TORUŃ The Old Town Complex on the UNESCO World Heritage List

Our activities on the fields of protection, conservation, restoration, renovation, monitoring and promotion in 2009 – 2014

Selection of the most important examples

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Toruń is the city of monuments

In 2012 we've celebrated the 15th anniversary of being inscribed on the UNESCO LIST at December 6, 1997



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"The Old Town of Torun - Protection and Conservation of the Cultural Heritage of UNESCO" - 2009-2014

The project supported by UE cofinansed by European Fund of Regional Development, within the Operational Programme: Infrastructure and Environment. Realized by the Municipality of Torun as the leader in partnership with 4 parishes, the Diocese of Torun and the City Museum. Municipality of Torun covers 25% of the partners' costs of the realization of their sub-projects in the formula of the "grant-in-aid". Total amount of the costs of this project is almost 40 million PLN with 50% UE refund. Restoration work is implemented to the 8 most valuable buildings registered within the UNESCO area together with the medieval defence city walls along the Vistula River.



The chain of the medieval defence walls along the Vistula River, restored 2010-2012



Bridge Gate, one of the significant parts of the defence walls; since 2004 it houses the Municipal Conservator's Office





Cathedral Parish Church of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist: the restoration of the painted vaults, walls, altars, epitaphs, chapels

The Jesuiten Church of the Holy Spirit

Conservation works on facades, architectural details, stone portals from XVIII c. and complete restoration of the interior (uncovered painted canopy over wooden decorative inlay door and the paintings covering the northern aisle pillar with the pulpit, e.g.)





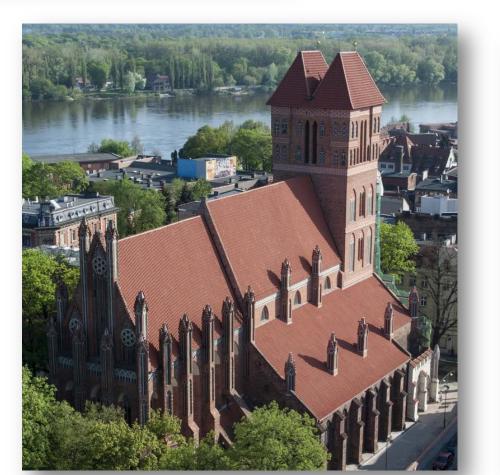




St. Jacob Church

Restoration and reinforcement of the original roof construction and replacement of tiles, restoration of the exceptional facades and reconstruction of painted gothic decorations









The Church of the Assumption of the Holiest Virgin Mary Repair of the deteriorated roof construction and replacing the ceramic roof tiles and restoration of the brick fasades of the nave



Adaptation of the late Gothic merchant house into the Museum of the Diocese of Torun



Restoration works to adapt former Benedictines Order Convent building, originally gothic, rebuilt to serve military purposes in 19 cent, currently houses Archeological Museum



Revitalization of the Old Town City Hall, consisting of: rearrangement of the 2nd floor and the attic, replacement of the windows for their replicas, adaptation of the cellars, updating of the insulation system under the yard, the installation of central heating, warning system and illumination, mounting the lift to ease acces of disabled persons to the museum





"Torun-Hanza on the Vistula River"-the project realized by Municipality of Torun, supported by European Fund of Regional Development, within the Operational Programme of Innovative Economy (2007-2011)

• Total cost: 24 million PLN, UE refund:12,5 mill. PLN

The Project consisted of the revitalization of the Old Town City Hall, modernization of the Eskens' house (originally huge Renaissance granaries), conservation, revitalisation and adjustment for tourism development of the ruins of Teutonic Castle, remodeling of the public space of the main streets of Old Town (stone surfaces, Middle Ages crests, symbolic sculptures, craftsman marks)



The ruins of Teutonic Castle built in the significant shape of the horse-shoe

LPR:

Local Programme of Revitalization of Torun, 2007-2015. The Old Town Complex and Bydgoskie Suburb are supported areas

The total amount of financial support is: 11 mill. EURO which can cover up to 65% of qualified costs of the project or up to 50% if the statement of "de minimis help" in concern

The purposes of the programme are:

- improvement of the heritage conditions of the historic buildings, of the arrangement of the public spaces and the security level to make inhabitants and tourists to feel safe

- improvement of technical conditions of the buildings housing educational institutions

- increasing of the social and economic activities of the inhabitants

- reducing of the negative social factors, as long-term unemployment, poverty, delinquency and crime





Renovation of neo-gothic building that houses Municipal Cultural/Educational Institution for Youth, located in between both mediaeval Old and New Town, overlooking the relics of Teutonic Castle. The most impressive ballroom after conservation work







The world of Torun gingerbread is project focused on history of gingerbread – famous cookie.

This project is based on permanent exhibition organised by District Museum in Torun in Nicolaus Copernicus House in 2006.

In gothic cellars we are presenting history of craft and manufacturing of gingerbread from medieval times to present time.

Future plans...

are connected with historical building – former Gustav Weese's factory. In future we're planning to open here a museum devoted to Torun gingerbread.

The Old Town City Hall is the headquarter and the main building of the City Museum. The Nicolaus Copernicus Houses, The Under the Star House and lately adapted Benedictine Convent, now serving Archeological Branch and as 2 tenement houses adopted for Travellers Museum - each department of the museum creates different exhibition presenting history and art showing the history of Torun through ages. Enhancing the exhibition of gingerbread history is the challenge of the new project

City Grants-in-Aid

Every year the Municipality of Torun reserves money to support the and conservation. restoration renovation of the private historic monuments (including valuable equipment) enrolled in national register of monuments. Every year this is 25 to 35 monuments renovated, thanks to joined efforts of their owners and the public money, that can cover up to 50% of conservation cost.









The new bridge over the Vistula River under construction, is the evidence of sustainable development of the City of Torun. The contemporary bridge is visible from the Old City Complex, but far enough to protect the UNESCO Site and Buffer Zone

The report prepared in the Municipal Conservator's Office

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