

INFORMATION SHEET

Strengthening Cultural Heritage Collaboration

Memorandum Signed for the Barborská Cesta (Brabora Route) Project

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 Hladlovský, 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 like 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.

The Memorandum of Cooperation reflects the commitment of both parties to furthering cultural heritage preservation, research, and sustainable regional development. By joining forces, Matej Bel University and the Terra Montanae civic association are set to make a lasting impact on the cultural and economic landscape of Central Slovakia, with potential benefits extending far beyond the region's borders.

This collaboration exemplifies the ethos of the INCULTUM project, which seeks to harness the potential of marginalized and peripheral places by engaging local communities and stakeholders in the management and promotion of their cultural heritage. The Barborská Cesta project, as a part of this effort, is poised to contribute significantly to the protection and revitalization of Central Slovakia's unique historical heritage.

The signing of this memorandum is a promising step forward in the journey to preserve and celebrate the rich cultural tapestry of Central Slovakia while simultaneously fostering sustainable tourism and regional development. The entire Slovak INCULTUM team involved,

and members of the Terra Montanae, are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration that will leave a lasting legacy.



