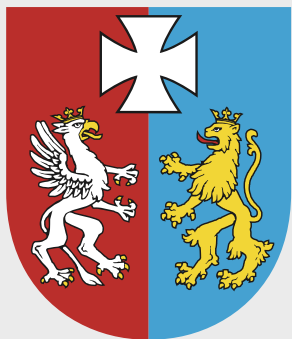
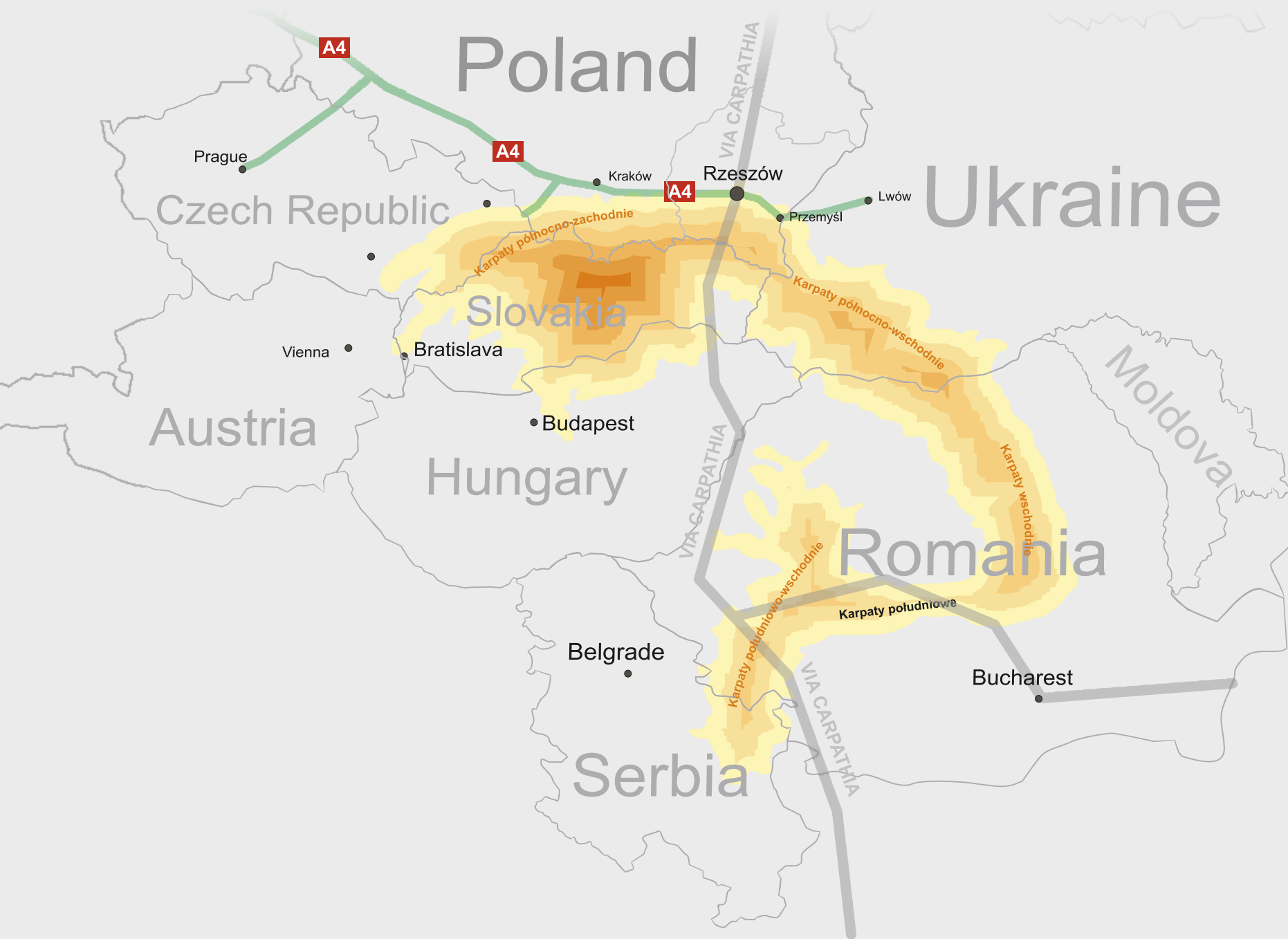


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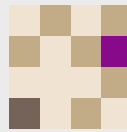
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CARPATHIAN CONVENTION





