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INCULTUM Strengthening Cultural Heritage Collaboration





Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica marked a significant moment on Thursday, September 7th, 2023, as a **Memorandum of Cooperation** was signed for the implementation of the **Barborská Cesta project**.

This crucial partnership was established between **Matej Bel University** and the **Terra Montanae civic association**. The signing ceremony was a testament to the commitment of both parties to preserve and promote cultural and historical heritage, with a special focus on mining, a crucial facet of Central Slovakia's history and identity.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by the Rector of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Doc. Ing. Vladimír Hiadlovský, PhD., and Roman Neradný, Chairman of the Terra Montanae civic association. The primary objective of this collaboration is to intensify joint efforts in the Barborská Cesta project, as well as in international scientific and research projects funded by the European Union, i.e. INCULTUM and SECreTour, in which Matej Bel University is actively involved.

One of the central areas of this partnership is the preservation and utilization of the rich cultural and historical heritage found in the mining traditions of Central Slovakia. By combining the academic expertise of Matej Bel University with the dedication of the Terra Montanae civic association, the memorandum aims to protect, revitalize, and leverage this cultural and historical potential for the region's development. Additionally, the collaboration seeks to create innovative tourism products that can showcase the region's unique heritage.

The signing of this memorandum also has broader implications. According to Roman Neradný, Chairman of the Banský Region ? Terra Montanae, this collaboration is a significant step not only for the Barborská Cesta project but also for the entire Central Slovakia region. It plays a crucial role in the registration of the Barborská Cesta as one of the European cultural routes. This recognition holds immense potential for tourism and cultural exchange in the region.

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