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1st network meeting

Around 60 artists and cultural activists from Perm (Russia), Pécs (Hungary) and Duisburg (Germany) met in Perm from 20th to 24th of September 2009. Amongst them were visual artists, musicians, performers, dancers, photographers, cultural managers, people who work interdisciplinary and also members of the administration of the three Cities.

On the first day all participants of the meeting organized a “bazaar”: within one space every one had the possibility to present their work to the rest of the group- with objects, music, video and visual material and, of course, words. Then there was the chance to float around in the lively atmosphere to see and talk about what the others are dealing with in their artistic work. Spontaneous invitations for tours around the city and studio visits followed this event.

The next two days were dedicated to getting to know each other better, so common work started in different workshops/laboratories. Here it became clear that it is not always easy to just jump in and be creative together- but maybe we will witness new forms of creative processes and collaboration soon?

First project ideas were presented at the end of the last day. So far they can roughly be described as:

- New Land** use the city as a language; transform what you find into different art forms
- Theatre project** Performance on a main place in Perm
- Art on the Street** collaboration/performances of various artists doing street art-work in public space
- Festival of Roses** sculptors from Perm, Duisburg and Pécs
- Particle** creation of a virtual city
- Music and Art in public space** transforming empty buildings with visuals and music
- Short Film project** 1 story made within 3 cities
- Kniga mira** collaboration: writing and illustrating a book together





Parallel to the workshops for the artists members of the administration and the Cultural Capital of Culture 2010 from Pécs and Duisburg met some colleagues from the administration of the City of Perm and the Perm Region. This was a first attempt towards a future cooperation. Also within the groups the exchange between the artists and the officials from the administration was an important part of the program of this first network meeting.

So we have a bunch of interesting project ideas, a group of various people eager to work together with each other. The artists from Duisburg mostly didn't know each other before and now they become an informal group and started to cooperate. The artists and »officials« from Pécs have used the chance to talk about their common interests in Pécs and also as representatives of the European Capital of Culture 2010. So the basis is prepared for future cooperations within the cultural network »Perm-Duisburg-Pécs«.

What happens next?

Until the 15th of November project ideas for the upcoming year and the Festival »European Accents in Perm« in September 2010 should be handed in at management@perm-duisburg-pecs.eu. Have a look on the website www.perm-duisburg-pecs.eu beforehand where you can find projects that are still open for participants. Every one who is interested in participating in the network and festival is kindly invited to hand in project ideas!

Our next journey to Perm will be at the end of February 2010. Artists will meet and develop their project ideas. Additionally to that there will be trainings in cultural management for artists and cultural managers from Perm and those who are interested from the other two cities.

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