The Podkarpackie Region and its capital city – Rzeszów, are especially suitable to hosting the residence of the permanent Secretariat of Carpathian Convention. Situated in the Region, Carpathian Foothill, is an integral part of the West Carpathian and the Bieszczady Mountains and the Low Beskid determine its fabulous touristic values. However, not only do the geographic aspects favour Rzeszów as the Secretariat location. The Region is conveniently communicated (roads, airport, railways) with the Carpathian Convention members and many other European

countries. Rzeszów is also the residence of many institutions and companies operating in Europe and on global markets. The city offers well-developed conference, gastronomy and hotel infrastructure. The Region offers excellent conditions for both: relaxation and active leisure. Both, Rzeszów and Podkarpackie Region, are very active in the field of international cooperation, which results in signing agreements with foreign partners and creating honourable consulates.



The Carpathians constitute a unique natural and cultural environment Europe-wide. For the sake of these values, as well as to create the conditions for sustainable development of the region, cooperation of all stakeholders is required. A crucial element of this cooperation is the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, which was adopted in 2003 by seven countries.

For efficient and effective functioning of the Carpathian Convention, it is necessary to establish a Permanent Secretariat which implements provisions of the Conference of the Parties. The Secretariat should be located in a place which could be easily accessed by all Carpathian Convention Parties, fully fitted with modern office equipment, providing comfortable working conditions for personnel and enabling smooth organization of meetings and conferences. Location of the Secretariat should offer scientific, cultural and recreational facilities and have easy access to the media.

All the above-mentioned conditions are met by the city of Rzeszów – the trade, industrial and economic center for the south-eastern Poland, the biggest academic and cultural center of the Podkarpackie Region. Rzeszów is an inhabitant-friendly modern city with abundant history.

That is why we would like to strongly recommend Rzeszów as the place for the Carpathian Convention Permanent Secretariat seat.



Minister
of the Environment

Marcin Korolec



Marshall
of the Podkarpackie Region

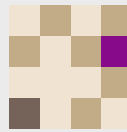
Władysław Ortyl



The Mayor
of the City of Rzeszów

Tadeusz Ferenc





The Permanent Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention shall be considered within the framework of the Polish law as an organ of an international organization and shall have legal personality and capacity to perform its functions in the territory of the Republic of Poland. In particular it shall possess the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property, and to institute and be a party to legal proceedings.

The privileges and immunities granted to the Secretariat and its staff will be formalized in a stand-alone multilateral Host Country Agreement and shall be consistent with the following international conventions:

- Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961;
- Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946;
- Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations of 21 November 1947.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT STAFF MEMBERS

The Head of the Secretariat unless she/he is a national or permanent resident in the Republic of Poland, shall enjoy, in respect of acts performed in the exercise of his/her function, privileges and immunities accorded to diplomatic agents by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

All other Secretariat staff members as well as members of their families forming part of their households, unless they are nationals or permanent residents in the Republic of Poland, shall enjoy accordingly, to the extent necessary for the carrying out of their functions, privileges and immunities accorded to the Officials of the United Nations by section 18 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

The Head of the Secretariat and other staff members will enjoy exemption from immigration restrictions and alien registrations in the exercise of their functions and will be granted the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent exercise of their official functions in accordance with international practice.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR DELEGATES

Delegates attending conferences and meetings organized by the Secretariat would enjoy the same privileges and immunities as delegates attending United Nations conferences.

VISAS AND ENTRY PERMITS

Visas and entry permits for the Republic of Poland shall be issued without delay to the Head of Secretariat and staff, their spouses and dependants; delegates attending conferences and meetings organized by the Secretariat and person(s) invited by the Secretariat on official business.





PODKARPACIE

infinite possibilities

The Podkarpackie Region – located in south-eastern part of Poland is a region which combines variety of nature and culture with dynamic industrial development. 2.1 million people live in the area of 18 thousand sq. km. The capital city, Rzeszów, has 200,000 inhabitants, other big cities are Stalowa Wola, Przemyśl, Tarnobrzeg, Krosno, Mielec. Podkarpackie is the least urbanized region of Poland and one of the cleanest from the ecological point of view. On the area we have: geographic regions which are unique not only on the scale of Poland, the Bieszczady Mountains, the Low Beskid, the Carpathian

