

Timeline of International Relations

- 1954** “Oath of Fraternization” with Nice, Venice, Locarno, and Bruges
- 1980** Establishment of the Office for Twin Cities as part of the Press Department
- 1985** First International Christmas Market during the Nuremberg Christmas Market
- 1990/91** Establishment of the Department of International Relations
- 1993** Nuremberg becomes a member of the European city network EUROCITIES
- 1994** Nuremberg participates in its first large project with multiple partner cities
- 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** International Twin City Conference; 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** Presentation of the European Award of the European Council; 25th group visit of Jewish former citizens of Nuremberg.
- 2009** German-Polish twin city conference.
- 2010** IR awarded the highest Chinese prize for work in city partnerships
- 2011** Opening of the International House in Nuremberg (IHN)
- 2012** First International Climate Conference at the IHN; establishment of the “climate partnership” with San Carlos, Nicaragua.
- 2013** First International Crime Fiction Festival with authors from the twin cities.
- 2014** 60th anniversary celebrations of Nuremberg’s inter-municipal relations.
- 2015** Cooperation agreement with Nablus, Palestine, 2nd Intern. Climate Conference.
- 2018** Dialogue with African communes (Aného and Sokodé) to analyze future Cooperation.

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Nuremberg International: Why?

Since the Middle Ages, Nuremberg has grown as a result of its international ties: craftsmen and artists from all over the world came to live and work in Nuremberg and their products were distributed across Europe by native merchants.

After World War II, many European cities established town partnerships to promote better international understanding and the reconciliation of Europe. As its name was especially associated with the horrors of Nazi terror, Nuremberg engaged more intensely in the establishment of town partnerships and in initiation of numerous human rights and peace projects.

Today, the spirit of international cooperation is nurtured in all areas of society through a wide variety of actions. The citizens commit wholeheartedly to a wide range of partnership associations: teachers organize student exchanges with their sister city colleagues, artists live and exhibit their works internationally, scientists cooperate with partner research institutions and experts in diverse fields share their knowledge with friends and partners abroad.



Department for International Relations

In 1991, the Department of International Relations of the City of Nuremberg (IR) was established as an independent office reporting directly to the Lord Mayor to administer Nuremberg's sister city programs more effectively.

Since then, IR has been coordinating and promoting the international contacts of Nuremberg. It organizes the economic, cultural and administrative cooperation programs of the city, striving especially to foster the relations between Nuremberg and its twin cities.



International House in Nuremberg

Additionally, IR is in charge of Nuremberg's membership in the European City Network EUROCITIES and organizes other major projects such as the Hermann Kesten Scholarship for international authors, the Twin City Summer Festival "grenzenlos" (Without Borders), the Nuremberg International Christmas Market, yearly tours to the partner cities and countless exhibitions and events in the International House of Nuremberg.

Twin Cities

		Since
1.	Nice France	1954
2.	Venice Italy	1954
3.	Krakow Poland	1979
4.	Skopje Macedonia	1982
5.	Glasgow Great Britain	1985
6.	San Carlos Nicaragua	1985
7.	Hadera Israel	1986
8.	Kharkiv Ukraine	1990
9.	Prague Czech Rep.	1990
10.	Shenzhen China	1997
11.	Antalya Turkey	1997
12.	Atlanta USA	1998
13.	Kavala Greece	1999
14.	Córdoba Spain	2010

Associated Cities

		Since
1.	Klausen Italy	1970
2.	Gera Germany	1988
3.	Kalkudah Sri Lanka	2005
4.	Verona Italy	2006
5.	Braşov Romania	2006
6.	Bar Montenegro	2006
7.	Montan Italy	2012
8.	Cetinje Montenegro	2012
9.	Nablus Palestine	2015

Since 1991...

- IR has organized or initiated approx. 11,000 projects with its international partners.
- approximately 35,000 people have travelled between Nuremberg and its twin cities through the wide range of exchange programs.
- approximately 150,000 Nuremberg citizens have participated in IR activities.
- 12 new twinning clubs and 10 other organizations have been added to the existing three organizations to support the work of Nuremberg's International Relations Program.