

**ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AWARDED THE EUROPE PRIZE
PRESIDIUM
MINUTES**

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Altötting (Germany)

Participants:

1.	Viktor Rud	– moderator, representative of the presiding city, Director of International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council	Kharkiv (Ukraine)
2.	Yulia Zghurska	– secretary, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council	Kharkiv (Ukraine)
3.	Ivan Nemichev	– Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council	Kharkiv (Ukraine)
4.	Herbert Hofauer	– Mayor of Altötting	Altötting (Germany)
5.	Nikol Schindler	– International Connections Department Deputy Director	Altötting (Germany)
6.	Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk	– Mayor of Częstochowa	Częstochowa (Poland)
7.	Katharina Kulisiewicz	– International Cooperation Department Head	Częstochowa (Poland)
8.	Joanna Iskierka	– Administrative Office Head at the Mayor's Office	Częstochowa (Poland)
9.	Sabina Kuzma	– officer of the Section for Connections with Twin-Cities	Mülheim-un-der Ruhr (Germany)
10.	Marion Schäfer-Blake	- Vice-Mayor of Würzburg	Würzburg (Germany)
11.	Sabine Hermann	- International Cooperation Bureau of the Mayor's Office	Würzburg (Germany)
12.	Ramasan Kabasakal	– International Connections Department Director	Ankara (Turkey)
13.	Jean-Michel Berlemont	- Vice-Mayor of Nancy	Nancy (France)
14.	Verena Denry	- Head of the International Connections Department of the Mayor's Office	Nancy (France)
15.	Tobias Zech	- Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize	Council of Europe

			Parliamentary Assembly
16.	Aiste Ramanauskaite	- Committee secretary	Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly
17.	Krzysztof Stanowski	- Director of the International Cooperation Center of the Mayor's Office	Lublin (Poland)

Agenda:

1. Determining of the venue of the Association's General Assembly and the Youth Meeting in 2018.
2. Determining the date for the Association General Assembly and the Youth Meeting in 2018.
3. Determining of the theme of the Association's General Assembly and the Youth Meeting in 2018

Variant 1: New Challenges in Europe: A "Safe City" Concept

Variant 2: Direct Democracy: Civil Initiatives and their Implementation Mechanisms (Participation Budget and Other Urban Initiatives)

Variant 3: Waste Management as the Basis of Environmental Safety of Cities

Youth Meeting: Engaging Youth and Supporting Youth Projects in City Development Policy Implementation.

4. Discussing the inclusion of the *e* letter in the Association emblem approved at the General Assembly in Kharkiv in 2017 (with its subsequent submission for approval at the next Association General Assembly in 2018).

This suggestion comes from the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and is meant to reflect the fact that the Association was founded and is operating under the aegis of the Council of Europe (the Council of Europe symbol is the e letter inside the circle of 12 stars).

5. Presenting the new member of the Presidium – the city of Nancy (France)
Information from the presiding city;

Heard:

- the representative of the hosting City of Altötting, the First Burgemeester (Mayor) of Altötting, Herbert Hofauer, who welcomed those present – the representatives of seven cities and two representatives of the Council of Europe – wished the Presidium fruitful work and gave the floor to the moderator, the representative of the City of Kharkiv, Viktor Rud;

- the moderator, representative of the presiding city, Director of the International Cooperation Department, Mr. Rud, who greeted those present on behalf of the Association Presidium, the Mayor of Kharkiv, Gennadiy Kernes, and introduced all the participants, announced the agenda and put it to vote. The agenda was adopted unanimously (by seven cities). After that, the moderator gave

the floor to the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Tobias Zech.

- the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Tobias Zech, who greeted those present and informed them on the facilitation of the conditions for obtaining the Europe Prize. He wished the Association successful engagement of cities in cooperation in the name of democracy development at the local level and implementation of the foundations of a law-governed state.

- the moderator, who gave the floor by the first and second item on the agenda to the invited representative of the City of Lublin (Poland), which received the Europe Prize in 2017, Director of the International Cooperation Center of the Mayor's Office, Krzysztof Stanowski;

- the representative of the City of Lublin, Director of the International Cooperation Center of the Mayor's Office, Krzysztof Stanowski, who greeted those present and noted that it would be a great honor for Lublin to host the next General Assembly because in 2018 the city will be celebrating the 700th anniversary since Lublin was granted city rights. As for the date for hosting it, Mr. Stanowski proposed June 2, 2018;

- the representative of the City of Częstochowa, Mayor Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, who supported the candidacy of Lublin as the hosting city and the date for the General Assembly to be conducted.

- the moderator, who put Mr. Stanowski's proposition to vote.

The proposition to conduct the General Assembly in Lublin on June 2, 2018 was supported unanimously (by seven cities).

- the moderator, who proposed to consider three variants for the General Assembly's agenda.

- the representative of the City of Würzburg, Vice-Mayor Schäfer-Blake, who proposed to choose variant 2: *Direct Democracy: Civil Initiatives and their Implementation Mechanisms (Participation Budget and Other Urban Initiatives)*.

- the representative of the City of Ankara, Mr. Kabasakal, who supported the choice of the theme and proposed to combine the themes of the General Assembly and the Youth Forum.

- the moderator, who put to vote the proposition of choosing *Direct Democracy: Civil Initiatives and their Implementation Mechanisms (Participation Budget and Other Urban Initiatives)* as the theme for the General Assembly.

The proposition was adopted unanimously (by seven cities).

- the moderator, who proposed to review seven variants of the logo change (*e* letter addition) suggested by the City of Częstochowa and one variant suggested by the City of Kharkiv for further consideration and decision-making as to the alteration at the General Assembly of towns awarded the Europe Prize in Lublin. Upon reviewing the variants, the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Tobias Zech, took the floor.

- the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Mr. Zech, who proposed to preliminarily, prior to the General Assembly, clear up, within the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, the expedience of adding the *e* letter, as this was proposed by the Secretariat in a non-official oral form, and to either confirm or revoke it leaving the logo unchanged.

The proposition was adopted unanimously.

- the moderator, who proposed to watch the presentation of the City of Nancy (France).
- the Vice-Mayor of Nancy, Jean-Michel Berlemont, who commented on the presentation noting that the City of Nancy, which had been the Europe Prize holder since 1969, was actively collaborating with ten twin-cities and ready support the work of the Association Presidium and the Association in general in future;
- the moderator, who summed up the fulfilling of the agenda , thanked those present for their fruitful work and adjourned the meeting of the Presidium of the Assembly of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize was.