

CZĘSTOCHOWA
REPORT ON ITS FOUR-YEAR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

I. In the years 2000 - 2004 the City of Częstochowa chaired:

Presidium Meetings of the Association held in Royal Leamington Spa/ Great Britain, Klagenfurt/Austria, Częstochowa/Poland and Nancy/France. General Meetings of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Regensburg/ Germany, Bursa/Turkey, St. Pölten/Austria and Aarhus/Denmark.

II. The following thematic conferences were organized:

- "Culture in European Towns - Heritage and Responsibility", Regensburg,
- "Tourism and Safety in Historical European Towns", Bursa,
- "Contribution of Local Governments to Preparation of Young People for Their Responsibilities in the New Europe", St. Pölten,
- "Responsibility for Europe - our Concern", Aarhus.

III. The following youth forums were organized:

- "Current Cultural Development of Youth - Visions of Youth Culture"
- "Educational and Job Opportunities for Young People in Europe"
- "Opportunities of Young People`s Participation in Decision Making in Europe"
- "Responsibility for Europe - our Concern"

IV. Chairman of the Association represented all the Prize of Europe Winning Towns at:

- the ceremony of the Prize of Europe 2001 award to the Austrian town of St. Pölten,
- the ceremony of the Prize of Europe 2002 award to the Polish town of Gdynia,
- the ceremony of the Prize of Europe 2003 award to the Lithuanian town of Klaipeda.

V. The Association website was created, its current address being: www.czestochowa.um.gov.pl/europeprize or www.coe.int

VI. The Prize of Europe questionnaire was placed on the website of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly www.coe.int

VII. A CD was released with the presentation of towns: Cockermonth, Częstochowa, Darmstadt, Klagenfurt, Mülheim, Regensburg, St. Pölten and Speyer

VIII. A CD with recipes of regional dishes (40 recipes) was released.

IX. The following towns joined the activities of the Association activities: Nancy, Tübingen, Berlin-Neuköln, Santiago de Compostela, Aarhus and Schwarzenbek.