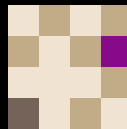
Foothill, the Sandomierska Lowland and a part of the South Roztocze and the San Valley. A substantial part of the Bieszczady Mountains is designated as protected areas, there are several natural reserves, landscape parks – such as the Ciśniańsko – Wetliński Park, the San Valley Park and one of the biggest in Poland the Bieszczady National Park. In south-western part of the Region the Magurski National Park was established, which protects the landscape of the lowest part of the Polish Carpathians – Low Beskid. Podkarpackie has numerous monuments of tangible and intangible culture, castles in

Łańcut, Baranów Sandomierski, Krasiczyn and many others. Podkarpackie is such a place in Europe where thanks to combining many different cultures, numerous monuments of wooden sacred and secular architecture typical for the region were situated on relatively small area.

The Podkarpackie is a place where all winter sports can be practiced as well as gliding and parachuting. It also offers a very well-developed horse tourism, numerous bicycle trails, survival expeditions and leisure by Solina Lake.



REGION IN A NUTSHELL



Blizne and Haczów on the UNESCO list

There are two monuments in the Podkarpackie Region that are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The church in Blizne is one of the oldest objects of sacral wooden architecture in Poland. The church in Haczów – the oldest and biggest gothic log church on a global scale.



Narrow-Gauge Railway

The Bieszczady Narrow-Gauge Railway started to run at the end of 19th century, and at the initial stage it was transporting timber from the Bieszczady woods. It is continuously expanded and modernized and it is at present a tourist attraction. The route of the train goes through the Ciśniańsko – Wetliński Landscape Park and between towns: Majdan – Przystup and Majdan – Balnica.



Iwonicz-Zdrój is one of Poland's oldest health resorts and spas. Medicinal properties of mineral waters from Iwonicz were known in 17th century and even kings' doctors were interested in them. Today apart from curative advantages and spa & wellness offer, Iwonicz attracts visitors with unique architecture. Mineral waters are applied for: digestive system, respiratory diseases, nervous system or gynecological diseases.



PODKARPACIE
infinite possibilities

Castle Museum in Łańcut

The Łańcut Castle is one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland, famous for its excellent interiors and extraordinarily interesting collections of art, one of the biggest in Poland collection of Orthodox Art, museum of horse-drawn carriages and the Orchid House. Annual international Music Festival takes place here, in which worldwide known artists participate.



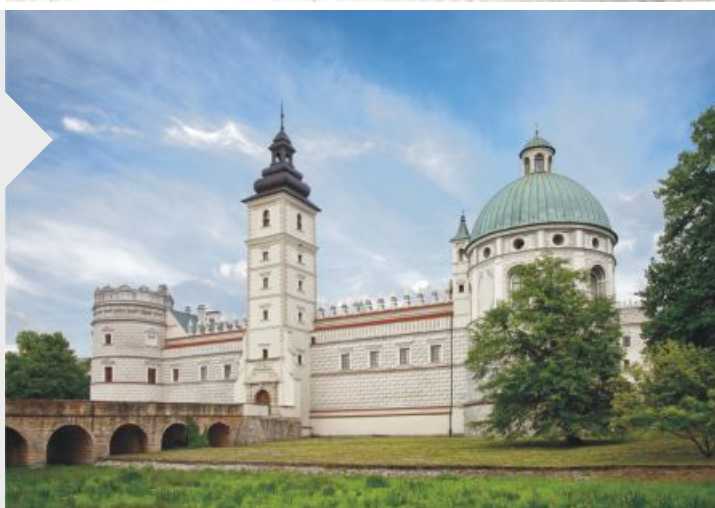
Solina Lake

The lake was created in 1968 by the construction of the Solina Dam which is still the biggest hydro-technical objects and tourist attraction of the region. The dam can be sightseen by tourists also inside where four-storey corridors of total length of 2 kilometers are situated. The lowest level that is available for tourists is located 6 m below the bottom of the lake. Solina Lake is a perfect place for yachting and bathing. The yachting season begins in May and lasts till November, although the best wind conditions are in May, June, September and October.



Castle in Krasiczyn

The castle in Krasiczyn is located near Przemyśl and it is one of the most beautiful treasures of Renaissance in Poland, ranks among the most beautiful aristocratic castles. One of the most precious architectonic elements of the castle is a chapel which ranks among such pearls of Polish culture as the King Sigismund's Chapel at Wawel. On the castle there are very rare sgraffiti decorations presenting Polish kings, medallions with Caesars' busts, the Bible and hunting scenes.



