cities to teach each other new things, to acquire knowledge, to work for the benefit of the common welfare, thus enriching the European experience.

The years of our cooperation have shown that the city of Lublin is a reliable and dependable partner. The joint efforts for deepening friendly relations and mutual cultural knowledge, the implementation of joint projects for the development of both our cities laid the foundation for bilateral cooperation and have evolved into a strong friendship.

It is a great pleasure for us that the city of Lublin was shortlisted for the strict final in European Youth Capital of 2023 competition. We believe that a great deal of effort and work has been made to achieve this. With this letter, I would like to express my strong support to your city in obtaining this title, as Lublin is a city of young and active people, where hundreds of youth initiatives are held annually.

As the winner of the European Prize - the highest award of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - you are constantly facilitating the fruitful work aimed at promoting the ideas of European unity and embodying best practices.

Once again, I would like to express my congratulations and wish your bright, colourful and open city prosperity and success!

Sincerely,

Mayor of Ivano-Frankivsk

Ruslan Martsinkiv



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from

Mayor of Lublin Krzysztof ŻUK

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Honourable Mr. Mayor!

Let me express my deep respect to you and extend heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of Lublin to be shortlisted for the strict final in European Youth Capital 2023 competition. I sincerely believe in the victory of your city.

The twinning relations between Lublin and Lutsk have lasted since 1996. During this period we have successfully implemented many beneficial initiatives and important international projects. Bilateral cooperation between Lublin City Administration and Lutsk City Council covering different spheres, is enhancing with every year. This enables me to declare that the city of Lublin is our reliable partner and that friendly twinning relations with Lublin are very valuable and extremely important to us.

Lublin is the city of active young people, wide range of interesting events are implemented with participation and for the benefit of youth. We appreciate the involvement of young people from Lutsk in your projects. The examples of successful partnership include participation of members of Youth Council, that is functioning at Lutsk City Council, in the Polish Congress of Youth Councils in Lublin, participation of the young leaders representing culture sphere of Lutsk in the trainings on culture management and projects development in Lublin, joint meetings, competitions and sports tournaments for youth.

With this letter I express my support of the candidacy of Lublin City in the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023. I am strongly convinced that Lublin deserves to be awarded with this prestigious title, since the city actively develops youth policy, promotes international youth exchanges, encourages implementation of youth projects as well as creates favourable conditions for harmonious formation and development of European young generation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary of Lutsk City Council Acting Mayor Acting Mayor

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05.05.2020

To the President of the City of Lublin Krzysztof Zhuk

The Youth Council of Lutsk expresses the sincere support to the city of Lublin, the finalist of the Youth Capital of Europe 2023 competition. We wish you victory in the competition and to get this prestigious title of the winner. We hope that your participation will expand your range of opportunities in strengthening and engaging of young citizens to civic life.

Members of the Lutsk Youth Council at Lutsk City Council took part in the Plenary Session of the National Congress of Youth Councils in Lublin in 2018, where we received useful information and invaluable experience in communication with delegates from different countries which really take care of the youth work. So, if it is possible, we would like to continue to share our experience and useful developments in the future with representatives of Lublin.

Acting Chairman of the Youth Council

At Lutsk City Council

Iurii Semchuk





Mr.
Dr. Krzysztof Zuk
Prezydent Lublina
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Münster, 13th May 2020

Dear Dr. Zuk, dear colleague,

With great interest I learned that Lublin has applied for the title "European Youth Capital 2023" and is among the three most successful candidate cities. For this success alone I want to congratulate Lublin very warmly.

The prize is awarded by the European Youth Forum to empower young people, promote youth participation and strengthen European identity. Lublin has been pursuing these aims for years. Münster therefore strongly supports Lublin's application.

Next year, our two cities will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the city twinning. During these past 30 years, Lublin and Münster have worked together very successfully and trustfully in a variety of projects, especially in the youth sector. Lublin is a very active and reliable partner, particularly in projects together with other European cities.

Here are a few examples:

Regular contacts:

 The Ratsgymnasium Münster and the Schillergymnasium Münster maintain close school partnerships with schools in Lublin for years. Mutual visits take place every year. Friendships are built and historical as well as social topics are discussed.

 For many years now, children and young people from Lublin have been taking part in an international summer camp in Münster. They get to know people and their culture in a playful way and form friendships with each other. Europe can thus be experienced with all its advantages by children and youths from early on.

The associations in Münster and Lublin regularly organise photo competitions among young people from both cities in order to awaken their awareness of the city twinning, to arouse interest in the European partner country and to show similarities and differences between the two cities by using the medium of "photography". Exhibitions document the very impressive results.

 Student choirs from both cities visit each other regularly, give joint concerts and exchange views on current European topics at university level. Markus Lewe Lord Mayor

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Lublin also regularly takes part in many multinational, mostly European projects:

Some examples:

- 2014: Young people from Lublin, together with youths from York, Rjasan and Orléans, are taking part in a project on "How does my city remember the First World War?" The results were summarized in a film.
- 2015: A student choir from Lublin takes part in an international choir festival in Münster.
- 2016: Young dancers from Lublin participate in an international inclusive dance meeting in Münster. During the four-day project, they rehearsed, danced and celebrated together and exchanged thoughts on European topics in the field of sports.
- 2016: In 2015 Lublin and Münster were awarded with the European Heritage Label. On this occasion, a workshop with young people from Münster and Lublin was held in Münster in 2016. The history of both countries and current issues were discussed together.
- 2017: Young people with disabilities from Lublin took part in an international painting project together with young people from Münster and Riasan.
- 2018: On the occasion of the 101st German Catholic Day, a young music group from Lublin participated in the project "Music makes it possible: an inter-religious dialogue!" In addition to music, discussions on current topics were also part of the program.
- 2019: A student choir from Lublin participated in the first International Night of Choirs.
- 2020: Lublin plans its participation in Münster's Twin City Games (youth event on the subject of 75 years of peace and friendship in Europe).

