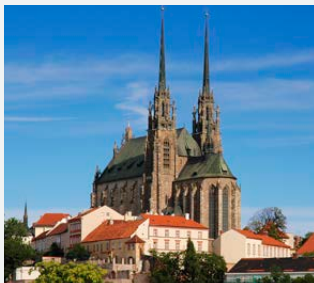




Stadt Leipzig

Leipzig's Partner Cities





Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a city of trade and trade fairs, a centre of science and a cultural metropolis of international standing, Leipzig has always been characterised by its cosmopolitanism and tolerance. Our common goal is to further strengthen this internationality. City partnerships have a special significance and a long tradition.

The first was concluded in 1961 with Kyiv, which was the third largest city in the Soviet Union at the time. A further 14 have followed to date and seal friendly ties with very different cities in 14 countries on four continents. They underline the desire for cultural, social, scientific, economic and administrative exchange. Because international understanding thrives on encounters from city to city.

The City of Leipzig considers itself fortunate to actively maintain 13 international, two German city partnerships and two district partnerships. The commitment of citizens and associations in particular fills our partnerships with content and life. However, since the pandemic and the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, we have also realised the importance of our partnerships as a means of solidarity and support in times of need.

The city partnerships are also firmly anchored in Leipzig's cityscape. Trams operated by Leipzig's public transport company bear the names and coats of arms of partner cities. The squares "Addis-Ababa-Platz" and "Herzliya-Platz" are located close to the city centre, and the names of the partner cities can be found on the square in front of the town hall. International cooperation has also become an important part of citizens' everyday lives – be it through active membership in city partnership associations, targeted cooperation with partner cities, exchange projects or the joint organisation of events such as the Leipzig Opera Ball or Europe Week.

In addition to cooperation as city partnerships, in EU projects and city networks, there are also other forms of international cooperation. These include various forms of cooperation with other cities that do not achieve the formal status of a city partnership, project-related cooperation with a wide variety of organisations from Leipzig, Germany and abroad.

Further information on Leipzig's city partnerships and other international contacts can be found on the Office for International Affairs' website: www.leipzig.de/international and in the office's regular electronic newsletter, which you are welcome to subscribe to.

But first, I hope you enjoy reading this brochure!

Mayor Burkhard Jung

International partner cities (founding year)



Addis Ababa | Ethiopia (2004)



Birmingham | United Kingdom (1992)



Bologna | Italy (1962/1997)



Brno | Czech Republic (1973/1999)



Herzliya | Israel (2011)



Ho Chi Minh City | Vietnam (2021)



Houston | Texas | USA (1993)



Krakow | Poland (1973/1995)



Kyiv | Ukraine (1961/1992)



Lyon | France (1981)



Nanjing | China (1988)



Thessaloniki | Greece (1984/2008)



Travnik | Bosnia and Herzegovina (2003)

National partnerships



Frankfurt am Main | Germany (1990/1999)



Hanover | Germany (1987)

District partnerships



Althen des Paluds | France (2000)



Pays des Herbiers | France (1997)

Cooperation cities/city friendships



Gdańsk | Poland (2018)



Gwangju | South Korea (2011)



Yerevan | Armenia (2021)

Population
Area
First mentioned

624.689 (2022)
297,8 km²
in 1015

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Office tasks

- Coordination and development of Leipzig's European and international commitment to strategically strengthen Leipzig's internationality and global responsibility (city diplomacy)
- Support and maintenance of relationships with partner and cooperation cities around the world as well as cooperation with international and internationally active organisations, associations and companies
- Development of international cultural exchange, economic relations, diverse meeting formats, events and conferences in politics, society, youth, sport and city marketing
- Management of urban EU activities and memberships in European networks, in particular EUROCITIES
- Consolidation of municipal development cooperation to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Preparation of the Mayor's and City Council's international appointments and supporting the exchange of expertise between the administration
- Organisation of visits from international guests, delegation and citizens' trips to partner and cooperation cities
- Crisis management in the event of international conflicts, natural disasters or pandemics
- Awarding funding in accordance with the specialised funding guidelines for the promotion of international cooperation
- International culture of remembrance, in particular preparation and implementation of the city's Visitors' Programme for Former Jewish Leipzigers and their Descendant, support of the network worldwide and cooperation with the Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial



Did you know?

Leipzig's partner cities are visibly anchored in many places throughout the city. Numerous streets, squares and even trams bear the name of a partner city. The partner city names are engraved in German and the national language on the forecourt of the Neues Rathaus.

Partner since	2004
Population	3,859,999 (2022)
Area	527 km ²
Distance	5,285 km

www.aacc.gov.et



- Capital of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Headquarters of the African Union
- Addis Ababa means “new flower” in the local language

Focus of the cooperation



Tactile children's book based on ideas from children in Leipzig and Addis Ababa

Citizens and society

- Active civic cooperation and organisation of citizens' trips to Addis Ababa
- Numerous events organised by the city partnership association (Ethiopian New Year, exhibitions, film screenings and discussion events)
- Development of a tactile children's book as part of the “Inclusive Community” development project in cooperation with the German Centre for Accessible Reading (dzb lesen) and Leipzig University

City administration and economy

- Municipal exchange of experience on the topics of urban development, environment, inclusion, education and training, emergency services
- Cooperation between zoos in Leipzig and Addis Ababa: support for veterinary care and development of a master plan for a modern zoo in Addis Ababa
- Fair trade project “Der Leipziger” since 2006 – partnership coffee from Ethiopia sold at shops in Leipzig
- 2014 German-Ethiopian investment forum in Leipzig

Youth and education

- Joint “Global Studies” master's and PhD programme offered by Leipzig and Addis Ababa Universities
- School partnership between Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium and Menelik II Primary and Preparatory School
- Exchange between the J. S. Bach Music School in Leipzig and the Yared Music School Addis Ababa



Mayor Burkhard Jung and pupils from Menelik II Preparatory School

Contact in Leipzig

Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig – Addis Abeba e. V.
www.leipzig-addis-abeba.de



Did you know?