Rzeszów – the biggest city in the south-eastern part of Poland, the capital of Podkarpackie Region and the centre of Rzeszów Metropolitan Area is also the residence of the Voivodeship governor and regional government authorities, as well as government and judiciary institutions. The city is an economic, scientific, cultural, recreation centre of south-eastern Poland. It is an important centre of aerospace, IT, construction and chemical industries as well as a hub of trade and services.

In the European classification Rzeszów has been enrolled to the group of cities of international significance. The city is a member of the International Cities Association EUROCITIES, which associates 130 biggest cities from 30 European countries.



LOCATION

A favourable factor for development of Rzeszów is its location. The crossing road tracks; international E-40 route Dresden – Kiev and national roads no 9 and 19, which make the shortest connection of Scandinavian and Baltic countries with Middle-Eastern Europe countries. Also, the E-30 railway line from West to East, internationally and economically significant, leads through the city. The A-4 motorway, which is currently under construction, will provide a convenient connection of Western Europe road network with Ukraine, as a part of the III Paneuropean Transportation Corridor. The distance to both, Ukrainian and Slovakian borders, is only 90 km. A significant advantage of Rzeszów is its airport. The international airport Rzeszów-Jasionka is equipped with the second longest runway in Poland, offering regular connections with Barcelona, Bristol, Birmingham, Dublin, East Midlands, Frankfurt London (Stansted and Luton), Manchester, Oslo and Warsaw, serviced by LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa and Ryanair. The airport has run the cargo service that may handle the biggest aircrafts in the world.



WHY RZESZOW?



Rzeszów is a dynamically developing city of young and entrepreneurial people. In the recent years the area of the city has doubled and currently covers 117 sq. m.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Every year the authorities of Rzeszów City spend more than 30% of the city budget on capital expenditure (391 million PLN in 2013), which aims at improving living standards of inhabitants and creating favorable conditions for entrepreneurs.

LIFE COMFORT

Rzeszów is one of those elite cities in Poland which offers the best living conditions to its inhabitants, according to the research on the cities development level which was conducted on the request of the Ministry of Regional Development, based on the analysis of the Human Development Index HDI - the method used by the United Nations, which reflects the living standards in certain communities. Not only such economic indicators as the average wealth of the inhabitants, but also data on their health and life expectancy and access to education, including pre-school education have been taken into account. According to the above mentioned report, Rzeszów ranks just behind Warsaw, Kraków and Poznań, ahead of such cities as Sopot, Gdynia, Gdańsk, Lublin and Wrocław.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Rzeszów is a place of important conferences and business meetings such as: Innovation Forum - which is a part of the Economic Forum, PR Professionals Congress, Congress for Innovative Marketing for Local Governments, InternetBeta, Discoverers Picnic, EKO GALA International Trade Fair for Food and Organic Products.

HEALTH CARE AND LEISURE

Rzeszów is the safest city in the Podkarpackie Region offering professional health, dental and physiotherapeutic care, both in public regional hospitals and private clinics such as: John Paul II Municipal Hospital, Frederic Chopin Regional Specialists Hospital, Regional Hospital No. 2, Specialists Hospital "Pro-Familia", Health Care Center "Medyk", Health Care Center "Mrukmed", Health Care Center "Medicor", Health Care Center "Promedica", non-public health care institution "Asklepios", "Pro-Familia", "Domka & Pabis", "Estetika" dental clinics. Rzeszow also offers a wide range of SPAs, such as Park Hotel **** & Wellness Rzeszów, Blue Diamond Hotel Wellness & SPA ****, Splendor Spa Hotel ****, Nowy Dwór Spa Hotel ***, Skin Care Institute "Dr. Irena Eris".

CULTURE AND ART

In Rzeszów there are many cultural institutions such as: Podkarpackie Philharmonic, Wanda Siemaszkowa Theater, "Maska" Theater, "Przedmieście" Theater, numerous museums, art

galleries, an auction house, 6 cinemas including 3 multiplex cinemas, over 40 hotels, 520 restaurants, bars and pubs.

REGIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS

International Festival of National Folklore Music, Carpathia - International Music Festival, Classical Music Festival in Łańcut, Rzeszów Theater Festival, Theater Poster Biennale and Biennale of Computer Graphics Art Biennale, Maskarada - Living Theater Festival, Paniaga Holiday - the oldest street in Rzeszów, International Juvenile Chores Festival, International Organ Music Festival.

