

Jasz-Nagykun Szolnok County Making most of town twinning

European citizenship and identity, national and regional cultures in the European Union, good practice in environmental protection and the management of town twinning were leading topics at a training seminar bringing together representatives of 39 towns from nine European countries in Szolnok, Hungary on 22–23 September 2002.

The issues tackled were based on concrete examples from the participating towns and regions. With experts present, the programme provided all participants with new ideas for action in their own towns. A signing ceremony for four new twinning charters, an exhibition on all the twinning activities of the towns in the host regions and various cultural programmes gave extra interest to the event.

The seminar — widely covered by local media — demonstrated how a regional authority can offer towns and municipalities practical help in developing their twinning activities and creating new twinings.

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