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SMALL FRIEDLAND GATE MUSEUM BECAME A BIG TOURIST ATTRACTION OF KALININGRAD

In 2012-2014 the ancient walls of Friedland Gates were renovated and the museum was equipped with multimedia. In cooperation with the Polish museum in Elbląg an interesting program of exhibitions was prepared, devoted to the history of the two cities and their inhabitants everyday life. All the project activities were supported with funds from the European Union.

The renovation works and development of museum activity were made possible thanks to the participation in the project "Museum over the borders" under the Lithuania-Poland-Russia European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013. It came as a result of close cooperation of Friedland Gate Museum with Museum of Archeology and History in Elbląg uniting two institutions by common initiatives in preserving of historical and cultural heritage.

Friedland Gate Museum is rather young in comparison to other Kaliningrad museums – it was opened for daily visitation in 2002 and in 2008 it acquired the status of independent cultural establishment with municipal subjection. During these years museum administration not only gathered and increased its permanent exhibition but also tried to return the historical outlook and interior of the building. The project became the financial source for reconstruction works, purchasing of specialized equipment for holographic expositions and enrichment of museum exposition with new items.

The special building for holographic equipment was constructed from scratch. Subcontractor also done repairs in the main building of the museum – changed window panels, arranged heat insulation to save walls from excessive humidity. After reconstruction activities expert examinations and scientific research of the whole complex will help to make a basis for complete restoration of the museum facility.

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The museum also presented two new displays designed within the project. Exposition “The Knights Hall” became permanent in 2013 and tells visitors about history of the Teutonic Order. It contains reconstructed armor created by modern craftsmen in compliance with medieval technologies. Interactive exposition “Road to the city” created with the aid of artistic and multimedia tools, incorporates items of the end of XIX – first half of XX centuries and allows visitors to experience everyday life of Königsberg with its extended infrastructure.

Infrastructural and cultural activities help to increase tourist attractiveness of the museum, to promote innovative tourist products, to explore, preserve and popularize common history of the cross-border region thus deepening integration of Kaliningrad and Elbląg.

The total budget of the project is 3 888 888,89 EUR, while EU co-financing to the project is 3 500 000.00 EUR.

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