SPORT

National and international sport competition including - Tour de Pologne, volleyball, and speedway league tournaments Rzeszów Rally, regional marathon, Extreme Day, bicycle tour, basketball competition.

HOTELS & APARTMENTS

There are many hotels of different standards (such as *****, ****, ***), which can accommodate guests with the highest and also those with slightly lower requirements. Currently in Rzeszów many new residential buildings are being constructed, both detached houses and blocks of flats, which are available for sale and lease. Numerous residential offers (both for sale and for lease) can be also found on the secondary market.

Passion of Rzeszów inhabitants, their hospitality and positive attitude towards new ideas and innovative ventures appeals to investors and creates good atmosphere for conducting business activities and residing here.



Rzeszów with over 200 000 inhabitants concentrates over 20% of the total population in the Region.

The unemployment rate (8,8%) in the city is low comparing to the national unemployment rate (14,4%), 67% of inhabitants is in the working age.

The educational system is adjusted to the labor market, which enables the entrepreneurs easy access to qualified labor force, 40% of the Rzeszów inhabitants graduated from university. All above mentioned factors help to identify relevant candidates possessing required qualifications (including ability of speaking English and other languages of members countries of the Carpathian Convention) and who may be employed by the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.

There are over 60 000 of students in Rzeszów, which constitutes 30% of the total inhabitants number. Students can commence their studies at 9 different universities offering over 60 courses, 25% of students have chosen technical studies. According to Eurostat research results Rzeszów

was ranked on the 1st place among other European Union cities, with 353 students per 1000 inhabitants (Eurostat).

There are also English language courses and bilingual classes in Rzeszów kindergartens, primary schools, secondary and colleges. Also universities offer courses in English language. Currently in Rzeszów there are more than two thousand foreign students.

There are 23 000 entrepreneurship in Rzeszów, serviced by 800 financial and business support institutions.

Actively functioning groups of entrepreneurs (clusters) from the aviation industry are present here, such as Aviation Valley Association (which consists of over 100 members), IT cluster – Informatyka Podkarpacka, and plastics industry cluster – Poligen.

To create favorable conditions for conducting business activity both in Rzeszów and in the Region, subzones of Special Economic Zone EURO-PARK Mielec, Podkarpackie Science and

Technology Park AEROPOLIS together with Academic Preincubator and modern Technology Incubator have been established.

Among the biggest companies which have appreciated a great economic potential of our city are:

WSK PZL-Rzeszów, MTU Aero Engines Polska, Borg Warner, Hamilton Sundstrand, UTC Aerospace Systems, Goodrich Aerospace Poland, VAC AERO, Heli-One, McBride Polska, ICN Polfa Rzeszów, Marma Polskie Folie, Zelmer, Nestlé Nutrition Alima-Gerber, Koral, Conres SA, Budimex-Rzeszów SA, Elektromontaż Rzeszów SA, Raben Group, and also important players in the IT industry such as Asseco Poland SA and OPTeam.

Rzeszów is an example of effective collaboration between local government, business and educational sector. All these factors develop the innovativeness in the city and facilitate cooperation at the international level.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Creation of the newest history requires exchanging experiences as well as partnership cooperation in the following spheres: economic, social, educational, cultural and sport. Such a collaboration enables networking and establishing friendships between municipal authorities as well as their inhabitants and facilitates in conducting negotiations between business partners.

Rzeszów maintains partnership with twelve cities such as: Bielefeld in (Germany), Buffalo in (the U.S.), Klagenfurt (Austria), Kosice (Slovakia), Nyíregyháza (Hungary), Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Lutsk (Ukraine), Lamia (Greece), Satu Mare (Romania), Fangchenggang in (China) and Gainesville (USA). At the moment the municipal authorities are establishing new contacts with Berlin (Germany), Bratislava (Slovakia), Budapest (Hungary), Corze Department (France), Graz (Austria), Hamburg (Germany), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Mihalovce (Slovakia), Miskolc (Hungary), Oujda (Morocco), Paris (France), Prague (Czech Republic), Prešov (Slovakia), Roeselare (Belgium), Rome (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden), Telavi (Georgia) Turin (Italy), Uzhgorod (Ukraine), Zlin (Czech Republic).

