



‘Four countries – one Europe’ Summary of the educational part.

On 18th July 2009 at Gimnazjum [*Junior High School*] No. 1 in Rabka-Zdrój a conference on education was held.

During the conference the following schools and culture institutions presented themselves:

- Gimnazjum No. 1 [*Junior High School No. 1*] www.gimnazjum.rabka.pl
- Gimnazjum im. Świętej Rodziny [*Holy Family Junior High School*] www.szkoła-katolicka.region-rabka.pl
- I Liceum Ogólnokształcące [*I Secondary School*] www.romer.region-rabka.pl
- Zespół Szkół im. Tischnera [*Tischner's Group of Schools*] www.lo2rabka.edu.pl
- Szkoła Podstawowa Nr 2 [*Primary School No. 2*] www.sp2rabka.republika.pl
- Przedszkole w Chabówce/Orkana [*Kindergarten in Chabówka and Rabka*] www.przedszkole1.rabka.pl
- Wyższa Szkoła Edukacji Zdrowotnej [*High School of Health Education*] www.wsez.pl
- Europejskie Centrum Językowe Summit [*European Language Centre Summit*] www.summit.edu.pl
- Rabczański Uniwersytet Trzeciego Wieku [*University of the Third Age in Rabka*] www.uniwersytet3@gmail.com
- Lokomotywa [*Locomotive*] www.lokomotywa.free.art.pl
- Teatr Lalek "Rabcio" [*"Rabcio" Puppet Theatre*] www.rabcio.region-rabka.pl

Junior High Schools from Rabka, Chabówka, Rdzawka and Ponice presented proposals of cooperation entitled "Living in a town can also be interesting"

SUBJECT AREA I - FUN AND EDUCATION WITH TRADITION

In this subject area we propose getting to know the cultural traditions of the Twin Towns such as:

1. Learning regional dances
 - organization of extra dancing workshops for students
2. Preparing regional dishes
 - writing a cook book with regional recipes
 - making short video films about regional cuisine
3. Getting to know regional handicraft
 - visiting galleries and craftsmen`s workshops
 - workshops of regional handicraft (eg. glass painting, pottery, sculpture, embroidery)
 - making a photo album about regional handicraft
4. Regional fairytales and legends
 - human arts classes – getting to know regional fairytales and legends
 - creating comics with students` drawings
 - " Legend about my town " - competition
 - publishing a book containing legends from four Twin Towns
5. Exhibition of regional outfits
 - description of regional outfits
 - visiting regional museums
 - multimedia collection of regional outfits

In order to realise those actions a website can be used to exchange information and present particular subject areas in each city. As a summary of annual achievements we can organize "Twin Towns' Days.'

SUBJECT AREA II - Fun and Education with Art.

Activities :

1. School Theatres` Performances
 - organization of theatre workshops
 - choosing of legend screenplay and translating it into English
 - preparation of scenery and costumes
 - preparation for the performance
 - making a poster advertising the play.
 - organization of school theatres festival from Twin Towns
2. School music groups festival
 - organization of extra music classes
 - organization of school music groups festival from Twin Towns taking into consideration various kinds of music

3. Exhibition of photos about Twin Towns

- taking photos during trips to Twin Towns
- preparation of European classroom where the exhibition will be organized

SUBJECT AREA III - Fun and Education with Recreation

Activities :

1. Guidebook of Twin Towns

- preparation of routes around each of Twin Towns
- publishing a guidebook prepared by " the young for the young"

2. Twin Towns` sports competition

- practising various sports disciplines
- organization of Twin Towns` sports competition

3. Athletic meeting for the Disabled People

- organization of groups of volunteers to :
 - support the disabled emotionally and help them during the Athletic meeting
- organization of the Athletic meeting for the Disabled People

RESULTS :

1. Publishing the guidebook about Twin Towns
2. Organization of the Athletic meeting for the Disabled People
3. Partner Towns` sport competition
4. Organization of Twin Towns` Days
5. School music groups festival
6. School theatres festival
7. Photo exhibition about Twin Towns
8. Comic book – "Legends and fairytales from my neighbourhood"
9. Photo album on regional handicraft
10. A cook book with regional dishes
11. Publishing a collection of fairytales from four Twin Towns
12. Making short video films about regional cuisine.

The last point of the conference was a lecture entitled: 'What can we get from Lisbon'? The most important points that the cooperation of Twin Towns can be based on are:

- improvement of life style of European citizens
- strengthening of activities comprising safety, energy policy, trade policy, public services, protection of people, public health, scientific and technical researches and administrative cooperation
- promotion of people forthcomingness and engagement into public life
- promotion of life long learning
- Strengthening and protection of basic rights of European citizens
- promotion of environment protection and its balanced development
- development of European mobility and cooperation
- creating an open educational environment
- improvement of the situation in foreign languages teaching
- common access to IT technology.