The examples show impressively that Lublin is very active in the youth sector at a European level and is continuously involved in European projects with the twin city. Getting young people excited about the idea of Europe is a high priority in the activities of the student city of Lublin. The aim of all projects is to support the contact of the youth of Lublin with European partners and to promote dialogue among young people. The youths should be enabled to get to know and evaluate Europe with all its advantages but also its weaknesses beyond their own borders and thus develop their own European identity. Lublin succeeds in this in an impressive way.

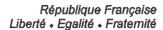
I wish Lublin all the best in the further application process.

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Best regards from Münster,

Markus Lewe

Lord Mayor





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MONSIEUR KRZYSZTOF ZUK
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Monsieur le Maire,

C'est avec une attention toute particulière que j'ai pris connaissance de votre courrier en date du 23 avril 2020 dont je vous remercie. Je tiens tout d'abord à vous féliciter très chaleureusement pour la sélection de Lublin, notre chère ville jumelée polonaise, parmi les finalistes pour le titre de « Capitale européenne de la Jeunesse 2023 ».

C'est bien volontiers que j'apporte mon soutien à votre candidature, car le titre serait ô combien mérité au regard de la qualité de votre politique publique à destination de la Jeunesse et votre engagement sur la scène européenne. Je sais que l'obtention du titre sera pour Lublin non seulement une belle consécration de son action exemplaire, mais aussi et surtout un encouragement pour mettre en place de nouveaux projets avec les partenaires européens, et notamment Nancy.

En effet, si nos deux villes sont jumelées depuis 1988, nos liens n'ont jamais souffert d'une quelconque routine ou lassitude. Au contraire, c'est avec un éclat tout particulier que nous avons célébré nos trente ans de jumelage, à Lublin et à Nancy, mettant à chaque fois la jeunesse au cœur de nos échanges et de nos préoccupations.

Dans le passé, Lublin et Nancy ont mutuellement invité les membres de leurs Conseils de la Jeunesse à des rencontres thématiques permettant aux jeunes de mieux se connaître, d'appréhender la culture de l'autre et de se projeter dans un avenir commun guidé par les valeurs inhérentes à l'Union européenne telles que la paix, la solidarité et la justice sociale.

Tous les ans, Lublin et Nancy organisent des stages d'été pour les étudiants de la ville jumelée et créent ainsi un réseau d'ambassadeurs ayant à cœur de faire la promotion des liens d'amitié si nécessaires dans notre monde globalisé.

Je me félicite que Lublin participe également cette année à une action née de la crise sanitaire liée au COVID-19 qui bouleverse actuellement nos vies et nos projets. En effet, Nancy et Lublin, en ce temps de confinement, feront résonner l'hymne européen depuis fenêtres et balcons, à l'occasion de la Journée de l'Europe, le 9 mai à 18h00 précises. Pour Lublin, c'est la chorale Kantylena et les membres d'autres chorales de Lublin qui chanteront l'Ode à la joie, à l'unisson avec les Nancéiens, pour envoyer ensemble un message d'unité et d'espoir.







C'est à la fois avec gratitude et fierté que je constate que nos deux villes sont toujours au rendez-vous quand il s'agit de porter haut les couleurs de l'Europe et d'insuffler un puissant élan à la participation des jeunes.

Ainsi, au regard de votre mobilisation, votre engagement, votre créativité et votre volonté affirmée d'accorder une place essentielle à la jeunesse, une jeunesse ouverte au monde et capable de prendre sa place dans la vie de la cité, je suis confiant que Lublin saura se distinguer et remporter le titre de capitale européenne de la Jeunesse 2023. C'est ce que je vous souhaite de tout cœur.

Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Maire, à l'assurance de mes sentiments les meilleurs.





[Courtesy translation]

Nancy Laurent Hénart Mer Nancy Former Minister

French Republic
Freedom Equality Fraternity

Nancy, 11 May 2020

Case being handled by: Verena Denry

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Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin Plac Władysława Łokietka 1 20-109 Lublin, Poland

Dear Mr Mayor,

I have read your letter of 23 April 2020 with particular attention and wish to thank you for same. First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the fact that Lublin, our dear Polish partner city, qualified to the group of finalists of cities applying for the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

I am happy to support your candidature, because this title will be well deserved, having regard to the quality of your city policy, that is aimed at young people, and your involvement on the European scene. I know that this title will not only be a crowning achievement in your exemplary protocol, but also a particular incentive for Lublin to implement new projects with European partners, including Nancy.

Indeed, although our cities have been partners since 1988, mutual ties have never been touched by routine or weariness. On the contrary, we have celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of our partnership on an exceptional scale, both in Lublin and in Nancy, and each time young people have been at the centre of our attention and our joint activities.