The illustrious, strong and courageous lion plays a very special and unifying role for both cities. Leipzig has had the Meissen lion on its city seal since the 14th century, and later on its coat of arms. For Ethiopia and Addis Ababa, the lion symbolises the dynasty of the Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie. He also bore the biblical title “Lion of Judah” and is very important in Ethiopian history as well as for the national self-image.

Partner since	1992
Population	1.1 million (2015)
Area	267 km ²
Distance	985 km

www.birmingham.gov.uk



- Second largest city in the United Kingdom
- Centre of the West Midlands metropolitan region
- Home of “Cadbury”, Britain's most famous chocolate

Focus of the cooperation

Urban development and administration

- Fair trade commitment of both cities
- Urban regeneration projects in converting former industrial facilities and utilisation concepts for rivers and canals

European policy

- Strategic cooperation in the EUROCITIES network
- Exchange and cooperation between the two cities after BREXIT to promote a common approach to politics, economy and society

Education and culture

- Study and work placements for trainees
- Participants from Leipzig at the European Summer University in Birmingham
- Development of school partnerships
- Joint music and sports projects

Health and social affairs

- Exchanging ideas on healthy ageing, dementia and drug prevention



25-year city partnership – delegation trip with Mayor Burkhard Jung, October 2017



Canals in Birmingham

Contact in Birmingham

Birmingham City Council
www.distinctlybirmingham.com/partner-cities



Did you know?

Although Birmingham is not located on a large river, there are five large and numerous smaller canals that cross the city in a similar way to Leipzig. Since 1980, these canals have been expanded and networked into a system (approx. 60 km). They are very popular with tourists and locals alike thanks to the numerous bars and restaurants. A boat trip on the canals offers interesting and unusual insights into our English partner city.

Partner since 1962 (renewed 1997)
 Population 387,971 (2022)
 Area 140.9 km²
 Distance 765 km

www.comune.bologna.it

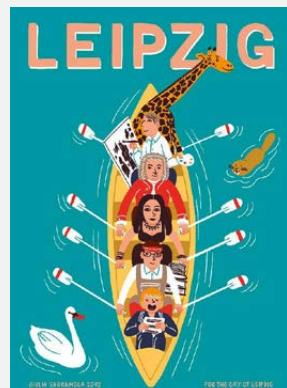


- Capital of the Emilia-Romagna region and the province of Bologna
- Europe's oldest university (founded in 1088)
- UNESCO City of Music and Capital of Culture 2000

Focus of the cooperation



Cooperation with Leipzig International Art Programme (LIA) 2012/Illustration Giulia Sagrimala



Cooperation with Leipzig International Art Programme (LIA) 2012/Illustration Sarah Mazzetti

Culture

- Exchange between the two music cities, organised by the associations Notenspur e. V. and Yehudi Menuhin Live Music Now Leipzig e. V.
- Cooperation between Kunstkraftwerk digital art centre and Italian artists and the Visual Information Lab CINECA at the University of Bologna
- Centre for supporting Richard Wagner's work in Italy

Education and youth

- University contacts: Leipzig University/ Università di Bologna
- School exchange: Arwed-Rossbach-Schule/Instituti Aldini-Valeriani, Leibniz-Gymnasium/Liceo Galvani, Reclam-Gymnasium/Liceo Linguistico Internazionale

City administration

- Cooperation as part of EUROCITIES
- Exchange on legal bases for City Council resolutions in digital sessions

Contact in Leipzig

Italiani a Lipsia e. V.
www.italiani-a-lipsia.de

Partner since 1973 (renewed 1999)
 Population 396,101 (2022)
 Area 230.2 km²
 Distance 384 km

www.brno.cz



- Second largest city in the Czech Republic
- Trade fair, music and university city
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Bauhaus monument Villa Tugendhat

Focus of the cooperation

City administration and economy

- Close exchange between city administrations in the areas of culture, sport, social affairs, urban renewal and planning, environment and green spaces, creative industries, city marketing, culture of remembrance
- Reciprocal participation in tourism fairs and partner city days
- Presentation of the 2014 City of Brno Prize for International Cooperation to Mayor Burkhard Jung

Culture and education

- Exchanges and guest performances by theatres, music and ballet schools, cultural centres and visual artists
- Leipzig-Brno literature residency programme for author and artist exchanges between LIA - Leipzig International Art Programme and Masaryk University
- Exchange of senior students from Leipzig University and Masaryk University
- School cooperation projects between 20. Oberschule Leipzig and ZŠ Bakalka Brno
- 2018/2019 German-Czech Year of Culture in Leipzig with the Czech Republic as guest country at the Leipzig Book Fair and numerous other cultural events and a varied anniversary year in 2023



Symbolic tree planting campaign of partner city trees on Brünner Straße in Leipzig to mark the 50th anniversary, 2023

Sport and society

- Mutual participation in international sporting events
- Partnership between the Jewish communities
- The excursion boat "Lipsko" has been sailing on the Brno Reservoir since 2010

Contact in Leipzig

Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig – Brno e. V.
www.leipzig-brno.de



Exchange of ballet schools from Leipzig and Brno, 2023



Did you know?

Bologna has had three attributes for centuries: "Bologna la grassa, la dotta e la rossa." "La grassa" stands for fat and refers to well-being and economic success as well as good food. "La dotta" (scholars) is a reference to Europe's oldest university. "La rossa" (red) alludes to the red-coloured roofs and to Bologna as the decades-long heartland of Italy's left-wing parties.



Did you know?

The composer Leoš Janáček, who was born near Brno and spent a large part of his life there, studied at the Leipzig Conservatory – today the Leipzig University of Music and Theatre – from October 1879 to February 1880. His home at the time was on the street "Brühl", where a plaque now commemorates one of Brno's and the Czech Republic's most famous personalities.

