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.
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.

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

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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.

Associated Cities

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