



Rákóczi – European Cultural Route

1st meeting

27th of October 2015, Kosice

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The meeting in Csemadok was the first important step of the work of the Rákóczi European Cultural Route. Adam Szesztay the Hungarian main consul of Kosice told in his welcoming speech : 'This meeting is more than welcomed in the events of Week Rákóczi, because it is a perfect example of our cross-border cooperation.' He mentioned, that Jaroslaw initiated the discussion with the goal of maintaining the memory of Rákóczi, because he might be a link that strengthens the relations of european nations.

Marek Pienkowski made a presentation about Jaroslaw and his proposals about possible routes. It was more than 11 years ago when the idea of improving international cooperation for the heritage of Rákóczi came to his mind. This cooperation should include tourism, a scientific consensus, infrastructure upgrades, media presence and upholding cultural heritages.

Imre Hajdu, president of the Financial Committe of Sárospatak said 'There was a conference about international cultural routes 1 year ago in Sárospatak. In this meeting, the attending officers from Strasbourg and the representatives from the National Cultural Institute and the Ministry of Human Resource informed us in detail about the conditions of establishing such a cultural route, and about the criterions of possible financial support from the European Union. Due to this, he was more than happy to hear Father Marek's purpose on the planned consensus, because his notions meets the official requirements of the financial support mentioned above. The process is the following : Create – Operate – Formalize. It is quite interesting how two settlement had the same ideas about the Rákóczi European Cultural Route, even before this meeting. We should define our objectives, and assign responsible officials to coordinate the cooperation.

Edit Tamás mentioned that the Museum Rákóczi in Hungary which has been made a historical memorial may have potential in our work. She suggested a conference in May in the castle of Sárospatak while suggesting the attendants not to hesitate due to the possibly available support from the EU.



Waldemar Paluch, mayor of Jaroslaw highlighted the importance of these resources from the EU, because this cross-border cooperation could not only improve cultural relations locally, but also improve the economy of these areas because of the possible development of infrastructure. He is glad to see the number of willing participants.

After the introduction of the attending organizations and settlements (see the annex) Imre Hajdu suggested that the next meeting should be in the Museum Rákóczi in Sárospatak, on the 23th of November. He promised that he will prepare the details of the proclamation, where all attendants will express their intention of establishing the Rákóczi European Cultural Route. Prague, Jindřichův Hradec, Vienna, Tekirdağ, Firenze and Rome will also be invited to the event. Edit Tamás will get in touch with Nagykároly settlements. All of the attendants accepted the invitation.

Hajdu Imre

representing Sárospatak