

CULTURE AND NATURE

Local Communities for Heritage: Good Practices in Central Europe CONFERENCE AND STUDY TOUR

Cieszyn, Poland, 29-30th of March 2023



The international conference (29th of March) is devoted to inspiring initiatives of local community leaders acting in the field of cultural and natural heritage of their small homelands. We will discuss heritage as a unique value for local communities that connects generations and crosses the borders. We will present good practices from Central Europe, Poland and the cross-border Polish-Czech region of the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia. We will talk about innovative ways to interpret and preserve the heritage and the development of ecotourism. We will also pay attention to the role of women - leaders in using heritage for local development, improving the quality of life and sensitizing to the beauty inherent in culture, nature and landscape. Everything will take place in the form of lectures, interviews and debates with interesting, inspiring people - creators of unique ideas and projects. The

effect of the conference will be the signing of the Central European Declaration on the role of community sustainable tourism in the protection and preservation of heritage.

The study tour (30th of March) is planned as an eco-travel around the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia region. We will learn about heritage community initiatives, meet the leaders and get to know the places where they work and create inspiring ideas.

We invite you to beautiful Cieszyn and the Cieszyn/Těšín Silesia, a place where the idea of Culture and Nature combines!



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Akademia Partnerstwa

The Partnership Academy is aimed at local leaders and activists working for the benefit of communities related to the non-governmental sector. Participants will gain knowledge and competences using unconventional tools, new methods of local activities that build bonds and responsibility for the common good. Important elements of the Partnership Academy are: Interactivity, exchange of experiences and good practices, organization of conventions in various places and contexts in Poland, access to knowledge developed by an international team from Central Europe and Norway.

The concept of the Academy is based on the multidimensional meaning of the word PARTNERSHIP in the space of civic activities. PARTNERSHIP is cooperation, building bonds between people and generations. Empathy towards another person, their views and priorities. PARTNERSHIP is also awareness of the surroundings and the local community in all its diversity. It is sensitivity and respect for man and nature.

By introducing changes for the better around us, we change the whole world in small steps. Today we need a new approach and vision of a world where human well-being is achieved with respect for the environment and human rights.



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