Partner since	2011
Population	106,741 (2022)
Area	21.6 km ²
Distance	2,807 km

www.herzliya.muni.il



- Harbour city on the central coast of Israel, approx. 15 km north of Tel Aviv
- One of Israel's most important technology centres
- Popular holiday destination with Israel's largest marina

Focus of the cooperation



Joint tournament participation of handball players from Herzliya and Leipzig, April 2018

Culture and social affairs

- Reciprocal residencies and exhibitions by artists in the field of photography, painting, graphics and music
- Guest performances by the St Thomas Boys' Choir, the Synagogue Choir, the Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Theatre of the Young World
- Participation of wheelchair users' dance group from Herzliya on the "Day of Encounters"

- Performances of the children's opera "Brundibár" by the Moran Choir and the Gewandhaus Children's Choir in Herzliya and Leipzig
- Design of Herzliyaplatz square in Leipzig and Leipzig Square in Herzliya
- Commitment against Israel-related anti-Semitism and for a culture of remembrance

Sport and youth

- Regular participation of athletes in "LIPSIAD" – Leipzig's Children and Youth Games
- DLRG Leipzig exchange with lifeguards from Herzliya
- School partnerships: Reclam-Gymnasium/Harishonim High School, Freies Gymnasium following Rahn Education, which is oriented towards music and sport, and a school in Herzliya



Inauguration of the artistically redesigned Herzliyaplatz with guests from the partner city, June 2018

Administration and economy

- Regular delegation visits by the city leaders with representatives from education, culture, politics and business
- Cooperation in the areas of creative industries, water management and start-ups with mutual exchange

Contact in Leipzig

Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig-Herzliya e. V. www.leipzig-herzliya.de



Did you know?

The "white pearl of the Mediterranean" was only founded in 1924. Seven settlers established themselves in the Sharon Plain on the Mediterranean and named their new home after Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism. The community grew swiftly and Herzliya was granted city status as early as 1960.

Partner since	2021
Population	9,166,840 (2021)
Area	2095.4 km ²
Distance	9,370 km

<https://hochiminhcity.gov.vn/>



- Vietnam's largest city
- Booming economic and commercial centre
- Former name Sài Gòn

Focus of the cooperation

Economy and education

- Long-standing business cooperation in the areas of medium-sized economy, trade fairs, tourism
- Healthcare industry, medicine cluster – hospital cooperation (St Georg and university hospitals, heart centre)
- Other topics: urban development, environmental protection, drinking water treatment, wastewater and waste management, agriculture, training and further education projects, including those offered by the Leipzig Chamber of Trade
- Special prize from the City of Leipzig (economic development) for young company founders as part of the Best Innovators Award of the Vietnamese-German University
- School cooperation (International German School)



City of Leipzig receives special "Synergy" prize in the "Kommune bewegt Welt" competition, 2020

Science, culture and society

- University cooperation notably in the field of medicine and as part of the SEPT programme (Small Enterprises Promotion and Training), MBA programmes in HCMS and Hanoi
- Intensive cooperation with the Association of Vietnamese Alumni of Leipzig University
- Cultural exchange (visual arts, music)
- "Verein der Vietnamesen Leipzig e. V." as an important bridge builder between Leipzig and Vietnam
- 2020 special "Synergy" prize in the "Kommune bewegt Welt" competition for cooperation with Vietnam
- Large-scale relief deliveries from HCMS (military hospital, companies, Chambers of Commerce Abroad – AHK) and the Association of Vietnamese in Leipzig to Combat the Covid-19 Pandemic in Leipzig and the Region

Contacts in Leipzig

Deutsch-vietnamesisches Haus e. V.

<https://deutsch-vietnamesisches-haus.jimdosite.com>

Verein der Vietnamesen Leipzig e. V.

Verein der vietnamesischen Frauen in Leipzig e. V.



Did you know?

Born at Leipzig Zoo in 2002, the elephant bull Voi Nam is the son of two genuine Saigonians, namely his mother Trinh and his father Mekong. They came to Leipzig Zoo in the mid-1980s. During the GDR era, the zoo cooperated closely with Ho Chi Minh City Zoo and is now primarily involved in important species conservation projects in Vietnam.

Partner since 1993
 Population 2,302,878 (2022)
 Area 1658.7 km²
 Distance 8,578 km

www.houstontx.gov



- Fourth largest city in the USA on the Gulf of Mexico in Texas
- Energy metropolis, centre of space technology and logistics
- Stronghold of multicultural art and sports

Focus of the cooperation

Society

- On the initiative of citizens of Leipzig and Houston, the Leipzig-Houston Circle of Friends was founded in 1992 and the city partnership agreement was signed in 1993
- Intensive civic cooperation between the two associations (also digital)
- Partnership of St Thomas Church/ Christ the King Lutheran Church
- "Speech on Democracy" to mark the 25th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution by former Secretary of State James Baker
- Prize for the most active German-American city partnership 2018 awarded by the Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft e. V.
- Humanitarian commitment in crisis situations
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock accompanied the official delegation to mark 30 years of the city partnership



Citizens' dialogue – Delegation trip with Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in September 2023

Education and science

- Various university cooperation, school and student exchanges
- Cooperation with the German-American Institute Saxony

Culture and music

- Regular concert tours by Leipzig ensembles and exhibitions in renowned galleries and museums, "Houston" opera ball (2014)
- Gewandhaus Orchestra's tour of the USA to mark the 25th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution in 2014, concert in Houston
- 2018 big anniversary year 25 years/2023 30 years of city partnership with a festive motet by the Houston Bach Choir for the Bach Festival

Contacts in Leipzig and Houston

Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig – Houston e. V.

www.leipzig-houston.de

Houston Leipzig Sister City Association (HLSCA)

www.houstonleipzig.org

Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Sachsen

<https://dai-sachsen.de>

American Consulate General Leipzig

<https://de.usembassy.gov/de/location/leipzig-de/>



Did you know?

