

Interdisciplinary Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme

**Minutes of the meeting: 19 February 2018 at 3 p.m., Portrait Hall, Plac Wszystkich Świętych 3-4, Kraków**

**Course of the meeting:**

The meeting was opened by Vice-Chairman of the Team, **Adam Bulandra**.

He presented the agenda of the Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “**Open Kraków**” Programme, proposed by Chairman Andrzej Kulig:

1. Opening of the meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme.
2. The issue of the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme “Logo of Multiculturalism” – an element of the policy of openness to multiculturalism and integration of the residents of Kraków:
  - a) appointing the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism,
  - b) drawing up rules and regulations of the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism,
  - c) rules for granting the Logo of Multiculturalism.
3. Issues raised.
4. The end of the meeting.

Members of the Team present did not make comments to the proposed agenda.

**RE 1. Opening of the meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme.**

**Vice-Chairman of the Team, Adam Bulandra**, welcomed all those present at the 6th meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme. He introduced them to the proposed agenda of the meeting.

**RE 2. The issue of the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme “Logo of Multiculturalism” – an element of the policy of openness to multiculturalism and integration of the residents of Kraków.**

At the beginning, **Vice-Chairman of the Team, Adam Bulandra**, presented the concept of the initiative, which has been included in the “Open Kraków” Programme – granting the “Logo of Multiculturalism” award. The idea of granting such a title is to honour people, organisations, companies which work for multiculturalism, integration of the residents with foreigners. He informed that so far no Commune has undertaken similar initiatives. The International Organisation for Migration awards *Złote Wachlarze* (Golden Fans) every year, and Villa Decius Polish Prize of Sérgio Vieira de Mello – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. It is awarded to people and non-governmental organisations for their activities for the peaceful coexistence

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and cooperation of societies, religions and cultures. The prize is awarded in two categories: a person and a non-governmental organisation.

**Magdalena Furdzik** presented the city's initiatives which can serve as analogous examples of prizes, including the Philanthropist of Kraków or the Patron of Culture awards. Such an award should be adopted by the resolution of the Kraków City Council. In the case of the Philanthropist award, it is presented by the Mayor of the City of Kraków and the Chairman of the Kraków City Council. The title of Philanthropist or Patron of Culture is important enough that entities want to obtain it. The concept of the “Logo of Multiculturalism” award should be created at the Team meeting, while the Office would prepare, on this basis, proposals of the Rules and Regulations and the draft Resolution.

In the case of the Philanthropist, anyone can be indicated: a company, a person, an organisation; the categories are considered in terms of the amount of contribution and the innovation of such support.

Another matter is to decide who can nominate candidates for the award, whether they could nominate themselves or should be indicated by some other body.

It should be also decided what would be the reward. In the case of the Philanthropist, there is no financial prize. A great Gala is organised during which the sceptre of Philanthropist is presented.

**Mateusz Płoskonka** pointed out that the matter of the “Logo of Multiculturalism” also requires expenditures related to the promotion of the title. Therefore, the cost is not only the setting of the granting, but also the promotional action, which is always expensive. Tens of thousands of zlotys are real amounts that must be guaranteed in the budget for such an event.

**Adam Bulandra** suggested that the city should consider support from sponsors. He also asked for information whether there are competitions supported by sponsors and organised by the Commune.

During the discussion, examples of partnership with business were mentioned: such as the Kraków Family Card or the Let's Share Heat programme. The involvement of companies which employ expats was considered, and it can be assumed that they would be interested in participating in such an initiative. The issue of conflict of interests, when a given company would like to participate in the competition as trying to win the logo of multiculturalism, was also discussed.

**Urszula Majcher-Legawiec** proposed that the category should include initiatives or specific projects. She presented the proposal of Agnieszka Kowalska (absent at the meeting) who e-mailed some of the Team members the draft Rules and Regulations based on the Philanthropist Competition. In the draft document, **Agnieszka Kowalska** also proposed that the day of the presentation of the Logo was

### **21 May – Day for Cultural Diversity.**

The participants discussed the choice of the date of presenting the Logo. Several dates were mentioned, e.g.:

17 March – European Action Week Against Racism,

21 May – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development,

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20 June – World Refugee Day,

16 November – International Day for Tolerance,

18 December – International Migrants Day.

The choice of a date being the date of birth or death of a person who is associated with multiculturalism of Kraków and at the same time could be the patron of the award was also taken into consideration. Mayor Juliusz Leo, whose monument is to be solemnly unveiled in the coming days, was proposed.

It was emphasised that the World Day for Cultural Diversity would be the best due to the ideas of this day which are the closest to the ideas of the Logo of Multiculturalism.

No final decision was made regarding the date and possible patron of the award.

**Magdalena Furdzik** raised the issue of deadlines possible for the preparation of the resolution, taking into account the calendar of preparation of legal acts in the Commune. She indicated the nearest date in the second half of November 2018.

The discussion revealed that the resolution may take effect no sooner than in January 2019.

### **RE 3. Appointment of the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism.**

It was proposed that, following the example of the Philanthropist of Kraków competition, the Chapter granting the Logo of Multiculturalism could be established. Members of the Chapter would be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Kraków.

The Chairman of the Kraków City Council was proposed as the Chairman of the Chapter, and the Deputy Mayor of the City of Kraków as the Deputy Chairman, who was entrusted with the issues of social policy, currently the Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Team for cooperation on the implementation of the “Open Kraków” Programme.