Rzeszów is also home to the honorary consulate of Ukraine, Slovakia and Germany. In addition, Rzeszów is the only Polish member city of the international project Cluster COOP (which aims at promoting effective transnational cooperation between clusters in the Central Europe) and representing the Polish position on the development of the European Policy for Cluster Promotion. The project is being realized together with: Hungarian Ministry of National Economy, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, the Hungarian Economic Development Centre MAG (Polish equivalent of Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, PARP), the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, the Slovakian Innovation and Energy Agency, the Agency for Economic Development and Investment - Czech Invest and the University of Ljubljana.

In 2012 Poland took over the Presidency of the Visegrad Group. Prestige meeting of Ministers for Justice will take place in Rzeszów in June 2013.

RZESZÓW



We propose to locate the seat of the permanent Secretariat of Carpathian Convention in a modern City Centre complex, which is located in the very city centre on the crossing of the most important communication roads. For the office purposes we offer 5 rooms on the 1st floor of Hotel Rzeszów (with a direct access to the lifts located in a separate, open for 24 hours, entrance to the hotel) with the area of 17 m² up to 40 m² and the conference room with the area of 50 m² with the capacity of 70 people. In case of a need there is also a possibility of using the conference rooms with the capacity of 800, 400, 300, 200 and smaller. The building possesses a parking lot with excluded parking spots, open or under the roof, unpaid (with the capacity for 1200 cars).

The entire premises is under 24-hour surveillance with the usage of 140 video cameras and security personnel. The latest security systems have been implemented, SAP – fire – fighting and DSO – warning, sprinkles, special lifts anti-fire.

The offices will be equipped with modern, elegant furniture and equipment; telephone, fax, laptop, scanner, xero, projector, electronic screen, TV, safe, mini fridge, office supplies. The equipment includes, translation equipment and permanent access to a 15MB/s WiFi network. Offices, conference rooms and their equipment, as well as permanent fees, (electricity, water, gas, garbage disposal, cleaning, paper, internet connection – without phone bills) for the needs of the Secretariat are unpaid.

In the nearest neighborhood of the City Centre – the Secretariat residence – there are 5 bus stops, which guarantee reaching all the parts of the city and Jasionka airport by modern buses. Also very close, there is a railway station and bus stations (country and international communication).

THE BEST LOCATION



The City Center complex is one of the most modern buildings in Rzeszów erected in 2012. The building's footprint equals 135 000 sq. m. The City Centre is a modern centre where one can find: the Rzeszów Gallery, a cinema, restaurants, cafés, the Rzeszów Hotel and the Fenix Conference Centre, an Orangery Restaurant. The Centre is located in the heart of the Rzeszów city and next to the Podkarpackie Region Marshall Office, the Rzeszów City Hall, train and bus stations and near the international Airport Rzeszów-Jasionka.

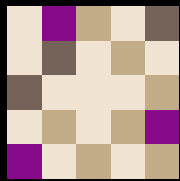


City area:
117 sq. km
Number of inhabitants:
182 349

National roads

City roads

Marshall Office	300 m	3 min	
Voivodship Office	450 m	4,5 min	
City Hall	1 km	10 min	
Bus station	600 m	7 min	
Train station	1 km	10 min	
Jasionka Airport	16 km	25 min	
A4 motorway	11 km	20 min	



SECRETARIAT PREMISES

The premises are offered for the Secretariat for free and they are equipped with free of charge:

- office furniture,
- computer equipment,
- overhead and LCD projectors,
- fax, telephone (costs of telephone bills are not included),
- Internet connection 15 Mbps (DSL)





WHERE WORKING IS A PLEASURE



As one of the tasks of the Secretariat is to organize meetings and conferences, Rzeszów Hotel gives the Secretariat access to a conference room (70 sq. m.). The room is equipped with full audiovisual system suitable also for simultaneous interpretation.

For guests of the Secretariat the suitable number of parking lots can be reserved within the City Center complex. Up to 1200 parking lots can be reserved.

The hotel possesses at the guests' disposal 300 bed places located in 147 spacious, elegant rooms and suites. Each room is equipped with a bathroom, wireless Internet, air-conditioning, mini bar, safe, office desk, coffee and tea set. A beautiful scenery of Rzeszów is visible from each room.

Two restaurants, located on the hotel premises, are available to the hotel guests.

Additionally, there are several restaurants with various cuisine available in the City Center complex.