On 11 October 2009, the "Peace Window" – donated by the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association – was inaugurated in Leipzig's St Thomas Church to mark 20 years of peaceful revolution. Furthermore, the "Peace Cantata" composed for Leipzig by Houston composer Ann Gebuhr was performed for the first time by Amici Musicae and the Youth Symphony Orchestra of the Leipzig Music School.

Partner since 1973 (renewed 1995)
 Population 803,282 (2022)
 Area 326.9 km²
 Distance 551 km

www.krakow.pl



- Third largest city in Poland and capital of the Lesser Poland region
- Traditional cultural and university city (second oldest university in Central Europe), former royal city on the Via Regia
- UNESCO City of Literature and Capital of Culture 2000

Focus of the cooperation

Institutional contacts

- Cooperation between city administrations (aid for Ukraine, social affairs, culture, exchange of expertise)
- Cooperation between the city history museums (nativity scene exhibition 2023)
- Contacts in the church and on the subject of social affairs



Mayor Jacek Majchrowski congratulates Friedrich Magirius on his honorary citizenship, Krakow 2005

Society and youth

- Exchange of youth parliaments
- Internships with EU funding
- Friedrich Magirius has been an honorary citizen of the "royal capital" Krakow since 2005 and an honorary citizen of Leipzig since 2022

Culture

- Music: choir exchange, participation in the International Mendelssohn Music Days at the Centre for Jewish Culture in Krakow
- Visual arts: exchange of artists, exhibitions
- Jewish life and culture of remembrance



Krakow Youth Parliament visiting Leipzig, 2022

Contacts in Leipzig

Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig Krakau e. V. www.leipzig-krakau.de

Polnisches Institut Berlin – Leipzig branch www.instytutpolski.pl/leipzig

Did you know?

During the Battle of Leipzig in 1813, Prince Józef Poniatowski, commander-in-chief of the Polish army, lost his life while retreating across the White Elster. Initially buried in Johannisfriedhof Cemetery, his final resting place is the royal crypt in Krakow. His saddle is on display at Forum 1813. To mark the anniversary of the Battle of Leipzig in 2013, the cultural mayors of Krakow and Leipzig removed soil from Johannisfriedhof Cemetery for the Krakow Museum as part of a festive ceremony.

Partner since 1961 (renewed 1992)
 Population 2,952,301 (2021)
 Area 839 km²
 Distance 1,272 km



www.kievcity.gov.ua

- Capital of Ukraine, Leipzig's oldest partner city

Focus of the cooperation

Since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine on 24 February 2022, there has been donation management, humanitarian aid projects and the organisation of commemorative events in cooperation with Ukrainian diaspora with the systematic support of federal funding projects.



Commemoration week 2023 on the 1st anniversary of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine

City administration and economy

- Exchange of expertise on integrated urban development and reconstruction
- 2023 organisation of the 6th German-Ukrainian Municipal Partnership Conference
- Cooperation with IHK, Leipziger Messe GmbH, other economic bodies
- EUR 16 million aid budget through Leipzig City Council resolutions

Culture and society

- 2022 LISTOK – Leipzig Initiative for Solidarity and Open Culture to Support Ukrainian Creative Artist Refugees
- 2021/2022 60th anniversary of the city partnership with "Kyiv Days" in Leipzig
- 2021 "Speech on democracy" by Kyiv Mayor Dr Vitali Klitschko at St Nicholas Church

- Cooperation between the cultural, music and literary scenes of Leipzig and Kyiv
- Citizens' trips to Kyiv and Leipzig
- Exhibitions on the Maidan Revolution at St Nicholas Church in Leipzig 2014

Youth, education and sport

- Opening of "Leipzig House" in Kyiv to deepen intercultural dialogue on education, society, culture and sport
- Regular participation of Kyiv athletes in the Lipsiade
- Partnership between the German School Kyiv and Rahn Schools Leipzig



Donation of fire engines to Kyiv in 2023, financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Contact in Leipzig

Ukraine Kontakt e. V. www.leipzig-kiew.eu

Did you know?

Ukraine's most famous composer, pianist and conductor, Mykolaï Lysenko (1842-1912), studied music at the Leipzig Conservatory from 1867 to 1869. The city's musical tradition and the rich and varied concert life impressed Lysenko and had a significant influence on his artistic development. It was here that he laid the foundations for the direction of his future work. He became the national composer of Ukraine after returning to Kyiv in 1869. A memorial plaque on Nürnberger Straße has commemorated him since 2019.

Partner since 1981
 Population 522,228 (2020)
 Area 47.9 km²
 Distance 831 km



www.lyon.fr

- La Métropole de Lyon, capital of the Rhône department
- UNESCO City of Media Arts and UNESCO World Heritage City

Focus of the cooperation

City administration

- Cooperation in the areas of culture, city marketing, transport, urban development, economy
- Cooperation in networks (EUROCITIES, Délice, LUCI)
- Education and society
- German-French Education Centre FRANZ (bilingual education from nursery to A levels)
- Exchange of interns and schoolchildren, university cooperation programmes
- Numerous active Franco-German institutions and associations



"Fête de la Musique" with Gilles Lavalis "40 guitars" on the partner city stage, Leipzig 2023

Culture

- Exhibitions, exchange of artists, cooperation between art schools
- Light installations by Lyon-based artists as part of the Leipzig Light Festival and Leipzig students at Lyon's "Fête des Lumières"
- Guest performances by Leipzig and Lyon orchestras, ensembles and musicians in the partner city
- Fête de la Musique on 21 June regularly has musicians from Lyon
- "Crime Night" parallel to the Leipzig Book Fair in collaboration with the "Quais du Polar" festival



Leipzig light and sound installation "25 Her(t)z" in Lyon, 2016

Contacts in Leipzig

Institut français Leipzig
www.institutfrancais.de/leipzig

Deutsch-Französische Gesellschaft e. V.
www.dfgleipzig.de

Did you know?

