



Chronology of the common events and activities of the twin cities of Satu Mare (Romania) and Zutphen (Holland)

1970-1973

1970

Satu Mare, May

During the floods and after the floods produced by the Someș River, in May 1970, volunteers from Zutphen started spontaneous activities for aiding the citizens of the Satu Mare Municipality, the volunteers collected different goods as donation for the city affected by the flood. In spite of the limited possibilities due to the communist regime in Romania at that moment, both the municipalities have decided to support the volunteering activities of those from Zutphen and the private visits of volunteers from Zutphen in Satu Mare. In this year it was signed the Friendship Protocol between the two cities that stood at the basis of the official twinning document after 2 years.

1972

Zutphen, 10 May 1972

It is signed the official document of the twinning between the two cities during the visit in Zutphen of the mayor of the Municipality of Satu Mare from that time, Mr. Vasile Gita. The mayor of the city of Zutphen, Mr. Roeters van Lennep, together with the deputy-mayor of this city, Mr. Wim Albers, have received this first official delegation from Satu Mare at the old City Hall of Zutphen.

1973

Zutphen, 1973

Zutphen received the visit of the “Cununița” ensemble from Satu Mare, numerous photos, private anecdotes and warm remembrances are still alive in the memory of those involved in this visit. The event was organized by volunteers from Zutphen and at that time many friendships between the citizens of the two cities have been made.

1974-1978

Beneficiating from the political opening of the communist regime in Romania, there are organized by the two cities many reciprocal visits in this period.





1978-1989

No common activities are organized in this period by the two cities and no visits due to the constraints imposed by the communist regime from Romania.

1990-1997

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Zutphen, 1990

Immediately after the revolution the friendship between the two cities was retied. Volunteers from Zutphen have started activities for the benefit of the city of Satu Mare and the Zutphen Municipality established the Coordination Committee for the Twinning Relations Zutphen-Satu Mare with the aim of organizing reciprocal visits between the two cities of the citizens and of the official delegations.

Zutphen, 1990

At the beginning of 1990 some volunteers from Zutphen have established the “Help România, help Satu Mare” Foundation. This foundation has collected until 2005 goods with the help of volunteers that were transported to Satu Mare. The archives of this foundation certify the following figures: during the 12 years of activity there have been transported 40 trucks with goods, 358.000 kilograms of goods. Special goods such as ambulance incubators, 700 hospital beds, kitchen furniture, and wheel chairs have been sent to and distributed in Satu Mare.

1994

Satu Mare, spring

During the spring of this year a group of amateur cyclists from Zutphen have come to Satu Mare on bikes. The distance of 1900 km was covered in 10 days. The money gathered was donated for the renovation of the locker rooms from the “Ștrand” sports complex. The mayor of Satu Mare Municipality from that period, Mr. Ioan Zamfira, has received officially this delegation, and with this occasion he received from the part of the amateur bikers a painting of the painter Martin de Kler from Zutphen to be exposed in the office of the mayor for remembering this event. The cyclists have left back to Zutphen with the car. The event was organized by the ETP Cycling Club, Mr. Kees Samuels and his colleagues from Zutphen.





1995

Zutphen, 1995

Starting from the year 1995 and until 2005 the “Bartius” College from Zutphen has received each year the visit of the students from the “Ioan Slavici” National College from Satu Mare for an exchange of experience.

1997-2009

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Satu Mare, May

It took place the visit of a delegation from Zutphen at the first edition of the Satu Mare City Day, the delegation being headed by the mayor of the city of Zutphen, Mrs. A.E. Verstand-Bogaert Annelies.

2000

Satu Mare, May

A delegation of the twin city of Zutphen participated at the Satu Mare City Day.

Zutphen, August

Exhibition of the artists Ion Sasu, Valer Sasu, Oana Păcuraru, Radu Ciobanu and Adrian Golban from Satu Mare on the dike of the Ijssel River from Zutphen. With this occasion are present in Zutphen also pressmen from Satu Mare and representatives of the Satu Mare City Hall.

2001

Satu Mare, May

The public library of Zutphen has donated computers and equipments for the administration of the County Library in Satu Mare.

Satu Mare, May

The official delegation from Zutphen visited for the first time the Synagogue in Satu Mare.

Satu Mare, May

The director of the Sutfene Organization from Zutphen has visited the Center for Care and Social Assistance in Satu Mare.

Satu Mare, October

The delegation of the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare visited Satu Mare.





2002

Zutphen, February

The mayor of Satu Mare Municipality visited the city of Zutphen.

Zutphen, February

Charity concert of the "Dinu Lipatti" Philharmonic Hall from Satu Mare in Zutphen, the sum gathered as donation was used for buying a Yamaha piano for the orchestra of this Philharmonic Hall.

Zutphen, February

Art exhibition for a month in the "Hanzehof" theatre in Zutphen with art works of the artists from Satu Mare Valer Sasu and Adrian Golban.

Zutphen, April

Exchange of experience between the students from the "Aurel Popp" Art High-School and students from the "Muzenhof" Music School sponsored by the European Union.

Satu Mare, May

The official delegation of the Zutphen City Hall participates at the Satu Mare City Days.

Zutphen, June

Football tournament for young players (2 teams) from the "Olimpia Satu Mare" and AZC, organized by Alexandru Contraş and Kees Samuels.

