

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

DECEMBER 8, 2018

Częstochowa (Poland)

PRESENT:

Presidium members:

1.	Viktor Rud (moderator)	- moderator, representative of the presiding city, Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council	Kharkiv (Ukraine)
	Yulia Zghurska (secretary)	- secretary, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council .	
	Ivan Nemichev	- chief inspector at the International Relations and European Integration Division of the Department of International Cooperation of Kharkiv City Council.	
2.	Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk	- Mayor of Częstochowa	Częstochowa (Poland)
	Halina Rozpondek	- Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland	
	Katarzyna Kulisiewicz	- Head of the Department of National and International Cooperation of the Cabinet of the Mayor of Częstochowa	
3.	Herbert Hofauer	- Mayor of Altötting	Altötting (Germany)
	Patrizia Armbruster	- assistant to the Mayor of Altötting	
4.	Dierk Molter	- Councillor	Darmstadt (Germany)
5.	Oksana Savchuk	- secretary of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council	Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine)
	Uliana Basarab-Khanchak	- Chief of International Relations, Tourism and City Promotion Division of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council	
6.	Sabine Kuzma	- Responsible for twin cities and Europe	Mülheim an der Ruhr (Germany)
7.	Harald Ludwig	- City Councilor of St. Pölten	St. Pölten (Austria)

Other members the Association:

8.	Marika Domozych	- City Councillor	Gdynia (Poland)
	Monika Pawlinska	- Chief Specialist at the Foreign Relations Department of Gdynia City Hall	
9.	Roman Jaborkhel	- Head of the Division for International Cooperation and External Relations	Lublin (Poland)
10.	Róbert Szénási	- City Councillor	Szeged (Hungary)
	Tibor Papp	- Director of Foreign Affairs	

Agenda:

- Welcome speeches from the cities of Kharkiv and Częstochowa
- Presentation dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Częstochowa's membership in the Association
- Presentation of the Association's website operation
- Presentation of Oleksandra Chykhladze, Acting Head of the Resident Representative Office of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Ukraine
- Program of the General Assembly in Szeged (Hungary): specification of the GA topic
- Activation of engagement of the Association members in its activity

Heard:

- the moderator, the representative of the presiding city, the Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council Viktor Rud, who greeted the guests on behalf of the Mayor of Kharkiv, Gennadiy Kernes, thanked Częstochowa for the hospitality and the high level of organization, announced those present, including the representatives of seven towns-members of the Presidium: Altötting, Darmstadt, Ivano-Frankivsk, Mülheim an der Ruhr, St. Pölten, Kharkiv, Czestochowa, and the representatives of three other towns-members of the Association: Gdynia, Lublin and Szeged, and gave the floor for a greeting to the Mayor of Częstochowa Mr. Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk.

- the Mayor of Czestochowa, Mr. Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, who greeted all those present.

- the moderator, who pointed out that for each municipality, the highest award of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe is not only proof of their active position in promotion of the European values and the ideal of the European unity, but also a most important incentive for cooperation development

between European cities, for implementation of European projects, for visits and exchanges; reminded that this year, the City of Czestochowa celebrates the XX anniversary since the receipt by them of the Europe Prize; gave the floor to Mrs. Halina Rozpondek, a member in the Parliament of the Republic of Poland, who was the Mayor of Czestochowa when the city received the Europe Prize.

- the member of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland Mrs. Halina Rozpondek and the Mayor of Czestochowa, Mr. Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, who presented the history of receipt by Czestochowa of the Europe Prize.

- the moderator, who announced the agenda and put it to vote.

The agenda was adopted unanimously ("for" votes from 7 city members of the Presidium).

- the moderator, who, in accordance with the first item on the agenda, gave the floor to the secretary for acquainting those present with the operation of the Association's website.

- the secretary, who informed those present that under its Statutes the "Association has its electronic resource, which is intended for official coverage of the activities of the Association, publication of documents, minutes of the General Assemblies and the Presidia of the Association and other materials" and presented the website of the Association, which today consists of 7 sections:

1) news,

2) information about the Association (its history, structure, statutes, information about the current President of the Association),

3) information about the Association members,

4) information about the awards of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the procedure to apply for them,

5) information about the resident representative offices of the Association,

6) reports and minutes of the General Assemblies and Presidia,

7) information about the projects implemented within the framework of the Association's activity.

- the secretary, who reported that according to the Statutes adopted on June 2, 2018 the information on the website shall be presented in three languages: English, German and French, therefore, its localization into French and German is underway today; invited the volunteering cities to help do this and emphasized that the website of the Association is not only a source of information, but also a platform for expression of initiatives, publication of information about projects and activities (upon registration with the website, the members can upload information about projects for partner cities to participate in).

- the moderator, who proceeded to the next item on the agenda and presented the Acting Head of the Resident Representative Office of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize in Ukraine Oleksandra Chyhladze (*CV available on the website of the Association*).

