

After "ALPINE-CARPATHIAN FORUM OF COOPERATION" - relation! (2012-09-25)

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From 14 to 16 September, 2012 in Rzeszów in "Podpromie" Hall an international fair and conference event organized by the Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland under the name "ALPINE-CARPATHIAN FORUM OF COOPERATION" took place. The event was realised within the project "Alpine-Carpathian Cooperation Bridge" which has been supported a grant from Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union.

"To present the Carpathian Euroregion to Europe - to invite Europe to the Carpathian Euroregion" this was a keynote of the Forum. Through its organisation, we wanted to present economic, cultural and tourism values of the Carpathian Euroregion" and create a basis for cooperation for entities functioning in this region with the rest of Europe. The event was open for everybody and the entrance was free. Lets read the relation!

Everything started on Friday, September 14. The Forum was inaugurated by a ceremonial dinner with a participation of His Excellency Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to the Republic of Poland Mr. Lukas Beglinger and representatives of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland: Mr. Marek Kuchciński - Vice-Marshall of the Sejm inter alia. World-famous Swiss pianist Silwan Zingg and his guests added splendour to the dinner.

The next day of the Forum, Saturday September 15, was opened by the international fair in the "Podpromie" Hall in Rzeszów, which lasted till Sunday. Exhibitors from Poland as well as other European countries like: Ukraine, Romania, Slovakia, Catalonia, Croatia, Estonia, Switzerland, Italy... took part in it. Among the exhibitors there were innovative companies like Hybres or Eco-Hybres as well as producers and manufacturers of regional, traditional and ecological products, including laureates of the Agropolska contest and also distributors of Swiss wines and cheese. Communes, poviats and voivodeships showed their prides too. Also tourism world was presented because the Alpine-Carpathian fair was accompanied by tourism fair organized by the Rzeszow Regional Development Agency. Summing up, the fair gathered about 140 exhibitors and diversity of the stands was a great value of the event - everyone could find something interesting for himself!

The fair was accompanied by numerous shows. Visitors could listen to Balkan and Ukrainian music as well as see shows prepared by youth and children dance groups from Dębica and Korczyna. Nevertheless, how did the Alpine-Carpathian event look like, if there was no mountain note from the Alps? A special guest of Sunday was a Tirol band with original attire from Tirol presenting music in traditional local dialect. Outside, in front of the Hall a tent of the Glassworks of Krosno City gathered many visitors who could see presentations of traditional glass-making: employees of the company showed how different glass valuabes are created. Additionally, everyone could try the blowing method individually or engrave his own inscription on the glass purchased on the Glassworks of Krosno City's stand.

The name "Forum" was without any purpose of its being without discussion and debates on important subjects. Therefore, panel discussions, which took place on Saturday and Sunday, were very significant items of the "Alpine-Carpathian Forum of Cooperation". Among the participants there were foreign experts like: Christian Salletmaier - General Manager of the Alpine Space Programme, Herald Egerer - Head of the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention by UNEP Vienna, Miguel Angel Crespo - representative of Delegation for Cross-Border Cooperation - Gobierno Vasco, Artur Erdmann - owner of the German company Erdmann Consultancy as well as Polish experts in economy, tourism, municipal management like: Jarosław Ławrynowicz - President of the Board of Zakład Ekspertyz Gospodarczych, Leszek Polmański - President of the Board of Miejski Operator Energetyczny S.A. in Zabrze, dr inż. Jan Paprowicz - President of the "EKO-KARPATY" Group. The panel discussions concerned issues which are important for not only the Carpathian Euroregion, but for the whole Europe. The discussions were moderated by professional journalists: Roman Młodkowski from TVN CNBC and Marcin Pawlak from TVP. They were on the following subjects: "The Carpathians - the Alps - the Pyrenees - Europe - future of territorial cooperation and perspectives of development of cross-border structures in Europe after 2013", "Swiss way to success - Analogies - differences - conditions - recommendations for the Carpathians development", "Recycling, municipal management, alternative energy - experience from the Carpathians, the Alps and the Pyrenees" and "Tourism, ecological, regional and traditional products - comparison of markets organisation in the Carpathians and the Alps".

On Saturday, we prepared an additional attraction for exhibitors, panelists and special guests of the Forum: evening gala concert in the Podlarpacka Philharmonic Hall entitled "There was a time...". Famous compositions from operetta repertoire were performed by the Strauss Ensemble Gala Orchestra from Kielce conducted by Jan Powolny and accompanied by beautiful voices of women sopranos and men tenors and baritones. Partially it was also a charity concert as volunteers from the Association "Czyń dobro, mimo wszystko" collected money for Ania Maciejczyk from Krosno who suffers from congenital amputation.

We would like to express our gratitude for all exhibitors, panelists and guests for participation in the Forum. We deeply hope that it was a fruitful time for you and will remain in your memories for a long time. Also a big thank you for all the visitors of the Forum. We believe that this first edition of the "Alpine-Carpathian Forum of Cooperation" has been a successful start for the future continuation of the event!

We also thank Międzynarodowe Targi Rzeszowskie for organisational and technical support for the venture and Mrs. Kamila Bogacka-Brożyna for her care of the artistic dimension of the Forum.

We hope to see you next year on the second edition of the "Alpine-Carpathian Forum of Cooperation"!