In recent years, Lublin and Nancy have invited members of their youth city councils to thematic meetings to allow young people from both cities to get to know each other better, understand the culture of the twinned city, and think about a common future based on the European Union's inextricable values of peace, solidarity and social justice.

Each year, Lublin and Nancy organise summer internships for students from the twinned city, and thus create a genuine network of ambassadors advocating friendship that is so much in need in our globalised world.

I am also pleased that Lublin is taking part this year in an action born of the COVID-19 epidemiological crisis, which is turning our lives and our plans upside down. During quarantine, Nancy and Lublin will make the European anthem sound from the windows and balconies celebrating Europe Day, on May 9, 2020, at 6 p.m. In Lublin, the Kantylena Choir and members of other choirs will sing 'Ode to Joy' in one voice with the residents of Nancy and this will be a common message of unity and hope.

I am both grateful and proud that both cities are always ready to carry the colours and values of Europe up high and to give such a strong impetus for young people to join in.

That is why, given your readiness to act, your commitment, your creativity and a recognized willingness to give a prominent place to young people, who are open to the world and able to find their place in the life of the community, I trust that Lublin will stand out from others and will win the title of European Youth Capital. I wish this with all my heart to you.

Please accept, Mr Mayor, the words of respect and best greetings,

Laurent Hénart Mayor of Nancy





REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MAYORALTY of NİLÜFER MUNICIPALITY

Foreign Relations Office

29 April 2020

To Mr. Krzysztof ZUK

Mayor of Lublin, POLAND

Subject European Youth Capital Candidacy of Lublin

Dear Mayor, Dear Friend Mr. ZUK

We would like to state our full support in your candidacy on European Capital of Youth in 2023. Nilüfer is standing with Lublin on this challenge and ready to take any actions required in order to achievement of the title.

As you know, we started to share experience, know-how and innovative apporaches between our cities in 2012 and decided to turn this fruitful partnership into a permament status by becoming twin cities in 2014. Since then we are creating such projects and events which happened to be the best practice examples to other cities in our networks.

Lublin is already the capital of youth in our eyes, especially considering our great contributions to improve solidarity amongst the youth of both countries with the help of International Lublin Basketball Tournament, International Nilüfer Sports Festival, Jagiellonian Fair, and many more.

We strongly believe Lublin's European Youth Capital title will be a great motivation for our efforts to promote European ideals to future generations.

Hope to build a better Europe altogether.

Sincerely,

Turgay ERDEM Mayor of Nilüfer



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Mr. Krzysztof Žuk, Mayor of Lublin City

April 27, 2020

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of our partner city Lublin's candidacy in the competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

Panevėžys became a twinning partner of Lublin in September 1999. Since then the cooperation has been developing in many spheres and provided us with plenty of opportunities to be witness and participants of many successful projects initiated and implemented by Lublin in the fields of sport, culture, local government and, certainly, in education and youth affairs. During more than two decades of partnership inhabitants of Panevėžys and Lublin have been participating in numerous events, exchanges and projects which could be realized thanks to the professionalism of our colleagues in Lublin. There we have met dedicated teams working hard and striving to achieve their goals.

We have no doubt that Lublin being European Youth Capital 2023 will be a success story because we know that the city has much potential and is a reliable and proven partner. We feel confident to fully support the candidacy of Lublin in competition for the title of European Youth Capital 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Rytis Mykolas Račkauskas Mayor of Panevėžys



Municipality of Rishon LeZion Mayor's Office



May 4, 2020

Mr. Krzysztof Zuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin Poland

Dear Mayor Zuk,

It is with great joy I heard that the City of Lublin is applying for the candidacy in the competition for the title "European Youth Capital 2023" awarded by the European Youth Forum.

I will be honored to provide our support for this prestigious title that Lublin deserves.

Lublin and Rishon LeZion have been partners for nearly 28 years, and the cooperation over the past years have blossomed and flourished and one of the reasons for this is due to our youth exchanges.

The projects over the past years between our youngsters is an excellent example of what our future can look like. The connections that were made and the lessons learnt from one another will follow with these youngsters into their adult life, thus making a bright and new future for all.

I certainly look forward to all future projects with the City of Lublin and I wish you and all the Citizens of your City good luck in the Competition, but most of all Health and Peace to the World.

Sincerely Yours

Raz Kinstlich Mayor of Rishon LeZion Israel



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Шановні панове!

Маю гарну нагоду звернутись з надзвичайно присмною місією. Перш за все дозвольте побажати усім нам здоров'я та оптимізму.

Виконавчий комітет Рівненської міської ради та я, Міський голова Рівного, щиро підтримуємо кандидатуру нашого партнерського міста Люблін в отриманні титулу Європейської столиці Молоді - 2023.

Люблін - це одне з наших партнерських міст, угоду про співпрацю з яким було підписано 01.10.2013 року. Це місто молодих та активних людей, місто нових молодіжних ініціатив, які щороку проводяться у Любліні.

Щиро дякую за гарні роки продуктивної взаємодії. Особливо вдячний за міжнародні та польсько-українські проекти, які ми разом з Вами втілюємо. Співпраця з містом Люблін надзвичайно потужна та активна. Нам разом вдалось реалізувати Програму транскордонної співпраці «Польща-Білорусь-Україна». Ми активно беремо участь у щорічному Конгресі Східних ініціатив. Щороку наші стортемени активно залучені до участі у Міжнародних баскетбольних, футбольних турнірах та змаганнях, у Міжнародних змаганнях з плавання та танцювальних фестивалях.

