

The twin monasteries: Węgrów and Rava Ruska - using the potential of the heritage of Reformati Order for development of tourism and socio-cultural life in Poland and Ukraine

Węgrów (PL) and Rava-Ruska (UA), distanced 360 km to each-other, possess outstanding historical monuments and rich common cultural heritage, including the twin baroque former Reformati Order's monasteries, built by Italian architects from Valsolda in Italy. Unfortunately due to the poor state of preservation of the objects, their cultural potential is not fully exploited. The Roman Catholic Parish Church of St. Peter of Alcantara and St. Anthony of Padua in Wegrów now hosts church, parsonage and kindergarten, but a lot of space there stays unused because of advanced damage. Destruction of Roman Catholic Church located in Rava-Ruska is so serious, that the object is closed for any operation.

The TwinMonasteries project is to solve these problems by creating the "Former Reformati Order's Monasteries Route (FROMR)" which will run through former Reformati monasteries on the Polish and Ukrainian territory. Two historical sacral buildings will be deeply renovated and adapted for the "Centre for Dialogue of Cultures in Wegrów" and the "Centre for Dialogue of Cultures and the Family Children's Home" in Rava-Ruska. The revitalization of two monasteries involves construction works in buildings and a church, adaptation and equipping monasteries with indispensable devices for accommodation purposes. In both objects, a space for social, cultural and educational activities will also be created. In line with the Franciscan Order rule Love for the people in need, a Family Orphanage in Rava-Ruska will come into being. Due to organization of mutual youth exchanges, conferences, a variety of cultural performances and exhibitions in newly established Centres the dialogue between regions and countries will be intensified.

The results of TwinMonasteries project will promote the culture and traditions of both neighbouring countries increasing the attractiveness of the cross-border area of Poland and Ukraine among residents and tourists.







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