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Twin Cities since

1954 Nice France
1954 Venice Italy
1979 Krakow Poland
1982 Skopje North Macedonia
1985 Glasgow Great Britain
1985 San Carlos Nicaragua
1986 Hadera Israel
1990 Kharkiv Ukraine
1990 Prague Czech Rep.
1997 Shenzhen China
1997 Antalya Turkey
1999 Atlanta USA
1999 Kavala Greece
2010 Córdoba Spain
2024 Braşov Romania

Associated Cities since

1970 Klausen Italy
1988 Gera Germany
2006 Verona Italy
2006 Bar Montenegro
2012 Montan Italy
2014 Kalkudah Sri Lanka
2015 Nablus Palestinian Territories
2024 Saitama Japan
2025 Tchaoudjo 1 (Sokodé) und Lacs 1 (Aného) Togo

Municipal Development Cooperation (Selection)

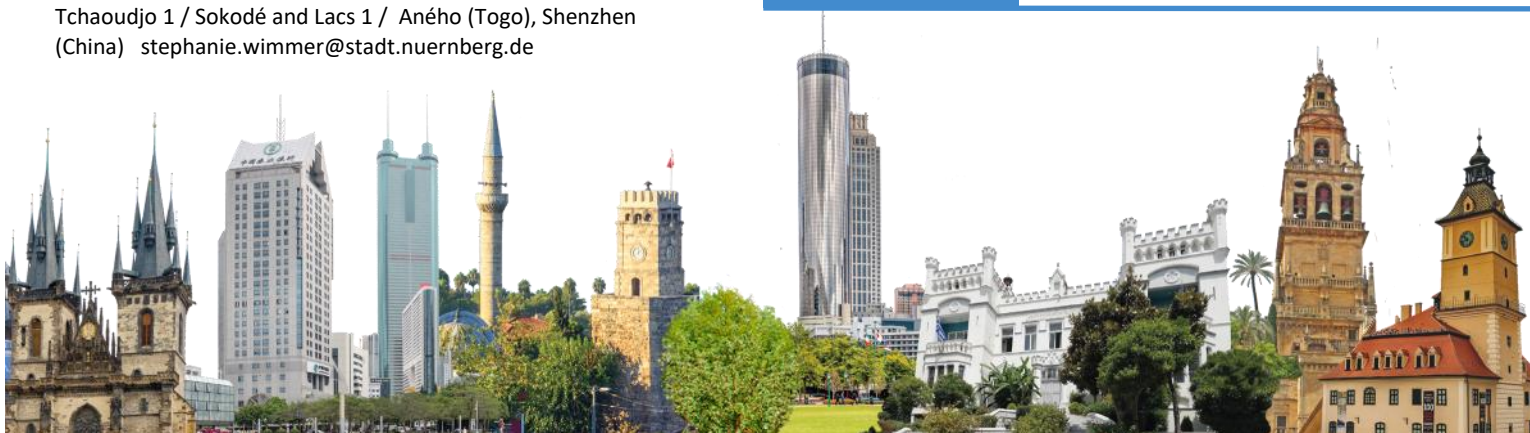
2016-2018 Photovoltaic systems in Nablus
since 2017 Energy-efficient stoves in San Carlos
2019-2022 Photovoltaic systems in Sokodé and Aného
2019-2022 Chimney sweeps for clean stoves and clean air in Skopje
since 2022 Support and rebuilding in Kharkiv



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Nuremberg International

In the middle ages, Nuremberg already had many international contacts and became one of the most important centres of that era. Craftspeople and artists from all over the world settled in the city, and Nuremberg merchants ensured flourishing trade all over Europe.

After the Second World War, numerous city partnerships were forged as a contribution towards understanding among peoples, to reconciliation and European unification. Nuremberg, a city which for many was closely linked to the horrors of Nazi terror, has faced up to its past and has fostered exchange with numerous municipalities world-wide and promoted human rights education with many international partner organisations.

In all this, however, international relations build on citizens committing to (partnership) associations, on school and university students organising school and youth exchanges, on artists enriching the cultural scene, on researchers cooperating with universities abroad, as well as on experts from all walks of life expanding their know-how in exchange with their counterparts from other countries.

Department for International Relations, Protocol and Events

The "Department for International Relations, Protocol and Events" has been part of the Mayor's Office of the City of Nuremberg since June 2025. The previous "Department for International Relations" and the "Department for Protocol, Events and Honours" merged to form this new unit.

The International Relations team coordinates international contacts, initiates projects and supports activities in the fields of culture, education, sport, the environment, health and the economy, as well as development cooperation. It is particularly responsible for Nuremberg's city partnerships and municipal friendships.

Several joint activities and programmes have become well-established in Nuremberg, such as the Christmas "Market of Twin Cities", the summer festival of twin cities "Grenzenlos", as well as citizens' travel programmes to partner cities and associated municipalities.

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Timeline of International Relations (Selection)

- 1954 "Oath of Fraternisation" with Nice, Venice, Locarno and Bruges
- 1980 Establishment of the "Office for Twin Cities" as part of the Press Office
- 1985 First "Market of Twin Cities" during the Nuremberg Christmas Market
- 1990 Establishment of the "Department for International Relations" (IR)
- 1993 Nuremberg becomes a member of the European city network "Eurocities"
- 1995 Opening of the Nuremberg House in Kharkiv, Ukraine
- 1996 Opening of the "Krakow House" in Nuremberg and the "Nuremberg House" in Krakow
- 1999 Nuremberg receives the Honorary Flag of the Council of Europe
- 2000 First Hermann Kesten Scholarship for writers from Nuremberg's Twin Cities
- 2003 First Festival of Twin Cities "Grenzenlos"
- 2005 Sponsorship of Kalkudah, Sri Lanka as part of the international tsunami aid
- 2007 Nuremberg is honoured with the European Award of the European Council
- 2010 IR is honoured with the highest Chinese award for work in Twin Cities Partnerships
- 2012 Establishment of the "Climate Partnership" with San Carlos, Nicaragua
- 2013 Fourth German-Greek Assembly in Nuremberg
- 2017 Coordination of Municipal Development Policy + Agenda 2030
- 2020 IR awarded the second Prize "Kommune bewegt Welt"
- 2023 Thirtieth Glasgow Weekend
- 2025 Establishment of the "Department for International Relations, Protocol and Events"