Радію з того, що наша молодь має гарні партнерські угоди між навчальними закладами а це, в свою чергу активно розвиває інтерес до вивчення польської мови, до культури, традицій нашого сусіда.

Молодь, яка планує здобувати подальшу освіту, надає перевагу місту Люблін серед інших польських міст, не лише тому, що місто знаходиться ближче, ніж наша, українська столиця, але й тому, що місто є надзвичайно прогресивним. Саме завдяки Пану Президентові Кшиштофу Жуку та його команді професіоналів місто й набуло такого значення. Адже позиція Любліна

є також і постійна підтримка та доброзичливість до іноземців, які проживають у Любліні

Президент Міста Люблін Кшиштоф Жук завжди наголошує, що Люблін має багаті полікультурні традиції та традиції відкритості. Тому турбота про гостей та мешканців є важливою для ідентичності Любліна. Часто відвідуваний простір Старого Міста наповнений багатомовним гаміром мешканців Любліна, студентів та туристів.

3 шаною та гордістю, місто Рівне підтримує кандидатуру Любліна в отриманні титулу Європейської Столиці Молоді - 2023.

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Dear Sirs!

I appreciate the opportunity to undertake an extremely enjoyable mission. First of all, I would like to wish you health and optimism.

The Executive Committee of Rivne City Council and me, Mayor of Rivne, sincerely support the candidacy of our partner city of Lublin in obtaining the European Youth Capital of 2023 title.

Lublin is one of our 11 partner cities, the cooperation agreement with which was signed on 01.10.2013. It is the city of young and active people, a city of new youth initiatives that are held annually in Lublin.

Thank you very much for the good years of productive engagement. We are especially grateful for the international and Polish-Ukrainian projects that we are implementing together. Cooperation with the city of Lublin is extremely powerful and active. Together, we have managed to implement the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Cross-Border Cooperation Program. We actively participate in the annual Oriental Initiatives Congress. Every year our athletes are actively involved in International Basketball, Football Tournaments and Competitions, International Swimming Competitions and Dance Festivals.

I am glad that our youth have good partnership agreements between educational institutions and this, in turn, actively develops interest in learning the Polish language, culture and traditions of our neighbour.

Young people who plan to gain further education prefer Lublin to other Polish cities, not only because the city is closer than Ukrainian capital, but also because the

President of the city is an extremely progressive person. Thanks to Mr. President Krzysztof Zuk and his professional team the city has become so significant. After all, Lublin's position is also a constant support and kindness to foreigners living in Lublin.

Thé President of the City of Lublin, Krzysztof Zuk, always emphasizes that Lublin has rich multicultural and open-ended traditions. Therefore, caring for guests and residents is important to Lublin's identity. The often visited Old Town is filled with a multilingual mix of Lublin residents, students and tourists.

The city of Rivne supports Lublin's candidacy for the European Youth Capital of 2023 title.

Sincerely

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Mayor of the City of Lublin Mr. Krzysztof Zuk

Dear Mr. Krzysztof Zuk!

On behalf of the Sumy City Council, its Executive Committee and the community of the city of Sumy, let me express my sincere respect and congratulate the city of Lublin on its selection for the final list in the competition "European Youth Capital - 2023". We greatly appreciate the cooperation between our cities, as it fully contributes to the development of the city in various fields.

In 2018, representatives of the Sumy City Council participated in a joint project with the Municipality of Lublin "Professional staff in local self-government - the formation of competent teams of public administration in support of self-government reform in Ukraine." Lublin hospitably received representatives of the Sumy City Council in the framework of the Congress of Eastern European Initiatives, the Congress of New Mobility. Representatives of the City of Lublin accompanied us at all stages of such an important area for us as the creation of the strategy of the city of Sumy until 2030 and so on.

Considering that winning the honorary title of European Youth Capital opens up new opportunities for new joint initiatives in the field of youth, youth projects, with big pleasure we would like to express to you our good will for support the candidacy of the city of Lublin as a reliable and proven partner in the implementation of joint commitments.

We firmly believe that Lublin should rightly be called the European Youth Capital, and we sincerely hope that the partnership between the cities of Sumy and Lublin will continue to develop in a new direction, which will certainly open up new opportunities and prospects for constructive cooperation.

Best regards, Sumy City Mayor A hunt

Oleksandr Lysenko

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Mr. Krzysztof Żuk

Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mayor Żuk,

With this letter we would like to support the city of Lublin for the European Youth Capital title 2023.

It is understood that youth is an important segment of the society and they can play a significant and major role in the development of the country. Empowering youth means that they can benefit and contribute to the community with their new ideas, aspirations, creativeness, enthusiasm, and motivation.

The award initiated by the Council of Europe is a wonderful opportunity for cities to promote European identity, strengthen youth engagement and connect young people with one another.

Lublin and Tbilisi have been partner cities for five years. In spite of this short partnership history, we take pride in the excellent friendship and relationship that have been formed and some joint cultural projects have implemented over these years.

We believe that the city of Lublin which is recognized as an academic and educational centre in Poland and beyond and boasts its vibrant and bustling cultural life, will deserve to be awarded this honourable and prestigious title.

We would like to reaffirm our support for our partner city and wish Lublin success and good luck in its application.

