

Restoration of common culture heritage as a base for youth and creative groups from Poland and Belarus cross-border cooperation

Poland and Belarus share historical heritage, valuable culture and tradition. Throughout ages, both countries have gone through difficult times, but the common roots have remained, what can be seen in many historical sites located in this area. One of them is the Lachert Manor House in Ciechanki, built in the 19th century and later rebuilt by one of the most popular Polish architects, Bohdan Lachert. At the same time, the classical Rejtan Family Manor House in Hrušaŭka was built.

The authors of the ROCCO project noticed great potential of both properties and planned to activate tourism on the basis of these heritage objects. The investment focuses on complex renovation of former manors. In their premises, two new cultural institutions will be established - Tourist, History and Cultural Centre in Hrušaŭka and Centre for Creative Work in Ciechanki. Both Centres will engage youth and artists through a various activities related to common history and heritage of the cross-border region: exchange camps, meetings on the history, numerous exhibitions, architecture and landscape plein-airs, design workshops, open-air events, study visits and much more. Moreover, the Liachavičy fortress battle will be re-enacted, with the participation of the historic Knight's Unit. At the same time, the area's heritage will be promoted during press conferences and through films, media spots, articles and websites that will be created.

The exchange of ideas, know-how and knowledge between partners will contribute to better preservation of the common heritage of Poland and Belarus. Increased tourists interest in renovated facilities will result in a gradual growth in the number of visitors. Moreover, better awareness of the valuable cultural heritage of Poland and Belarus will contribute to tourism and economic development of the cross-border region.







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