The Leipzig Festival of Lights was inspired by Lyon's "Fête des Lumières". On 8 December 1852, candles were placed in the windows and people gathered in the streets in honour of the Virgin Mary, who saved Lyon from the plague. In the 1990s, this developed into the "Fête des Lumières", a festival with spectacular light art and multimedia installations and experimental small lighting projects. Windows are still lit up by candlelight today.

Partner since 1988
 Population 9,423,400 (2021)
 Area 6587 km²
 Distance 8,300 km



<http://english.nanjing.gov.cn/>

- Capital and metropolis of Jiangsu province, former capital of numerous Chinese dynasties and the Republic of China
- Important cultural and economic centre
- Mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen, one of the most important memorial sites in China

Focus of the cooperation



Sculptures by Leipzig artist Michael Fischer Art in Nanjing, 2020

- Aid deliveries from Nanjing to Leipzig to combat the Covid-19 pandemic
- Presentation of Leipzig in the Nanjing Pavilion of City Partnerships



Travelling along the Nanjing city wall as part of a citizens' tour, 2019

- 2020 Opening of the city partnership park in Nanjing with sculptures by Leipzig artist Michael Fischer

Education

- University cooperation and collaboration with the Konfuzius Institut e. V., autumn camp for schoolchildren in October 2023
- Training trips for Nanjing youth choirs and young musicians to Leipzig, school exchange to Nanjing and China
- School partnership and exchange between Brockhaus-Gymnasium Leipzig and Nanjing Foreign Language School

Contacts in Leipzig

Konfuzius-Institut Leipzig e. V. www.konfuziusinstitut-leipzig.de

Deutsch-Chinesisches Zentrum Leipzig e. V. www.dczl.de



Did you know?

Johann Sebastian Bach is regarded as the "father of music" in China. There is a special interest in the great Leipzig cantor throughout the country. In October 2005, a Bach Centre was opened at the Nanjing University of the Arts in cooperation with the City of Leipzig and the Bach Archive, which is dedicated to researching and disseminating Bach's work. In 2015, the ambassador of the People's Republic of China was the patron of the Leipzig Bach Festival.

Partner since 1984 (erneuert 2008)
 Population 319,045 (2021)
 Area 20.9 km²
 Distance 1,440 km



www.thessaloniki.gr

- Greece's second largest city on the Thermaic Gulf
- 1997 European Capital of Culture and 2014 European Youth Capital
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: early Christian and Byzantine churches

Focus of the cooperation

Youth and education

- School partnership between the Humboldt-Gymnasium and the Protestant School Centre with the German School Thessaloniki – pupil exchange and annual internships
- Youth exchange with independent organisations
- The German-Greek Youth Foundation is based in Leipzig, the Greek office is in Thessaloniki



LVB bus at Aristotle Square in Thessaloniki, 2020

Economy

- Cooperation with the "German-Greek Assembly", the network of the government of both countries for cities and regions
- Transfer of 49 buses from Leipzig's transport company to Thessaloniki
- Waste and recycling management as a topic for the exchange of expertise

Culture

- Annual exchange of artists (Halle 14 in Leipzig, Goethe-Institut in Thessaloniki)
- Guest performances by musicians
- Exchange of music schools and theatres
- Projects on the culture of remembrance



Opening of the German-Greek Youth Foundation, Leipzig 2020

Contacts in Leipzig

Städtepartnerschaftsverein Leipzig-Thessaloniki e. V.
www.leipzig-thessaloniki.de

Deutsch Griechische Gesellschaft, „Griechen-Haus Leipzig" e. V.
www.griechenhausleipzig.net



Did you know?

A memorial plaque in the centre of Leipzig is an attest to the city's long Greek tradition: "Until its destruction in December 1943, Katharinenstraße 4 was the location of the 'Greek House' which for centuries was a meeting place for merchants, scholars and students from the Balkans and the centre of the Greek community in Leipzig. The first Greek Orthodox church services in Germany took place here around 1700."

Partner since 2003
Population 51,469 (2022)
Area 529 km²
Distance 884 km



www.opcinatravnik.com.ba

- Capital of the Central Bosnia Canton
- Located at the foot of the 1,943 m high Vlašić Mountain
- Birthplace of Ivo Andrić, the 1961 Nobel laureate for Literature

Focus of the cooperation

Sustainable urban development



Street festival opening to mark 20 years of Leipzig-Travnik, 2023

- In line with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, focusing on education for sustainable development, sustainable management and mobility
- Participatory planning process to transform the main shopping street Bosanska Ulica into a car-free street for everyone
- Development of wastewater and waste management concept for the Central Bosnia Canton

Society

- Annual citizens' trip to Travnik
- Solidarity aid and fundraising campaigns (Guča Gora organ, cinema, pandemic response)

Youth and education

- Partnership between the Albert-Schweitzer-Schule and the centre for the disabled in Novi Travnik
- Music school exchange trips
- Annual internships for people from Travnik in Leipzig
- Professional exchange programme in childcare



Sustainability and codetermination in Travnik

Culture and sport

- Joint choreographies from the Grünau creative centre and Maya dance studio in Travnik
- Training camp and friendly matches between the basketball teams BBV Leipzig Eagles e. V. and KK Travnik



Contact in Leipzig

Verein zur Förderung der Städtepartnerschaft Leipzig-Travnik e. V.

www.leipzig-travnik.org



Did you know?

In 2009, the association that supports the Leipzig-Travnik city partnership received the "European Citizen's Prize", an award from the European Parliament for special commitment to cross-border cooperation and services to the topics of tolerance, solidarity and integration in the EU. In 2019 and 2020, Leipzig and Travnik were honoured for their commitment to the municipal sustainability partnership project with a top 3 ranking in the German Sustainability Award.

LEIPZIG'S PARTNER CITIES

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2004

BOLOGNA

ITALY
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1962

HERZLIYA

ISRAEL
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2011

HOUSTON

TEXAS/USA
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1993

KYIV

UKRAINE
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1961

NANJING

CHINA
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1988

TRAVNIK

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2003

BIRMINGHAM

UNITED KINGDOM
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1992

BRNO

CZECH REPUBLIC
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1973

HO CHI MINH CITY

VIETNAM
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2021

KRAKOW

POLAND
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1973

LYON

FRANCE
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1981

THESSALONIKI

GREECE
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1984

NATIONAL PARTNER CITIES

FRANKFURT A. M.