Sincerely yours,

Kakha KALADZE

Mayor of Tbilisi

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Letter of Support of the Municipality of Timişoara for the candidacy of the City of Lublin to the title of European Youth Capital 2023

Given that the City of Lublin is competing for the title of European Youth Capital 2023, through this Letter of Support we, the Municipality of Timişoara, as twin and partner city, support the candidacy of the City of Lublin in the competition for this title.

As part of the continuous cooperation between our cities, in case the City of Lublin is designated European Youth Capital in 2023, we aim at strengthening and developing the cooperation with the City of Lublin in the youth field and hereby agree that:

- we will support the implementation of the joint projects and activities agreed within the framework of European Youth Capital programme;
- we will facilitate the cooperation between institutions and organisations from our two cities through youth programmes and projects, exchanges of young people and initiatives involving young people;
- we will promote the City of Lublin as European Youth Capital 2023 and its programme and events.

Knowing Lublin's recent years achievements from several fields of activity, that Lublin is a city of young and active people and especially the enthusiasm animating its young people, we are convinced the City of Lublin will honour this prestigious title of European Youth Capital.

Signed at Timisoara

Date: 29.04.2020

Nicolae Robung Mayor of the Municipality of Timisoara

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MAYOR OF VILNIUS CITY

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

May 18th, 2020

Dear Colleague,

I was very pleased to hear, that Lublin was shortlisted for the final to the European Youth Capital 2023 competition. It is a really prestigious title. Young people and youth organisations are part of the solution for a youth-friendly world. Their engagement contributes to the improvement of the environment and the societies we live in. Flourishing youth organisations are a vital part of a healthy democracy. It is very important to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations. In the current uncertain political and social context that affects young people, they can be powerful catalysts for positive change and contributors of innovative solutions to Europe's as well as worldwide challenges. I do believe winning the title is an opportunity to strengthen and engage young citizens in the life of local communities and a great opportunity to implement new initiatives to make the world, not even the City, better place to live in.

It is very impressive what your city is doing to attract and keep young talents in Lublin. Scholarship Programme for students and PhD students, scholarships for young artists, supporting pupils who took part in science competitions and Mayor's Prize for the best diploma could be a good example for other cities. City's support for over 50% of youth at the secondary education level who come from outside Lublin is a high-esteemed attitude as well. As far as I know most of cultural events, such as *The Night of Culture*, *Jagielonian Fair*, *Different Sounds Art'n'Music Festival* and many others wouldn't be so rich without participation of youth as co-organizers and new ideas' providers. Special activities for children and teens to get them interested in cultural and public life of their communities are the main objective of active young Lublinians. Moreover, City's policy and strategy on youth, based on tight cooperation between Youth City Council, Children and Youth Committee, Centre for Youth Information and Development and other youth organizations is really worth to be noticed and evaluated.

I do believe in your success winning European Youth Capital 2023 title. There is without any doubts that your passionate, active, young, innovative city's soul really deserves it.

Wish you the best of luck,

Remigijus Šimašius Mayor of Vilnius



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Close cooperation in various fields has been established between the cities of Lublin (Republic of Poland) and Vitebsk (Republic of Belarus) for a long period of time.

Dynamically developing bilateral links in the trade, economic and sociocultural spheres were formalized by the signing of the Protocol of Intent between our cities on March 15, 2018, which brought the relationship to a new practical level.

One of the outstanding examples of cooperation is the organization of the annual International Festival of Children and Youth Arts "Art-Panorama Poland" in Lublin.

As the city of Lublin contributes a lot to the development of the education and cultural sector, paying particular attention to the youth, the Vitebsk City Executive Committee supports the nomination of the city of Lublin for the title of "European Youth Capital 2023".

Faithfully yours,

Vice chairman

V.V.Glushin



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Mr Krzysztof Żuk, Mayor of the City of Lublin

Vitebsk culturally educational public association "Art–panorama" successfully carries out a number of cultural projects in various European countries. The festivals of children and youth creativity that are held in Latvia, Czech Republic, Poland and Germany are especially popular.

Every year these festivals unite thousands of young people from different countries, therefore promote establishment of contacts among on-stage performance groups and popularise different type of arts.

One of the most popular event is the Festival of children and youth creativity which is annually held in Lublin with the support of City's Administration Center of International Cooperation. In 2019, 800 participants took part in the festival. Children had the opportunity not only to showcase their artistry in vocal, choreography, instrumental and fine arts, Arts and Crafts but also socialise with the young people from Poland during master-classes, plain-airs and friendly meetings.

Lublin is a special youth city which vividly demonstrates its intention to open contacts. This city welcomes young people and children as it is also a student place, a city where the youth have initiative in their hands and where Youth Council works.

We were particularly pleased to see that Lublin is open for collaboration in different fields but especially in development of education, culture and entertainment of young people.

Taking into consideration our experience in working with different cities in Europe such as Rezekne (Latvia), Teplice (Czech Republic), we are sure that Lublin is indeed the European capital of the youth.

Director E Ocea (Apr-панорама) Gapionok





Warszawa, 21 maja 2020 r.

European Youth Forum

A LETTER OF SUPPORT

On behalf of Eurodesk Poland I hereby support the City of Lublin application to become the 2023 European Youth Capital.

Lublin is the city of great youth potential and capacity with many active youth organizations. One of them is the Sempre a Frente Foundation, the most active Eurodesk Poland multiplier and the winner of the 2020 European Eurodesk Award for the best information project.

