

Report of Local Community Initiatives Working Group

9th June 2009, Gdańsk, ½ Piwna street

Chamber of Comers

Local Community Initiatives Working Group was established during Council meeting in Ryn, February 2009.

WG MEMBERS:

Joanna Zielinska	Chair, Association of Polish Communes ERB (PL)
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ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT in 2009:

- 1. Working Group second meeting in Gdańsk, June 9th before Executive Board meeting.** Invitations were sent to the working group members and all ERB secretariats and also to the Baltic Sea Festival in Karlshamn organizers, members of the Polish-Russian Culture Council.
- 2. Proposal to organize ERB Youth Games co-financed by the Programme - Presentation of the South Baltic Cross-Border Cooperation Programme.** This is a project proposal from Starogard Gdański Tawn Hall for organizing ERB Youth Game for participants from all 5 ERB countries.
- 3. Proposal to extend the existing Polish – Russian Culture Council with partners from Denmark, Lithuania and Sweden, and submit an application to the Fund; Presentation of the Cross-border and Inter-Regional Small Grand Fund (FMGTM).** Polish-Russian Culture Council member will be present on the meeting in Gdańsk and introduce action plan of the Council and invitation to the co-operation for the rest of ERB members - Sweden, Denmark and Lithuania. Common projects can be submitted to the 3rd call within Cross-border and Inter-Regional Small Grand Fund to Euroregion Baltic.
- 4. Coordination of ERB participation in the Baltic Sea Festival in Karlshamn, Sweden, in July 2009.** Last year all ERB members received invitation from the Baltic Sea Festival organizers to take part in this event and present cooking heritage of their counties. Polish secretariat answered and organized two groups from two ERB regions, pomerania, warmia and mazury. During the last Festival we received invitation for the next year event in 2009. Similarly as last year we organize two groups from two Polish regions. Organizers of Baltic Sea Festival have an idea to create a project within Working Group concerning participation all ERB countries in the Festival.
- 5. Initiation of work towards a project presenting culture of ERB regions and countries to ERB inhabitants.** This is project proposal of warmia and mazury region.
- 6. Proposal to organize a Baltic Youth Camp as a summer camp for teenagers 13 – 17 years of age, with participants from Sweden, Lithuania, Kaliningrad, Poland and Germany, in total 180 young people.** This is a project proposal of Russia and Sweden. More information we hope to received from Russian Working Group member.
- 7. Proposal to organize an exchange project between libraries in ERB, co-financed within the Cross-border and Inter-Regional Small Grand Fund (FMGTM).** Elblag's Library together with Växjö Library will submit the project to the 3rd call within Cross-border and Inter-Regional Small Grand Fund to Euroregion Baltic. Partners extending will be discussed during the Working Group meeting in Gdańsk. The aim of the project is exchange of experience and the best practices between libraries concerning work with kids, youth and handicapped people.