GERMANY
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1990

HANOVER

GERMANY
CITY PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1987

DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION CITIES

ALTHEN DES PALUDS

FRANCE
DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2000

PAYS DES HERBIERS

FRANCE
DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1997

GDAŃSK

POLAND
COOPERATION CITY SINCE 2018

GWANGJU

SOUTH KOREA
COOPERATION CITY SINCE 2011

YEREVAN

ARMENIA
COOPERATION CITY SINCE 2021



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National partner cities

Frankfurt am Main | Germany

Partner since	1990 (renewed 1999)
Population	767,609 (2022)
Area	248.3 km ²
Distance	293 km

www.frankfurt.de



- Economic and banking metropolis with the largest German commercial airport
- Traditional trade fair city
- A symbol of German democracy: Paulskirche church as the seat of the first German National Assembly (1848/49)

Focus of the cooperation



Leipzig children's animator Gerd Voigt at the Family Creative Festival at the Hoechst Castle Festival

City administration and citizenry

- With the signing of the city partnership agreement on 3 October 1990 (German Unity Day), extensive support for the restructuring of the Leipzig administration and the establishment of democratic institutions, particularly in the health sector and environmental protection
- Citizens' trips to and from Frankfurt
- Exchange mainly on the topics of German democratic history

Sport and culture

- Diverse cooperation between clubs, such as in sport: regular mutual participation in marathons and tournaments
- Concerts, discussion events, city festivals
- Numerous exhibition projects: e.g., in 2009 photos by Barbara Klemm at the Forum of Contemporary History Leipzig

International cooperation

- Cooperation in the European city network EUROCITIES forums and working groups
- Trilateral projects with joint partner cities: Birmingham, Krakow and Lyon

Contact in Frankfurt

City of Frankfurt, Department for International Affairs

www.internationalesreferat.frankfurt.de



Did you know?

The Alte Nikolaischule in Leipzig was successfully renovated with the generous financial support of Frankfurt citizens and associations totalling DM 10 million under the leadership of the Leipzig Cultural Foundation and reopened in 1994 after being closed by the building authorities for almost 20 years. To mark the 1,000th anniversary, the City of Leipzig received a wine cask as an official gift from the City of Frankfurt, which is on display in the Nikolaischule.

The national partnerships are rooted in the period of German division. They served to bring people closer together and promoted encounters and exchanges during the period of reunification. Today, these historical relationships continue to be maintained for mutual benefit.

Hanover | Germany

Partner since	1987
Population	552,710 (2022)
Area	204.2 km ²
Distance	214 km

www.hannover.de



- Capital of the federal state of Lower Saxony
- Trade fair city since 1947 with the world's largest exhibition area
- Site of Expo 2000, UNESCO City of Music

Focus of the cooperation

City administration

- In the 1990s, administrative assistance with the reorganisation of Leipzig's administration, technical equipment and staff training
- Reciprocal citizens' trips and experts' visits
- Member of the international "Mayors for Peace" network for nuclear disarmament

Culture

- Music: Participation in the Fête de la Musique, concerts by the St Thomas Boys' Choir and the Hanover Boys' Choir
- Visual arts: artist exchange and cooperation between exhibition venues
- Literature, theatre and festival projects
- Joint commemoration of the polymath Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, born 1646 in Leipzig, died 1716 in Hanover



"City sculpture" gift from Hanover (detail), 2014



Musicians from Leipzig at the Fête de la Musique in Hanover, 2017

Contact in Hanover

Kulturbüro der Landeshauptstadt Hannover

www.hannover.de/staedtepartnerschaften-lhh



Did you know?

In June 1990, before German reunification, Dr Hinrich Lehmann-Grube (1932–2017), the former Mayor of Hanover, was elected Mayor of Leipzig. He held this position until his retirement in 1998 and became an honorary citizen of the city of Leipzig one year later.

Cooperation cities

Gdańsk | Poland

Cooperation agreement since 2018

Population 486,345 (2022)

Area 265.9 km²

Distance 538.16 km



www.gdansk.pl

- Capital of the Pomeranian Voivodeship
- The country's most important seaport
- Birthplace and important centre of the Solidarność movement

Focus of the thematic cooperation

City administration and economy

- Cooperation in the EUROCITIES network
- Leipziger Stadtwerke public utilities is the main shareholder of the Gdańsk energy group GPEC and takes over the city's district heating and a power grid totalling 750 km in the surrounding area of Gdańsk
- Leipzig's participation in the commemorative events for the attack on the Westerplatte/start of the Second World War on 1 September 1939 and other exchange projects on the politics of remembrance and the history of democracy



Commemoration of the attack on the Westerplatte on 1 September 1939



Visit to the Solidarność Centre in Gdańsk, 2019

Culture and society

- Guest performances by various Leipzig ensembles and artists in Gdańsk and vice versa
- Regular contributions from Gdańsk in the context of the Festival of Light/Autumn 89, cooperation with the Peaceful Revolution Foundation and in the development of the Matthäikirchhof
- Participation in anniversaries (e.g. Clara Schumann festival year)
- Youth exchange formats (e.g. youth parliament exchanges)

Contact in Gdańsk

www.gdansk.pl

Did you know?

In 2014, the European Solidarity (Solidarność) Centre (ECS) was opened on the historic shipyard site: it houses a museum, conference and exhibition rooms, an archive and the office of Lech Wałęsa as well as an educational centre. Historic sites, such as the entrance gate to the shipyard and the memorial to fallen shipyard workers, serve as memorial sites. Every year, the ECS awards the Medal of Gratitude to people who have made a significant contribution to change in Poland. Numerous Leipzig civil rights activists are among the recipients.