- the moderator, who announced a break in the Presidium until 11:30.
- the moderator, who announced the continuation of the work of the Presidium, reminded that the General Assembly and Youth Meeting in 2019 will be held in Szeged, Hungary, on September 6-7, and gave the floor to the representative of the city of Szeged, Director of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Tibor Papp.
- the Director of Foreign Affairs Dr. Tibor Papp, who presented a video about Szeged, how to get there and the planned program of the General Assembly.
- the moderator, who pointed out Szeged's good preparation for the General Assembly and proceeded to the next item on the agenda – specifying the topic of the General Assembly **“Smart Cities”**, and informed those present that to date the members the Association have submitted the following propositions:
 - 1. Kharkiv: “Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building Cities of the Future”;**
 - 2. Darmstadt: “Smart Cities: Chances and Risks of Digitalization”;**
 - 3. Mülheim an der Ruhr: “Smart Cities: a Digital Platform for the Municipal Practice”;**
 - 4. Gdynia: “Development of the Strategy Aimed at the Quality of Life Improvement”;**

and gave the floor to the representatives of the corresponding cities, who had proposed the topics.

 - the Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council Mr. Viktor Rud, who defended the topic proposed by Kharkiv **“Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building Cities of the Future”**.
 - Darmstadt Councillor of Dr. Dierk Molter, who defended the topic proposed by Darmstadt **“Smart Cities: Chances and Risks of Digitalization”**.
 - the responsible for twin cities and Europe Mrs. Sabine Kuzma, who defended the topic proposed by Mülheim an der Ruhr **“Smart Cities: a Digital Platform for the Municipal Practice”;**
 - Gdynia City Councillor Mrs. Marika Domozych, who defended the topic proposed by Gdynia **“Development of the Strategy Aimed at the Quality of Life Improvement”**.
 - the moderator, who invited everyone to participate in the discussion.
 - St. Pölten City Councilor of Mag. Harald Ludwig, who came up with the topic **“Smart Cities as Green Oases”**.
 - the Head of the Division for International Cooperation and External Relations of the City Council of Lublin Mr. Roman Jaborkhel, who proposed to highlight the aspect of **sustainable development**.
 - the Secretary of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council Mrs. Oksana Savchuk, who suggested combining the proposed topics, them all being important.
 - the Mayor of Częstochowa Mr. Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, who offered the general wording of the topic to as follows: **“Smart Cities: What Does it Mean for Us?”**, enabling all the cities to tackle the aspects that they relate to.

- the Mayor of Altötting Mr. Herbert Hofauer, who supported Częstochowa's proposition of the general wording of the topic as **“Smart Cities: What Does it Mean for Us?”**

- Gdynia City Councillor Mrs. Marika Domozych, who proposed that the Youth Meeting have a separate topic – **“Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building Cities of the Future”**.

- the moderator, who put the topic of the 2019 General Assembly to vote in the revision of **“Smart Cities: What Does it Mean for Us?”**

The topic of the 2019 General Assembly **“Smart Cities: What Does it Mean for Us?”** was adopted unanimously (“for” votes from 7 city members of the Presidium).

- the moderator, who put the topic of the 2019 Youth Meeting to the in the revision of **“Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building Cities of the Future”**.

The topic of the 2019 Youth Meeting **“Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building the Cities of the Future”** was adopted unanimously (“for” votes from 7 city members of the Presidium).

- the moderator, who invited those present to think about how to activate the work of the Association and what joint activities to hold.

- the Chief of International Relations, Tourism and City Promotion Division of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council Mrs. Uliana Basarab-Khanchak, who came up with a proposition to use the money of the Europe Prize received by Ivano-Frankivsk to arrange study visits for Ivano-Frankivsk youth to the cities-members of the Presidium, like the City of Kharkiv did in its time made.

- the Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council Mrs. Yulia Zghurska, who proposed to upload the information about this project on the website of the Association.

- the Director of the International Cooperation Department of Kharkiv City Council Mr. Viktor Rud, who suggested presenting the Association's work at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (France).

- the Mayor of Częstochowa Mr. Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, who proposed to use the Association's website for sharing good practices of cities-members of the Association.

- the moderator, who announced the completion of the agenda and the end of the Presidium.

Decided:

- To activate the involvement of the members in the activity of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize through a variety of joint events and exchange of good practices, particularly by using the Association's website.

- The topic of the 2019 General Assembly of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize to be held in Szeged (Hungary) as “**Smart Cities: What Does it Mean for Us?**”

- The topic of the 2019 Youth Meeting within the General Assembly of the Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize to be held in Szeged (Hungary) as “**Smart Cities: the Role of Youth in Building the Cities of the Future**”.

Presidium Moderator

Viktor Rud

Secretary

Yulia Zghurskaya