At the early stage of the European Youth Capital application process a representative of youth organizations from Lublin has consulted us with regard to the possible cooperation and common activities to be organized in case Lublin wins the title of the 2023 European Youth capital. In the name of the Eurodesk Poland National Office I have declared Eurodesk support and contribution to the initiatives organized as part of the European Youth Capital 2023, in particular to these related to European youth information.

I am profoundly convinced that Lublin would make an excellent European Youth Capital and use all the opportunities that come along with this title to its full potential.

Yours sincerely.

Wawrzyniec Pater

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The Coordinator of Eurodesk Poland network





Warsaw, 15.05.2020

Reference letter

To anyone who expresses their interest,

We would like to certify hereby that the City of Lublin meets all the necessary criteria to become the European Capital of Youth 2023. Lublin is a city that for many years positively stands out for its pro-youth development policy, visible especially in the sphere of cultural and institutional activities. The period of greatest prosperity came from 2018, when at the initiative of local NGOs, as part of the Erasmus + program, the problems and needs of young people were diagnosed and the authorities were recommended to set up an institution and since then they support the youth development.

In 2019, the first edition of the Youth Civic Budget was implemented - as the implementation of the recommendation under the aforementioned project. Children, youth and students implemented several dozen projects for the amount of 96 thousand zloty. In 2019, the Plenipotentiary of the Mayor of Lublin for children and youth was also appointed, and it was also the implementation of the recommendation to appoint a coordinator of the youth communities.

In February this year, as part of the implementation of the subsequent recommendations, the Municipal Student Ombudsman was appointed. It is worth mentioning that this function was taken by the former Councillor of the Lublin City Council. The ombudsman operating in Lublin is the first ombudsman in Poland who is independent of the school system. As part of developing student self-government and promoting its activities, the Lublin Local Government League was established - a competition for the most active student self-governments.

Lublin is distinguished by the number and quality of ad hoc working or advisory teams and advisory bodies created for an indefinite period. These include the Youth City Council whose members are actively involved in the activities of our organization as volunteers and experts as well as the Parliament of Children and Youth of the Lublin Province. In total, they bring together over 90 people actively working for the local community.

In institutional terms, Lublin has recently become very friendly to young people, responding to their problems and enabling real participation of young people in the decision-making process of local authorities (it should be sadly pointed out that this is not yet the rule).

The city also focuses on culture. Every year, more and more festivals, concerts and events take place during which young people have the chance to broaden their horizons. For example, we can mention Night of Culture, Carnival of Conjurers, Different Sounds, Jagiellonian Fair or culture workshops that support young people in experience-based learning through volunteering.



In addition, partnership for the implementation of public sector tasks for young people by numerous NGOs deserves praise. Foundations such as *Sempre a Frente* or *Nowy Staw* are among many organizations that are worth highlighting because of their activities not only locally but also reaching much further.

The Polish Council of Youth Organizations, as an umbrella organization, bringing together, through its members, over 250,000 young people from all over Poland as the National Youth Council associated in the European Youth Forum, carefully observes and appreciates the pro-youth activities undertaken in the City of Lublin. For this reason, we proudly support the City of Lublin in the pursuit of the honourable title of the European Youth Capital 2023.

Lublin is a truly European city, a region leader, with rich history, tradition and boldly looking ahead. It is not only a friendly place for young people - it is a place co-created by young people whose activity has become an immanent part of its structure.

We are happy to provide any further information (using kontakt@prom.info.pl and prom.info.pl website).

Piotr Drzewiecki

The President of the Polish Council of Youth Organizations



The Polish Council of Youth Organizations is the largest and most diverse federation of non-governmental organizations representing the opinions and needs of young people in dealing with decision-makers at the national level. It is additionally the only organization with the status of the National Youth Council in the meaning of the European law and the international agreements.

Currently, the federation associates 36 organizations in which over 250 thousand young people are active. PROM has its representatives in the Council for Dialogue with the Young Generation, chairs the National Working Group for EU Youth Dialogue, which includes the Ministry of National Education, co-creates the Parliamentary Team for Supporting Youth Councils at local government units.

The statutory objectives of the Polish Council of Youth Organizations include, among others: co-setting of the youth policy; promoting the idea of the youth participation in public life; representing the member organizations in the public sector and among other communities; advocacy of the interests of the young people, the organizations of the young people and working for the young people in relations with the public administration and other communities; disseminating information and promoting the activities of the youth organizations, uniting the young people and acting for the benefit of the young people and the non-unionized youth; supporting cooperation, exchange of information and experience between the youth organizations, uniting the youth and acting for the benefit of the youth; facilitating the establishment of contacts between the Polish youth organizations and those uniting the youth and the partners abroad; supporting the development of the Polish youth and the youth organizations.



POPARCIE KANDYDATURY

Sz. P. Krzysztof Żuk

Prezydent Miasta Lublin

W imieniu Fundacji Sztukmistrze chcę zapewnić o pełnym poparciu dla starań Lublina o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Lublin to miejsce, które zasłużenie określane jest Miastem Inspiracji, to przestrzeń rozwoju, twórczych, nieszablonowych dzialań, wspierające różnorodne środowiska i aktywności. Co warte podkreślenia, wyjątkowa oferta kulturalna Lublina zawiera nie tylko aktywności specjalnie przeznaczone dla młodzieży, ale jest również wynikiem inicjatyw oddolnych, tworzonych przez samą młodzież. Miasto Lublin daje przestrzeń i wspiera młodych twórców, naukowców i społeczników, rozwijając budując aktywną i zaangażowaną społeczność.

