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Dear Mayor Markus Hollemann,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for the invitation and the opportunity to participate in the Europafest, which takes place every five years in Denzlingen. It is a great honour and pleasure for us to be here with you today.

First of all, I would like to wish you all the best for the great anniversary of Denzlingen's partnership with Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, North Hykeham and Città della Pieve. At the same time, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all those involved in the cooperation between your cities.

The anniversaries we are celebrating together today are a success for all those who, with their work and activity, have made this a success: 45 years of cooperation with Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, 30 years of cooperation with North Hykeham and 25 years with Città della Pieve is much more than just agreements and official speeches. Contacts between local communities, often from remote areas of the European Union, are an important basis of the European Community. The municipality of Denzlingen with its partners is an excellent example of how such a community can be set up.

We are pleased that the municipality of Konstancin-Jeziorna has also been a member of this community for eight years.

In our cooperation we concentrate on the younger generation. Thanks to the meetings of the school children from Denzlingen and Konstancin-Jeziorna, stereotypes are broken down, pupils get to know the culture and customs of their peers, and the improvement of foreign language skills is an investment that will certainly pay off for them in the future. Cooperation between our cities also takes place in presenting works by local artists or photographers. An important part in this cooperation is played by the inhabitants of our cities, who like to welcome friends from Konstancin-Jeziorna and Denzlingen at home.

This is how we learn from each other.  
This is how friendships for life are made.  
In this way a real European connection is created.

We exchange good practices and transfer them to our own country. Looking at the past years of the partnership agreement with Denzlingen, I am pleased that this cooperation is developing very well despite the distance and language barrier and allows us to plan further activities optimistically.

Your anniversaries are not only a great opportunity for congratulations but also a great opportunity to encourage further cooperation, widen borders and to involve other actors and organisations.



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I hope that a united Europe will continue to be a leverage for common development.

The Denzlinger meeting of the twinning towns shall open up the next decades of friendly relations. And everyone present here is invited to Konstancin-Jeziorna, the beautiful health resort in the heart of Poland.



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