

**VIT international conference
International panel on Active
Ageing and the role of seniors
in town twinning**

**Good practices of the City of Bydgoszcz
Poland**

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Bydgoszcz in figures

- First historical information – 1238
- Number of inhabitants - 360.000
- Unemployment - 7%
- Industry: main branches:
 - - food industry
 - - transport
 - - power industry
 - - chemical industry
 - - IT, communications technologies

Twinn towns of Bydgoszcz

- Reggio Emilia/ Italy 1962
- Kragujevac/ Serbia 1971
- Mannheim/ Germany 1991
- Hartford/ USA 1996
- Pawłodar/ Kazachstan 1997
- Perth/ Great Britain 1998
- Czerkasy/ Ukraine 2000
- Patras/ Greece 2004
- Krzemieńczyk/ Ukraine 2004
- Ningbo/ China 2005
- Wilhelmshaven/ Germany 2006
- Pitesti/ Romania 2007

Bydgoszcz and seniors: a challenge

- Bydgoszcz is ranked fourth in Poland in terms of seniors participation in the Universities of Third Age
- 7 Universities for seniors
- 2.200 elderly students
- Participation in international activities

Co-operation with Mannheim/ Germany

- 10 years of joint activities with the Association for supporting twin towns
- Co-operation with German-Polish Association Mannheim
- Polish Days in Mannheim and Bydgoszcz, exchanges, presentations, exhibitions, concerts, lectures, dancings,

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Co-operation with Wilhelmshaven/ Germany

- Bidegast Vereinigung e.V. Wilhelmshaven
- Organisation collecting citizens of German nationality and born in Bydgoszcz
- The city of Wilhelmshaven offered patronage and support for the Bidegast Vereinigung
- 2011 – 50 anniversary of the patronage
- Joint activities: conferences, exchanges, exhibitions with museums
- In 2006 the authorities of Bydgoszcz awarded the achievements of Mr. Wilfried Samel by planting an oak tree at an avenue of honorary citizens of Bydgoszcz







Thank you!

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