Jedną z takich oddolnych inicjatyw jest Fundacja Sztukmistrze, założona dziesięć lat temu przez grupę przyjaciół - studentów, a która obecnie zrzesza największe w Polsce środowisko milośników, amatorów i profesjonalnych artystów nowego cyrku, realizując lokalne i międzynarodowe projekty. Dlatego z ogromną satysfakcją włączymy się w przygotowanie i realizację programu Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży.

Jesteśmy przekonani, że podjęta inicjatywa służyć będzie społeczności lokalnej, wpisując się w strategię rozwoju Miasta Lublina i podnosząc jego prestiż na arenie międzynarodowej.

Z poważaniem,

Fundacja Sztukmistrze
Prezes Zarządu

Recich- Stuel
Joanna Reczek-Szwed

SUPPORT FOR EYC CANDIDATE

Mr Krzysztof Żuk

Mayor of Lublin

On behalf of the Sztukmistrze Foundation, I wish to express my wholehearted support for Lublin's aspiration to be named European Youth Capital 2023.

Lublin truly deserves to be branded the City of Inspiration: it is a place fostering development, supporting creative and avantgarde initiatives, and open to various groups and activities. It is worth stressing that this one-of-a-kind cultural offering of Lublin covers not only activities tailored to the expectations of young people but also builds on bottom-up initiatives created by young people themselves. Lublin gives space and support to young artists, scientists, and social activists, thus helping develop a pro-active and devoted community.

One of such bottom-up initiative is the Sztukmistrze Foundation, established ten years ago by a group of friends, all in their twenties. Today, the initiative has grown into Poland's largest community of new circus afficionados, both amateurs and professionals, involved in local and international projects. That is why, it is my great pleasure to become part of the preparation stage and then the implementation of the European Youth Capital programme.

We are fully convinced that the initiative will serve the local community by contributing to the city's development strategy and building up its prestige globally.

Respectfully,

Joanna Reczek-Szwed

PRESIDENT



Fundacja Twórczości, Edukacji i Animacji Młodzieży "Teatrikon"

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Lublin 19.05.2020

Szanowny Pan Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Szanowny Panie Prezydencie,

Lubelska Fundacja Twórczości, Edukacji i Animacji Młodzieży - "Teatrikon" od lat swoje działania adresuje przede wszystkim do młodzieży oraz studentów. Nasze najważniejsze projekty swoim zasięgiem obejmują 6 województw w Polsce, stałą współpracę z ponad 20-stoma lubelskimi szkołami ponadgimnazjalnymi, czterema uczelniami wyższymi oraz Urzędem Miasta Lublin. Rokrocznie w projektach organizowanych przez Teatrikon bierze udział ponad 5000 młodych ludzi.

Sami wyrośliśmy w trakcie starań Miasta o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Kultury przeszło dekadę temu. Pamiętamy wciąż tamten czas i entuzjazm mieszkańców i mieszkanek naszego miasta. Dlatego tym bardziei iesteśmy dumni wspieramy działania Miasta Lublin konkursie o tytuł Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży w 2023 roku. Jesteśmy przekonani, że to właśnie nasze miasto zdobedzie ten prestiżowy tytuł. Zapewniam Pana o naszej pomocy i pełnym poparciu.

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Z poważaniem

[courtesy translation]

Foundation for Creativity, Education and Youth Animation 'Teatrikon' www.teatrikon.pl fundacja@teatrikon.pl

Lublin, 19 May 2020

Mr Krzysztof Żuk Mayor of Lublin

Dear Mr Mayor,

Lublin Foundation for Creativity, Education and Animation of Youth – 'Teatrikon' has been directing its actions primarily to young people and students for years. Our most important projects cover 6 voivodships in Poland, include permanent cooperation with over 20 Lublin secondary schools, 4 universities and Lublin City Office. Every year over 5000 young people participate in projects organized by 'Teatrikon'.

We were brought to life and grew at the time of Lublin's bid to become a European Capital of Culture over a decade ago. We still remember that time and the enthusiasm of residents of our city, men and women alike. That is why, we are all the more proud and support the City of Lublin in the competition for the title of European Youth Capital in 2023. We are convinced that our city will win this prestigious title. Let me assure you of our help and full support.

Yours sincerely, Dariusz Figura President

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List poparcia

Od 16 lat działamy w Lublinie. Nasze pierwsze lata opierały się w na pracy i zaangażowaniu młodzieży. Jest nam szczególnie miło wesprzeć kandydaturę Lublina w konkursie Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży 2023.

Pracujemy na rzecz praw człowieka, przeciw mowie nienawiści i dyskryminacji, zachęcamy do decydowania o swojej społeczności, dlatego oddawanie głosu i angażowanie młodych ludzi w tym obszarze jest ogromnie istotne. W naszej działalności edukacyjnej na terenie Lublina wciąż spotykamy się z młodymi osobami, które mocno zaangażowane w aktywność społeczną szukają dla siebie miejsca i przestrzeni wśród osób o podobnych pasjach. Miasto Lublin, wychodząc im naprzeciw, oferuje takie możliwości. Funkcjonują: Młodzieżowy Budżet Obywatelski, Młodzieżowa Rada Miasta. Na terenie Lublina pracuje kilkanaście organizacji pozarządowych o zróżnicowanych profilach i formach działania, docierających do różnych grup młodzieży.

