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The territoriality of the Twin City Frankfurt/Oder and Słubice



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The location of our Twin City



Three questions

- Where does the idea for a Twin City come from? From a common, crossborder territory?
- How was it created?
- How does it develop and transform?

The Twin City in 100 seconds, a movie:

Image-Film der Doppelstadt "Doppelt schön. Podwójnie piękne" - YouTube





Two answers

Where does the idea for a Twin City come from? From a common, cross-border territory?

- Good practices from other Twin Cities and cross-border agglomerations
- Participating in an URBACT project, 2008-2010, with the Lead Partner MOT (Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière), Paris

How was it created?

- Organisation of a Conference on the future of Frankfurt and Słubice 2020, June 2009
- Kicking-off our first "Local action plan" for 2010-2020, April 2010





Strengthening cross-border structures

- Joint assembly of municipal councils since 2010
- Meetings of the joint committee of municipal councils







Setting up new structures



- Creation of the "Cooperation Center Frankfurt-Slubice" (2010)
- Setting up the "Frankfurt-Slubice Steering Group" (2011)







Results 2020

- Establishing a joint brand: Frankfurt -Słubice – Without borders (2012)
- Setting up of a cross-border bus line (2012)
- Opening of a joint tourism office (2015)
- Connecting two district heating networks (2015)
- Little progress in learning the language of the neighbour
- And too few links between the actors involved and the majority of the population





Our objectives for 2030

- Urban integration of the two centers on the bank of the Oder river
- Integration of joint infrastructure, e.g., swimming pools
- Improvement and integration of cycle path networks
- Creating bilingual eduction offers







What is expected from the authorities?







THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your attention!

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