Cooperation cities

Gwangju | South Korea

Cooperation agreement since 2011

Population 1,468,972 (2022)

Area 501.4 km²

Distance 8,476 km



<https://www.gjcity.go.kr/main.do>

- Capital of the South Jeolla Province in south-west South Korea
- Commonly known as the "Shrine of Korean Democracy" because of the demonstrations against the military government in 1980

Focus of the thematic cooperation

Democracy and human rights

- Both cities are the birthplaces of major democratic movements (Peaceful Revolution '89/Gwangju Uprising)
- Annual "World Human Rights Cities Forum" in Gwangju with the participation of German cities

Art, culture and design

- Artist exchange and cooperation between exhibition venues
- Gwangju Biennale as the first biennale of contemporary art in Asia
- Membership of the international LUCI (Lighting Urban Community International) city network to utilise light as a tool for social, cultural and economic development



Leipzig participation in memorial demonstration for the Gwangju Uprising, 2023

Education

- Specialist exchange between the State Office for Schools and Education and Gwangju Metropolitan Office of Education
- Joint research project between the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology and the Chonnam National University Hospital Gwangju
- Meetings between schoolchildren



Schoolchildren from Gwangju visiting the Ostwald Gymnasium in Leipzig, 2023

Contact in Leipzig

Koreanischer Verein Leipzig e. V.

Did you know?

The Gwangju Uprising in May 1980 is known in South Korea as May 18 Gwangju Democratization Movement and arose from an escalating student demonstration against the military government. The 9-day protests ended with the army massacring the population. The German journalist, Jürgen Hinzpeter, was the only journalist to film the events on location and reported on them on the ARD television network. His footage was later broadcast around the world.

Cooperation cities

Yerevan | Armenia

Cooperation agreement since	2021
Population	1,098,900 (2022)
Area	233 km ²
Distance	2,755 km



<https://www.yerevan.am/en/>

- Capital of Armenia
- Economic and cultural centre of the country

Focus of the thematic cooperation

Municipality and society

- Cooperation in urban development and historic preservation
- Close cooperation with the Armenian Embassy in all areas

Culture

- Music events (Bach, Komitas) and visual art exhibitions
- Cooperation in the field of remembrance culture and commemoration of the Armenian genocide



Leipzig working visit to Yerevan as part of establishing a cooperation in August 2020

Economy

- Promotion of economic relations

Education and youth

- Promoting exchange in the areas of youth, schools and universities



Prayer for peace in April 2023 at the St Nicholas Church to commemorate the 1915 genocide with Mayor of Culture Dr Skadi Jennicke and the Armenian Embassy

Contacts in Leipzig

Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Armenia
www.honorarkonsulat-armenien-isa.de

Armenische Kulturgemeinde Leipzig e. V.
<https://armenier-leipzig.com>



Did you know?

Every year on 24 April, Armenian diaspora and many countries around the world commemorate the Armenian genocide of 1915. In Leipzig, the St Nicholas Church, together with many partners, dedicates a prayer of peace to Armenia every year in April in memory of the suffering and displacement.

District partnerships

Althen des Paluds | France

Partner of the Leipzig district of Althen	
since	2000
Population	2,824 (2020)
Distance	1,350 km



www.althendespaluds.fr

Althen near Leipzig and Althen des Paluds in Provence became partners thanks to a shared name – the partnership has grown effectively through regular visits, festivals and events since it was founded in 2000. Associations on both sides maintain close relationships. Long-standing friendships and many contacts between families have developed.

Contact in Leipzig

Heimatstube Althen e. V.
www.heimatstube-althen.de



Scarf for the 20th anniversary of the partnership, 2020

Pays des Herbiers | France

Partner of the Leipzig district of Liebertwolkwitz	
since	1997
Population	30,226 (2020)
Distance	1,080 km



www.les-epesses.com

The partnership between Liebertwolkwitz and the Pays des Herbiers municipal association in western France has developed into a lively and diverse relationship that has retained its strong civic character even after the respective incorporation. The cooperation is characterised by numerous reciprocal visits, participation in trade fairs, festivals, sporting events, the organisation of the Battle of Leipzig celebrations, environmental protection issues and construction planning.



May Day celebration in Liebertwolkwitz with French guests, 2023

Contact in Leipzig

Freundschaftsverein Liebertwolkwitz-Pays des Herbiers e. V.
www.freundschaftsverein-liebertwolkwitz.de

Development cooperation

The City of Leipzig is committed to the 2030 Agenda adopted by the United Nations with its 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This was adopted by the City Council on 18 January 2017. The Office for International Affairs is working closely with selected partner cities to jointly implement the ambitious goals at municipal level. In this way, Leipzig aims to fulfil the requirement placed on municipalities to “think globally and act locally”.



Our office has been implementing municipal development cooperation projects since 2016. Thanks in particular to the support of Engagement Global gGmbH and its specialist centre for municipal cooperation, the “Service Agency Communities in One World” (SKEW), a large number of projects have been implemented on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Addis Ababa | Ethiopia

Leipzig and its Ethiopian partner city Addis Ababa have been working together since 2016 through the “Projects for Sustainable Local Development” (Nakopa) programme.



Pupils from Vocational Training Centre (BSZ) 12 Leipzig take part in the inclusive school garden project between Leipzig and Addis Ababa

The first “inclusive municipality” project took place between 2016 and 2019 and enabled the two cities to analyse inclusion and participation in education and culture. This resulted in a guide for other municipalities and a website with information on the pilot projects (inklusivestadt.org). Children from Leipzig and Addis Ababa developed a tactile children’s book with the German Central Library for the

Blind and Leipzig University. More activities include a radio report on the lives of people with disabilities in both cities, the “City in the City” simulation game, which enabled children and young people to build a city out of wood and try their hand at crafts and an inclusive school garden project between the Vocational Training Centre 12 in Leipzig and the German Church School in Addis Ababa.



