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76 Years of Peace in Europe - Cancellation of the Conference on May 8th, 2021 and Invitation to a Web Meeting of the Twin Towns on September 3rd, 2021

Dear Mrs. Graes,

On May 8th, 2021 we will look back upon 76 years of peace in the middle of Europe since the end of the Second World War. This year we also celebrate 42 years of successful cooperation as towns which have been closely affiliated in longstanding partnerships. To celebrate this in a manner worthy of the occasion, we would have liked to organise a conference of all our Twin Towns in cooperation with the GeFIS. However, the situation of the Corona Pandemic in Europe complicates meetings in person at the moment. Therefore we must reluctantly cancel the conference.

We also look back on the year 2020. It constitutes a break, because the pandemic has changed the lives of all of us in unexpectedly forceful, significant and sustainable ways. We have been forced to learn about digital forms of meeting each other, and we have learned to appreciate them. Platforms on the internet make acquaintances, meetings and discussions possible, while reality still enforces quarantine.

So **we have come up with a new plan.** New ways of communication contacts in new directions possible and easier. **So we want to approach committed people in our Twin Towns who are interested in international exchange or projects with people from other towns but have not been able to find the right point to start in the analogous world. We want to bring them together digitally.**

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To do this, we invite representatives of organisations and citizens of your town to join us in a

**Web Meeting of all Twin Towns
on Friday, September 3rd, 2021 starting at 2p.m.**

We plan this web meeting to be a platform for the start of mutual activities looking at the topic of "76 Years of Peace, 76 Years of Mutual European History" from various perspectives, and to enable people from all walks of life to begin a dialogue. In addition, we hope to encourage concrete mutual projects to fill this idea with life. Thus, **we want to create new networks between our towns.**

Participants can include pupils, students, artists, musicians, representatives of religious institutions, adult education centres, libraries, peace initiatives, Service Clubs (Rotary /Lions) and associations of all kinds.

Please approach potentially interested parties and invite them to participate in the web meeting. **Please note that English will be the language of the conference.** **The form which has been appended to the invitation is for the interested parties to fill in naming the topics and ideas they would like to discuss with representatives of the other Twin Towns. On the basis of these ideas we will create the programme for the web meeting.** Then all interested parties will receive a personal invitation and log-in information for the web meeting.

To be able to prepare the conference we ask you or the interested parties directly to send back the forms until May 31st, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Katharina Kohlmeyer (+49 571 89698, or k.kohlmeyer@minden.de).

We hope that this can be a way to broaden, extend and intensify contacts among people in our towns even and particularly in times which make personal meetings difficult.

Yours sincerely



Michael Jäcke
Mayor