

Cooperation between Ostróda County and Pravdinsk Region in the Kaliningrad Oblast (Russian Federation)



On May 14, 2004, in the regional administration office of Pravdinsk in the Kaliningrad Oblast of the Russian Federation, in the presence of a representative of the oblast governor and the Polish Consul General in Kaliningrad, the Starosta of Ostróda and the head of the Pravdinsk Region signed an agreement declaring partnership between Ostróda County and Pravdinsk Region.

The parties undertook to create conditions necessary for mutually beneficial development of cooperation in all spheres of life, based on equal and good neighbourly principles, to develop cooperation between their local governments at various levels, to promote the establishment of ongoing communication between the administrations of communes and rural districts. In certain detail, the agreement defines objectives, tasks and areas of the partnership.

Forms of cooperation:

1. exchange of experiences in local government at the level of county and region, as well as promoting the exchange of experiences at the rural commune level;
2. exchange of information on the domestic law and local legal instruments, in particular regulating the activities of local governments; tasks of local government units, their structure, management and organization;
3. organizing joint meetings between the local government authorities, based on principles agreed specifically for these occasions;
4. joint training of staff, councillors and deputies of both local government units;
5. organizing mutual visits of councillors, deputies and employees of local government units;
6. mutual assistance in shaping a civil society.

The parties committed themselves to initiate and promote the exchange of delegations from NGOs and unofficial social groups as well as people from all walks of life of both administrative



units, by:

- promoting cooperation and direct communication between organizations and institutions of culture, science, education, sports, health and social assistance;
- organizing various joint activities, events and meetings participated in by groups of residents from both sides;
- supporting tourist trade;
- exchanging experiences in the fight against drug addiction through working with youth.

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