**Urszula Majcher-Legawiec** proposed that members of the Chapter should be members of the Interdisciplinary Team – representing the Kraków City Commune and NGOs engaged in the promotion and integration of multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-faith communities, and supporting their functioning in Kraków.

In addition, the winners of the Logo of Multiculturalism from previous years would be appointed to the Chapter.

### **RE 4. Drawing up rules and regulations of the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism.**

During the discussion, the method of preparing the document was talked over. It was agreed that the Office of the MOWIS would prepare the draft Rules and Regulations for granting the “Logo of Multiculturalism” Award for the next meeting.

### **RE 5. Rules for granting the Logo of Multiculturalism.**

The Interdisciplinary Team proposes that, in view of the intention to support activities and initiatives aimed at promoting cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, as well as integration of the residents of Kraków and communities of foreigners, in accordance with the record of the

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“Open Kraków” Programme, the Kraków City Council established the Logo of Multiculturalism Award which would be granted to individuals and entities acting for intercultural dialogue in Kraków.

**The following provisions of the Rules and Regulations were proposed:**

- The Logo of Multiculturalism Award is granted by the Mayor of the City of Kraków at the request of the Chapter of Multiculturalism.
- The Logo of Multiculturalism Award is granted every year for the previous calendar year.
- The winners of the Logo receive a statuette and an act of granting the distinction.
- The winners have the right to use the graphic mark of the Logo of Multiculturalism A.D. (year of granting the title).

The graphic mark of the Logo of Multiculturalism A.D. (year of granting the title) can be used by the winners:

- for promotional and information purposes,
- in information materials in a printed and electronic form.

The graphic mark of the Logo of Multiculturalism A.D. (year of granting the title) can be used by the winners only in an unmodified graphic form.

In the course of the discussion, the entities were limited to the following categories: non-governmental organisations, institutions, companies and people.

It was suggested that the nomination of a candidate for the Logo of Multiculturalism should include:

- 1) name of the candidate for the title,
- 2) address of the registered office of the candidate, telephone, e-mail,
- 3) indication of the category in which the candidate is being nominated,
- 4) short description of the candidate,
- 5) description of the initiative confirming the activity in the area in question,
- 6) consent of the candidate to participate in the competition.

Nomination of a candidate may be accompanied by other, additional documentation which the applicant considers helpful for the work of the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism.

If necessary, members of the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism may ask the applicant for additional information and materials.

It was proposed that the maximum number of titles granted annually in each category should not be determined.

While selecting the winners, the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism would take into account, in particular:

- 1) the substantive scope of the activity carried out by the candidates,
- 2) variety of activities undertaken by the candidates.

Nomination of candidates for the Logo of Multiculturalism: the deadline would have to be set in accordance with the date chosen for granting the logo – two months before the presentation, each year in the organisational unit of the Kraków City Hall responsible for organising the competition. The Office of the MOWIS was proposed as the unit responsible for organising the competition.

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Entities taking part in the competition would be obliged to keep information about the results of the competition confidential until their official announcement.

The official announcement of the results would take place at the award ceremony of the Logo of Multiculturalism A.D. (year of granting the title).

Candidates for the title participating in the competition would have to agree for their personal data to be shared for the purposes of the competition and agree on the publication of their image and their activities.

After examining the candidacies, the Chapter of the Logo of Multiculturalism would present an application to the Mayor of the City of Kraków to honour selected candidates with the distinction. The Mayor of the City of Kraków grants titles in accordance with the calendar of the competition, each year for the previous year.

If there were no nominations or no application to grant the awards presented by the Chapter of the Logo, the Logo of Multiculturalism A.D. would not be granted in a given year.

### **RE 6. The end of the meeting.**

At the end of the meeting, as part of any other business, Urszula Majcher-Legawiec referred to the issues of learning language and tackling educational disadvantage of Vietnamese and Ukrainian children. The need to return to this subject during the next meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team was raised. The problem of the necessity to appoint Preparatory Teams for foreign children which currently, in the opinion of the Team members, are not working properly was pointed out. The problem also applies to children returning from abroad to Poland. School headmasters have the resources and freedom in this matter, but according to the Team members, this should be organised by the Department of Education. It was proposed that, following the example of Warsaw, the problem was diagnosed and a centre organising assistance for children who have problems with Polish was established. Currently, the problem is dispersed and school headmasters cannot cope with the solution.

As a result of the discussion, it was established that the Team will also propose the establishment of the Educational Round Table according to the guidelines to be prepared by **Urszula Majcher-Legawiec** on its behalf. Members of such an assembly would be organisations dealing with education of foreign children, teachers and representatives of schools – headmasters and the Department of Education, which should be the host of the meeting. The content of postulates to be attached to the Team's letter will be provided by Urszula Majcher-Legawiec.

In connection with the planned Team meeting on 12 April 2018 concerning hate crime (monitoring, response, prevention), the presence of the Plenipotentiary for the Protection of Human Rights in the Police – Deputy Inspector Paweł Karnas, representative of the Provincial Police Headquarters in Kraków, was requested.

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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team will be held according to the schedule on **12 April 2018 at 5 p.m.** (room 303).

Vice-Chairman of the Team, Adam Bulandra, conducting the Team meeting closed it at 7.30 p.m.

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Appendix to the minutes:

1. Attendance list of 19 February 2018.