Jako organizacja możemy się pochwalić owocną i wieloletnią już współpracą z organizacjami młodzieżowymi. Projekty edukacyjne, integrujące cudzoziemców i cudzoziemki, działania kulturalne, happeningi i wiele innych odbywały się przy współpracy z organizacjami, które pracę na rzecz i z młodymi uważają za swój priorytet. Nie możemy zapomnieć o młodych cudzoziemcach i cudzoziemkach, których głos staje się coraz częściej włączany, kiedy mówimy o potrzebach i oczekiwaniach młodych w Lublinie.

Od 16 lat pracujemy na rzecz otwartego na dialog z różnymi grupami społecznymi, równego w traktowaniu, prostego w obsłudze, przyjemnego i bezpiecznego dla wszystkich do życia miasta. Mamy nadzieję, że poprzez odpowiednie działania wyrównujące szanse edukacyjne, włączanie młodych osób do realnego decydowania, planowania i dzielenia się swoją wizją Miasto Lublin stanie się prawdziwą Europejską Stolicą Młodzieży.

Trzymamy kciuki za powodzenie w konkursie!

Z poważaniem,

Anna Dąbrowska Prezeska Stowarzyszenia Homo Faber

[Courtesy translation]

Homo Faber Association 20-023 Lublin, ul. Chopina 41/2, www.hf.org.pl, info@hf.org.pl

Letter of support

We have been operating in Lublin for 16 years. Our first years were based around work and involvement of young people. We are particularly pleased to support Lublin's candidature for the European Youth Capital 2023 competition.

We work for human rights, against hate speech and discrimination, we encourage people to decide about their community, so giving a voice and involving young people in this area is extremely important to us. In our educational activity, we still meet young people in Lublin, who are strongly engaged in social activity and look for a place and space for themselves among people who share similar passions. To facilitate them, the city of Lublin, provides such opportunities. Enough to say that Youth Civic Budget and Youth City Council are operating in Lublin. Further, there are several non-governmental organizations with different profiles and forms of activity, reaching out to different groups of young people in the city.

As an organization, we can proudly showcase a fruitful and long-term cooperation with youth organizations. Educational projects, integrating foreigners, men and women, cultural activities, happenings and many others, have been carried out in cooperation with organisations that consider work for, and with young people, as their priority. We cannot forget about young foreigners, men and women alike, whose voice becomes more and more poignant and heard of, in respect of young people's needs and expectations in Lublin.

For 16 years, we have been working for the benefit of a city that is open to dialogue with various social groups, fair to everybody, intuitive, resident-friendly, pleasant and safe for everyone to live in. We hope that through appropriate actions to equalize educational opportunities, involving young people in real decision-making, planning and sharing their vision, the City of Lublin will become a true European Youth Capital.

We keep our fingers crossed for success in this competition!

Yours sincerely, Anna Dąbrowska President of Homo Faber Association [hand signature]



Lublin, 15th of May 2020

European Youth Forum

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Sempre a Frente Foundation I fully support the city of Lublin in our joint efforts to become European Youth Capital 2023.

For the last few months we've participated immensely in the process of developing both concept note and the second round application. Our representatives are in the Advisory Board and also coordinate the process of preparing the application. It gives us a great opportunity to observe a positive motion and a great atmosphere.

As one of leading youth organizations in Lublin - Erasmus+ and Eurodesk Regional Information Points we coordinate cooperation between youth organizations and municipality securing youth participation on every phase of this process.

We truly believe that this is a very right time for Lublin to become European Youth Capital 2023.

Mateusz Małyska

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of the Board

Sempre a Frente Foundation

Klub Sportowy "Stay Insane"

Pogodna 40/52

20-337 Lublin

Lublin, 21.05.2020 r.

Klub Sportowy Stay Insane popiera starania Miasta Lublin o przyznanie tytułu

Europejskiej Stolicy Młodzieży w 2023 r. Obchody takie są szansą na wzmocnienie sportu

dzieci i młodzieży, zaangażowanie nowych osób w działalność klubu, skupiającego miłośników

biegów terenowych oraz triathlonu. Liczymy na to, że w 2023 r. Stay Insane będzie mógł

organizować wydarzenia przeznaczone w szczególności do młodych lublinian oraz wspierać

ich rozwój sportowy.

Z pozdrowieniami,

Mirosław Pawęzka

Prezes Zarządu

Stay Insane Sports Club Pogodna 40/52, street 20-337 Lublin

Stay Insane Sports Club holds up the attempts of Lublin for the title of the European Youth Capital 2023. Such public celebrations are a suitable moment to enhance the physical activities among children and youth. It is also a chance to involve new participants in the venture of the club that congregates enthusiasts of the off-road running and triathlon.

We do hope that Stay Insane Club will be allowed to coordinate events dedicated chiefly to young Lublin dwellers as well as to support their sports development in 2023.

Warm regards, Mirosław Pawęzka





n/5 Lubie to!

Komentarz

(2) Udostennii



The city of Lublin is applying to become the European Youth Capital 2023 competing with cities all over Europe! It would be very nice if this Polish city received such a title. We support this initiative and keep our fingers crossed!