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« Cooperation à la Frankfurt (Oder) & Słubice »

The Potential of Small and Medium-sized Cities in Cross-Border Polycentric Regions

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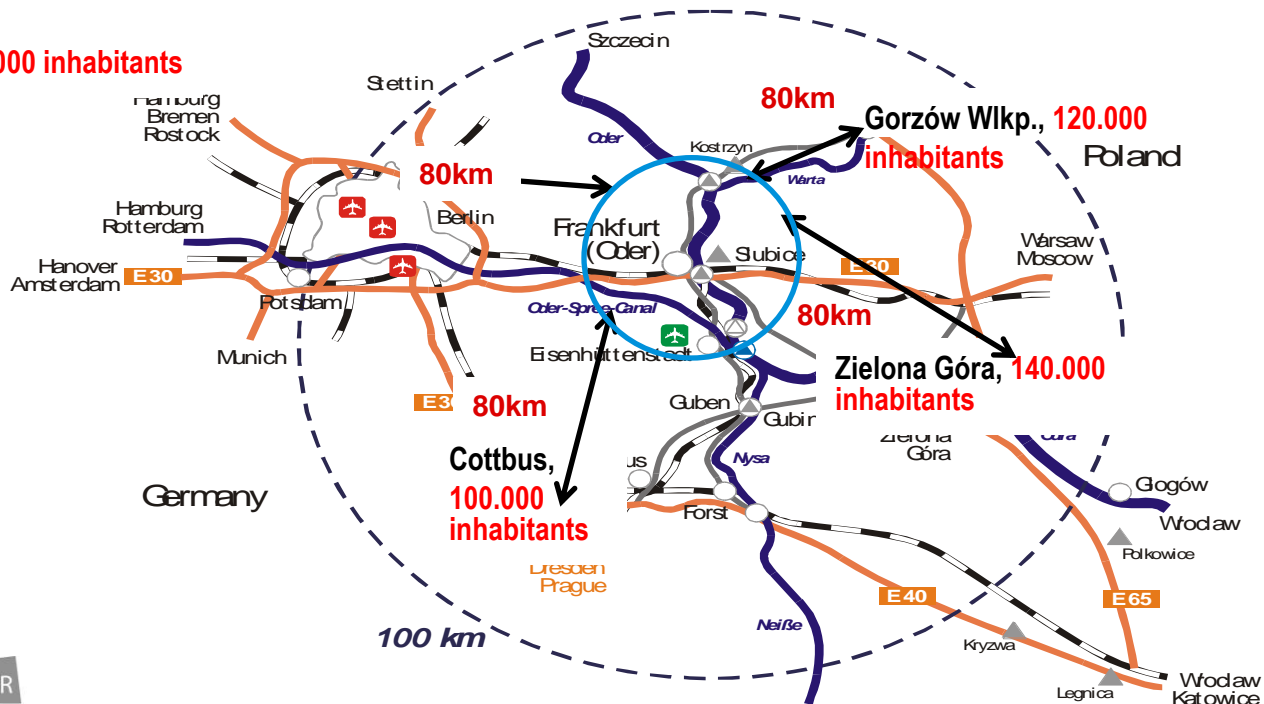
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That's where I'm coming from

Berlin, 3.600.000 inhabitants



ODER
FRANKFURT
SŁUBICE

Without borders.

- Trans-European road
- Major road
- Main railway-line
- Main waterway
- ▲ Special Economic Zone
- ✈ International Airport
- ✈ Regional Airport
- ▲ Border crossing
- ⬭ Planned border crossing
- ⬭ Border crossing on waterway



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European Twin City Frankfurt & Słubice

- Direct neighbours on both sides of River Oder
- Together 80.000 inhabitants
- Common university: Viadrina & Collegium Polonicum





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Joint structures

- Common City Council Assembly (once a year)
- Common City Council Commission (5 times a year)
- Mayor meeting (once a month)
- Thematic working groups: city development & mobility, cycle infrastructure, water tourism, Kleist Tower (once a month)
- Common working unit: Frankfurt-Słubice Cooperation Center (each day)





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Joint strategy

Frankfurt-Słubice Action Plan 2010-2020:

- decided by the Common City Council Assembly (29.04.2010 and 08.05.2014)
- including a joint vision for 2020, 15 goals and 46 projects
- main cooperation fields: city development, economic development/research/employment, education





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Good practices with Interreg IVA funding

- common city branding, since december 2012 (ca. 400.000 €)
- cross border bus line „983”: railway station, both city centers and universities, since december 2012 (ca. 20.000 € for marketing)
- first german-polish kindergarten in Słubice, since september 2014 (ca. 1,9 mio. €)
- joint tourist information in historical Bolfras House, since january 2015 (ca. 3,6 mio. € for the whole building)
- joint district heating system, since march 2015 (0,00 €)





Obstacles

- Frankfurt and Slubice are relatively unwealthy cities, less capital for investments
- disappointment because of the gap between hope and promises 1990 and 2004 and the perception of reality
- mental barriers





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Common plans 2016-2020

Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) on cross border city development & mobility, mainly in tourism and transport infrastructure (about 10 million euros)

Joint Action Plan (JAP) on multilingual education from kindergarten up to life long learning (about 10 million euros, with several partners)



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für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!**

**Dziękuję bardzo
za Państwa uwagę!**

**Thank you very much
for your attention!**

**Merci beaucoup
pour votre attention!**



Ohne Grenzen. Bez granic.



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