Multimedia kiosks with tourist information on Wałbrzych and Hradec Králové









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Reasons behind the project

Wałbrzych is a city for which tourism may become a vital instrument for modernizing the economy, activating the post-industrial grounds and reducing unemployment.

In 2003/2004, a survey was conducted among tourists visiting the Walbrzych region. The access to tourist information received the worst assessment.

The poor evaluation forced the commune authorities to launch a comprehensive solution to this problem.









Short description of the project

In 2005, the Wałbrzych commune prepared a project titled "The Improvement of the Functioning of Tourist Information in the Borderland by Providing Multimedia Information Kiosks in Wałbrzych".

Among others, the project plans include:

- the purchase of 5 multimedia information kiosks
- the purchase of furniture and computer hardware for the Tourist Information Center in Walbrzych









Multimedia kiosk – what is it?

Multimedia kiosks – a computer in an elegant casing, operated via a touch screen.



Multimedia kiosk examples















The aim of the project

The aim of the project is to solve the problem of access to tourist and cultural information for partner cities and their promotion.









Project partner

The Wałbrzych commune carried out the project with the help of the partner city of Hradec Králové. The cooperation with the Czech partner involved the preparation of information on the Hradec Králové region — its tourist, natural and cultural values. This information was entered into the multimedia devices in the form on information packages.



Hradec Králové



Wałbrzych









Project budget

The total project value was: **131.214,68 PLN** (33.788,61 EUR*)

*According to the average exchange rate of the Polish National Bank on 23.02.2007









The source of financing

The source of financing	Amount in PLN	Amount in EUR	%
European Regional Development Fund	98411,01	25341,46	75
Wałbrzych commune	32803,67	8447,15	25
Total	131214,68	33788,61	100

The sources from the European Regional Development Fund were acquired through the Interreg IIIA Community Initiative Program: the Czech Republic – Poland. In the period 2007-2013, the Interreg IIIA Community Initiative Program will be continued by the European Territorial Cooperation









Investment realization schedule

Lp.	Stage	Start	End
	Preparation of the concept of information package content		
1	entered into the multimedia information kiosks	01.02.2006	31.05.2006
2	Tender procedures	01.06.2006	31.08.2006
3	Purchase of devices and equipment	01.09.2006	31.10.2006
4	Preparing the task for use	01.11.2006	31.12.2006









Short description of the kiosks

- Height 180 cm, width 70 cm, depth 20 cm
- Casing made of stainless steel
- Illuminated front panel with the label "Wałbrzych – Hradec Králové" and the graphical representation of tourist information
- Heavy weight of the base ensuring appropriate stability and protection against theft (ca. 60 kg of mass)

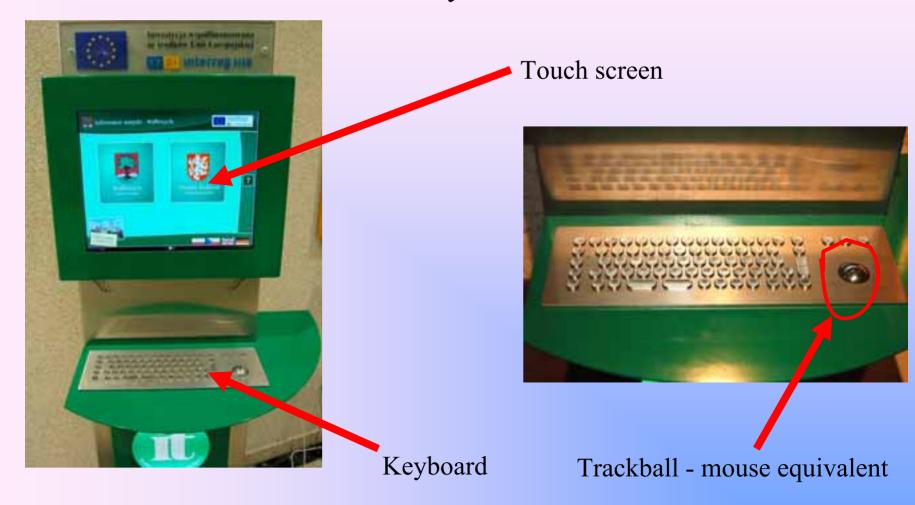




















The information system of the kiosks was designed as the website: www.walbrzych.turystyka.pl



















































All other information in the service are available in 4 languages: Polish, Czech, English, and German

Language selection option (right-bottom corner of the screen)

Hradec Králové mlasto partnerskie









The service enables the sending of the "Postcard from Wałbrzych"

This option is very popular among the kiosk users. Between 08.11.2006 and 28.02.2007, 1469 postcards were sent

Municipal information - Wałbrzych				n bund line intecregima
Choose a card: Your name: Recipient's email: Message:				?
	Send	Cancel		









Product technology

- The information system of the kiosks was designed as a website.

Why the form of a website?

- -it allows easy and quick modifications of website contents
- the pages are designed based on CSS styles, which enables quick changes in the graphical design and the content presentation method in the future
- The kiosks have a fixed connection to the internet
- To ensure fast access to information, all website files are stored locally and the updated content is downloaded when the kiosk is launched
- The kiosk software allows the control of user access to certain websites









Kiosk location - The Wałbrzych City Hall













Kiosk location – The Maria Hotel













Kiosk location – The Książ Hotel













Kiosk location - The Qubus Hotel













Kiosk location - The Auchan Shopping Center





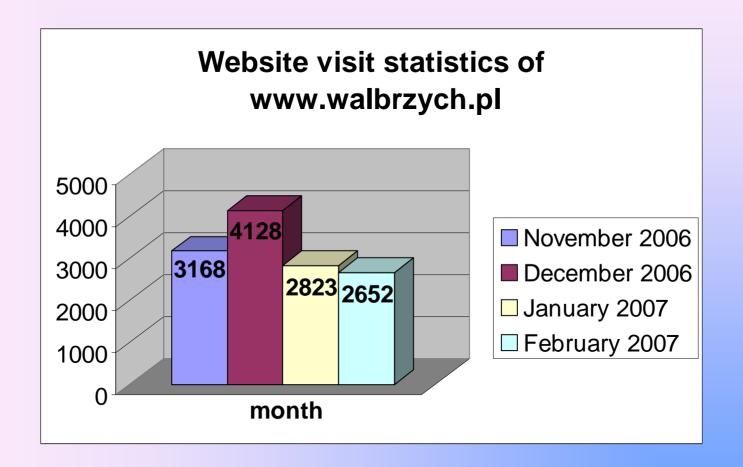








Statistics











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