LIFESTYLE, COMFORT, ENTERTAINMENT





SHOPPING & LEISURE FACILITIES



Rzeszów Hotel is a part of the City Centre leisure complex. Within the complex the Rzeszów Gallery shopping mall is situated. The facility is the biggest shopping centre in Podkarpackie Region.

There are over 200 shops and boutiques in the Rzeszów Gallery where everyone will find something for themselves. There is also one of multiplex cinemas – Helios.

All above mentioned facilities are located within one building.



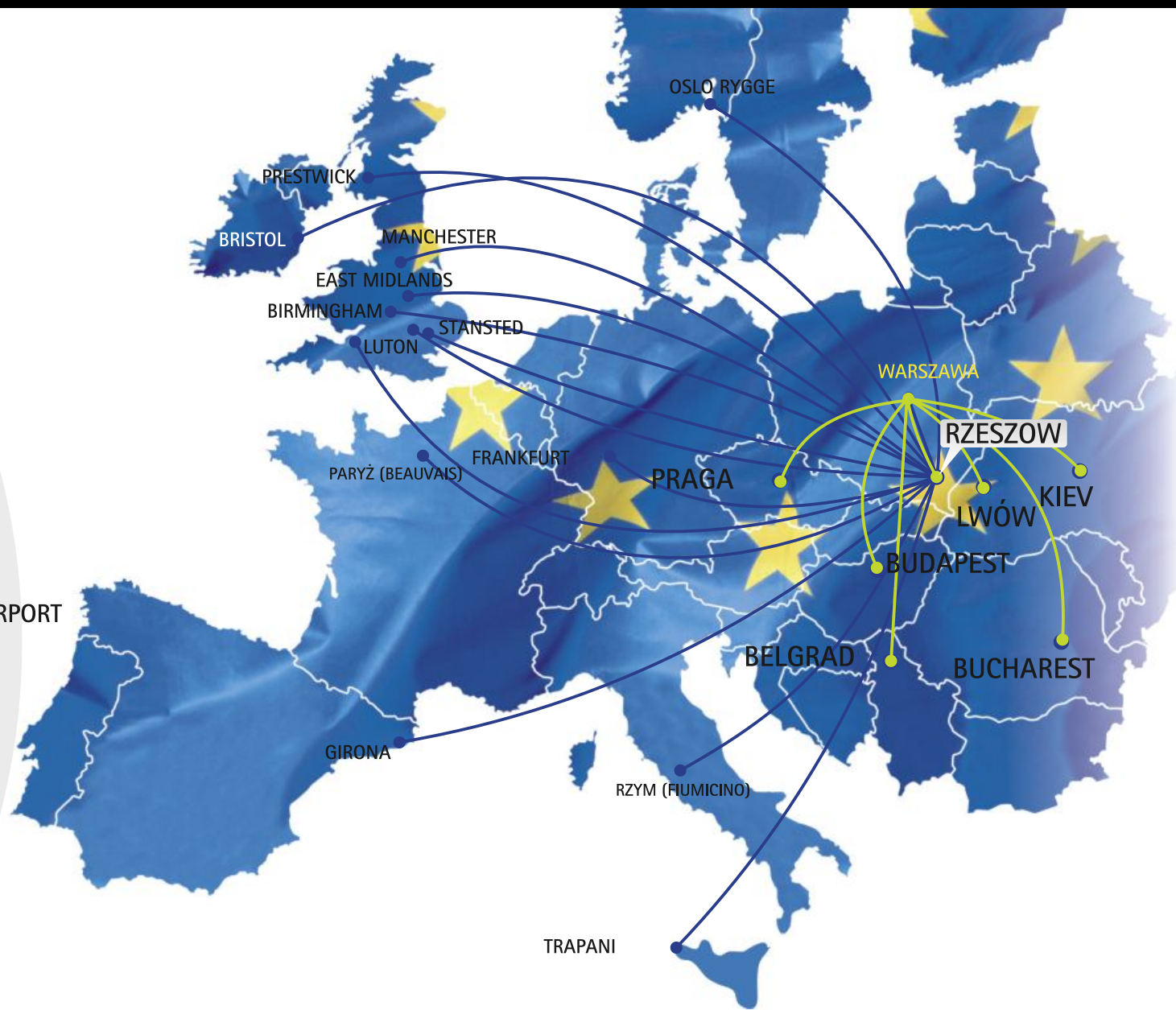
TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS WITH THE CARPATHIAN CONVENTION COUNTRIES