High-altitude rescue training 2021 in Leipzig

From 2018 to 2021, fire services from Leipzig and Addis Ababa worked together for three years in a second Nakopa project that focused on “improving the performance of the emergency services”. The aim of the cooperation was to train previously non-existent high-altitude rescuers for Addis Ababa, which are essential in a city that is increasingly growing in height. Extensive further training in the respira-

tory protection and technical assistance (such as rescuing people from under trams or from accident vehicles) was also successfully carried out despite the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Development cooperation

In 2018, federal funds were used to conduct an initial review in Addis Ababa for longer-term cooperation in the areas of education and training and healthcare. An exchange programme between music schools that aimed to establish early musical education in Addis Ababa and set up a youth orchestra led to a long-term partnership between the Johann Sebastian Bach Music School in Leipzig and the Yased Music School in Addis Ababa in 2017.



Music students from Leipzig and Addis Ababa during an exchange project at the German Church in Addis Ababa, April 2018

Kyiv | Ukraine

Topics such as district development and planning, an exchange on contemporary housing management and administration as well as the integration of socioculture and the district-oriented use of schools have been at the forefront of cooperation between Leipzig and Kyiv since 2017. The exchange between the districts of Leipzig-Grünau and Kyiv-Darnitskij took place as equals. Since the outbreak of war in 2022, expert exchanges have been taking place as part of the “Platform for the Reconstruction of Ukraine” (www.ukraine-wiederaufbauen.de) by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in the international peer learning network “Dialogues for Urban Change”. Aid deliveries of EUR 5.6 million have been carried out using BMZ funds.



Expert exchange between Leipzig and Kyiv focusing on housing construction and urban renewal

Travnik | Bosnia and Herzegovina

Leipzig and Travnik (Bosnia-Herzegovina) have been working on the joint localisation of the 2030 Agenda in a municipal sustainability partnership since 2017. They have been focusing on the areas of education for sustainable development, sustainable business and sustainable urban development and mobility. Initial projects were aimed at improving the cycling infrastructure and the guidelines for sustainable mobility in Travnik, which were developed in various workshops between civil society, city councils, municipal authorities and educational institutions. In the NAKOPA project “Travniker Korzo”, both cities are implementing a participatory planning process to transform the main shopping street Bosanska Ulica into a car-free street for everyone.



New cycle paths for Travnik city centre – the bike will play an important part in the mobility concept

Leipzig and Travnik were honoured with the German Sustainability Award in 2019 and 2020 for their commitment to municipal sustainability.

EUROCITIES | Network of large European cities

The European city network EUROCITIES was founded in 1986 and Leipzig has been a member since 1992. The network now comprises more than 200 major European cities in 38 countries, with a total of over 130 million citizens. Leipzig has been a member of the executive committee for many years.

Mayor Burkhard Jung was elected President for the years 2023 to 2025.

Membership focus

EUROCITIES is dedicated to boosting local interests in the EU context and is the only transnational network that represents European cities as a



political entity towards the EU and pools the specialised concerns of cities. The network distinctively focuses on actively shaping European policies, exchanging best practice examples among its members and promoting joint, cross-border projects.

Leipzig representatives are actively involved in working groups, projects and events on the various topics of economic development, culture, the environment, social issues, the knowledge society, mobility and cooperation.

One example is the Eurocities Social Affairs Forum, which met in Lyon in November 2023. Here, Mayor Vicki Felthaus discussed the recently published report on ending youth homelessness on a political panel and Mayor for Social Affairs Martina Münch presented the Leipzig model project "Housing First".



Mayor Burkhard Jung takes over the presidency from Antonio Nardella, Mayor of Florence in Brussels in June 2023



Mayor Vicki Felthaus speaks in Lyon about solutions to end youth homelessness



Did you know?

Leipzig's partner cities Birmingham, Bologna, Brno, Frankfurt am Main, Kyiv, Lyon and Thessaloniki are also members of EUROCITIES. This means that the cities can benefit from networking at a professional level and learn from each other.

PARTNER CITY DISTRICT LEIPZIG

Leipzig's city partnership associations are key supporters and organisers of the lively cooperation with the partner cities. Their diversity forms the foundation of civic exchange with Leipzig's partner municipalities.

Since 2021, the "Partnerstadtquartier" at Markt 10 has been the office for all interested city partnership associations. In close proximity to other internationally active institutions, the associations now have a meeting place in a central location where they can exchange ideas, work together and offer events.



Partnerstadtquartier opening in May 2022 with Burkhard Jung, Renate Voigt, Gotthard Dittrich and Dr Gabriele Goldfuß

In addition to an open office space with good office infrastructure, associations can also use meeting rooms and the hall of the Rahn Dittrich Group's European Foundation for Education and Culture for board meetings, general meetings or other events.

The Office for International Affairs also promotes networking with various event formats and supports the work of the association together with Europa-Haus Leipzig e. V.

The establishment of the "Partnerstadtquartier" was made possible by the city administration following a resolution passed by the City Council in November 2020. As part of the evaluation of Leipzig's city partnerships, the Council decided to support the associations active in the area and create a place from which they can conduct their business and exchange ideas with each other.

Address:

Partnerstadtquartier Leipzig, Markt 10, 1. Etage, 04109 Leipzig

Addis Ababa
Birmingham



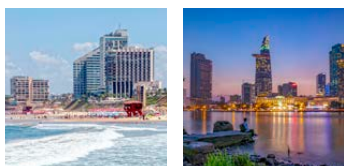
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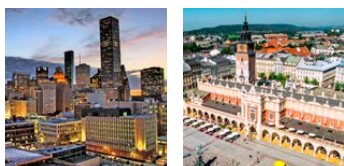
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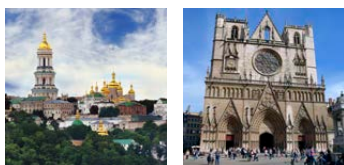
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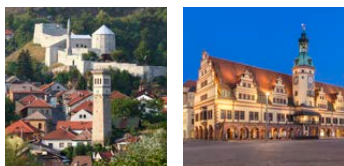
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