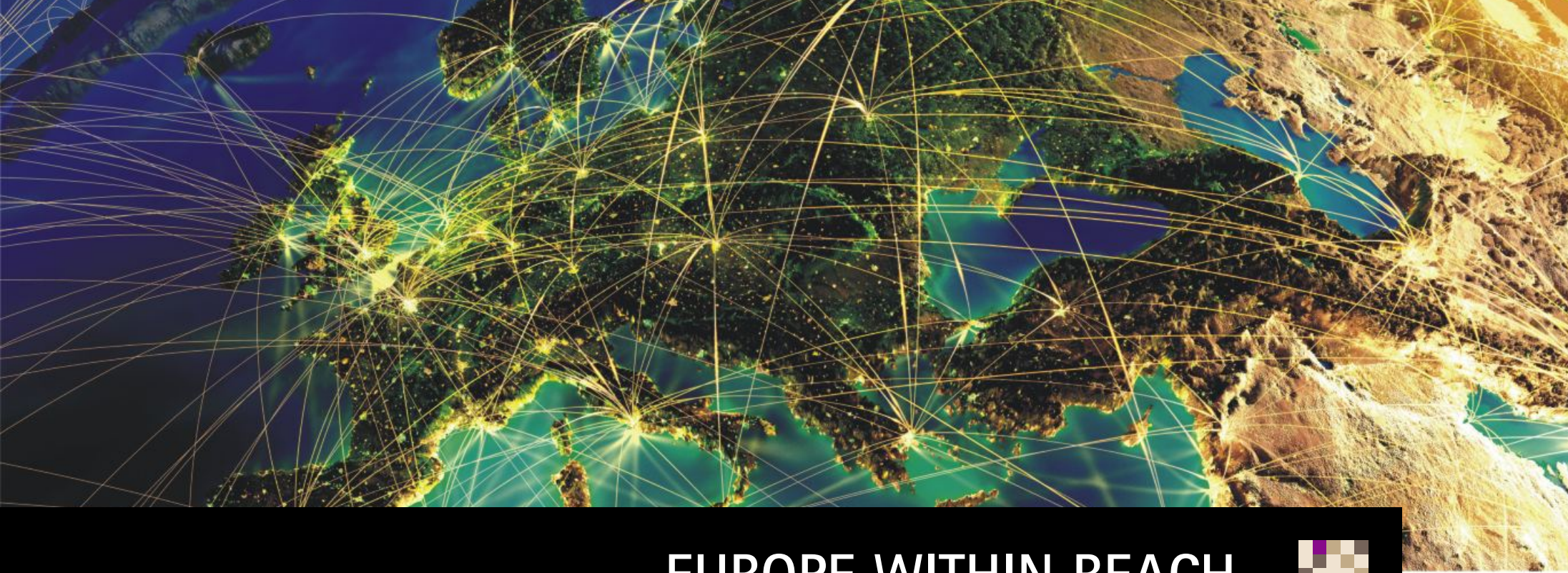
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 TRAPANI (ITALY)
 ROME FIUMICINO (ITALY)
 PARIS BEAUVAIS (FRANCE)
 GIRONA (SPAIN)
 LONDYN LUTON (ENGLAND)
 LONDYN STANSTED (ENGLAND)
 BIRMINGHAM (ENGLAND)
 EAST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)
 BRISTOL (ENGLAND)
 PRESTWICK (ENGLAND)
 MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

● FLIGHTS VIA WARSAW CHOPIN AIRPORT

BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)
 BELGRADE (SERBIA)
 KIEV (UKRAINE)
 LVOV (UKRAINE)
 PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC)
 BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)





EUROPE WITHIN REACH



Road distances from Rzeszów to borders of the Carpathian Convention countries:

SLOVAKIA	93 KM	HUNGARY	218 KM
CZECH REPUBLIC	327KM	ROMANIA	350 KM
UKRAINE	94 KM	SERBIA	625 KM



Road distances to selected European countries

BRUSSEL	1468 KM	KOSICE	201 KM
PARIS	1708 KM	BRATISLAVA	672 KM
BERLIN	766 KM	WIEN	634 KM
HAMBURG	1050 KM	BUDAPEST	457 KM
PRAHA	706 KM	ROMA	1752 KM