Zutphen, June

A delegation from the Satu Mare City Hall has visited the twin city of Zutphen.

2003

Zutphen, April

A delegation of the County Library from Satu Mare visited the city of Zutphen for an exchange of experience.

Zutphen, April

A delegation from the Center for Care and Social Assistance Satu Mare visited the Sutfene Organization in Zutphen for an exchange of experience.

Satu Mare, May

Numerous friends from Zutphen (cca. 60 persons) have visited the city of Satu Mare. Among them there was also a rock band, representatives of the Wellfare Foundation in Zutphen, and the Red Cross from Zutphen. Moreover, a delegation headed by the deputy-mayor from Zutphen, Mr. Adrian van Oosten, was present in the same period at the City Days.





Zutphen, June

A group of runners has visited the “Run of Warnsweld” Organization, the event being organized by Mr. Alexandru Contraş and by Mr. Kees Samuels.

Satu Mare, November

A delegation from the Committee for twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare has visited our municipality for preparing the common events from the year 2004.

2004

Zutphen, April

Inauguration by the deputy mayor of the city of Zutphen, Mr. Adrian van Oosten, of the photo exhibition with Satu Mare at the Music School “Muzehof” in Zutphen.

Satu Mare, May

A delegation from Zutphen participated at the Satu Mare City Days.

Satu Mare, May

There have been donated 60 computers to a school in Satu Mare, their installment being done by volunteers from the Zutphen city.

Zutphen, September

A group of employees of the Center for Care and Social Assistance Satu Mare has visited for a period of 8 weeks the Sutfene Organization for an exchange of experience.

2005

Zutphen, February

A delegation of the Satu Mare Municipality visited the twin city of Zutphen.

Satu Mare, May

A delegation of the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare has participated at the Satu Mare City Days. For the first time it has been visited the Satu Mare Tribunal, ISU Satu Mare and the County Association of Sport Fishermen Satu Mare.

Zutphen, June

Table tennis tournament with members of the “Torenstad” Organization, with very good results, organized by Mr. Alexandru Contraş and Mr. Kees Samuels.

Zutphen, September

It is accepted for financing the Logo East I project, initiated by the Zutphen City Hall and implemented in common by the Zutphen City Hall, the Satu Mare City Hall and the Tartu City Hall (Estonia).





Satu Mare, October

The first visit of the firemen from Zutphen at the ones in Satu Mare, it was realized an exchange of experience and friendships are made.

Zutphen, October

The second group of employees from the Center for Care and Social Assistance from Satu Mare has visited the Sutfene Organization for an exchange of experience.

Satu Mare, November

The first meeting on the topic of the project for the Logo East I project and implemented in common by the two twin cities for training the management system for human resources in the Satu Mare City Hall.

2006

Zutphen, March

The first official seminar in the framework of the Logo East I project.

Satu Mare, May

A delegation from Zutphen headed by the mayor of this city, Mr. Arnold Gerritsen, and of which was part also Mr. Gert Vrieze, president of the Court of Justice from Zutphen, has visited the Satu Mare Municipality.

Satu Mare, May

There have been done the first steps for realizing the Matra project financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, taking place discussions between the Satu Mare City Hall and the Sutfene Organization from Zutphen.

Zutphen, June

The first visit of the firemen from Satu Mare in Zutphen, visit coordinated by the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare, the aim being the realization of an exchange of experience in this field between the two cities.

Zutphen, June

Tournament for young players of tennis, realized together by Mr. Alexandru Contraș and Mr. Kees Samuels.

Zutphen, September

The SC APASERV Satu Mare SRL company visits the city of Zutphen for an exchange of experience; there have been discussions with some companies providing water.

Zutphen, October

It is accepted for financing and start the implementation of the project "Towards Viable Social Services! Improving the management and the internal organization of the Public Service for Social Assistance",





implemented in common by the Satu Mare Local Council through the Public Service for Social Assistance and the Zutphen municipality.

Zutphen, October

Six fishermen from Satu Mare have visited the city of Zutphen for a competition and for an exchange of experience; the Fishermen Club "Ons Belang" has offered them all the support throughout the visit.

2007

Zutphen, January

Members of the General Union of Industrialists from Romania, Satu Mare branch, have visited the city of Zutphen at the invitation of the mayor of this city, Mr. Arnold Gerritsen. During this visit, they had meetings with different departments of the Zutphen City Hall and companies from the guest city.

Zutphen, February

A delegation formed out of employees of the Police Inspectorate of the Satu Mare County, headed by the chief police commissioner Liviu Tăut visited the homologue institutions from Zutphen and Apeldoorn. Also during this exchange of experience there have been visited the Academy of police and investigations and the Commandment for the emergency number 112.

Satu Mare, May

Seminar in the framework of the Logo East I project.

Satu Mare, May

The first visit of a delegation from the Court of Justice from Zutphen headed by the institution's president, Mr. Gert Vrieze, in Satu Mare for an exchange of experience.

Satu Mare, May

Exchange of experience and common concerts of the students from the "Muzehof" Music School from Zutphen and students from the "Aurel Popp" Art High-School from Satu Mare.

Zutphen, June

Seminar organized in the framework of the Logo East I project.

Zutphen, September

Seminar in the framework of the Logo East I project.

Satu Mare, October

The first visit of a delegation from Zutphen headed by the deputy-mayor of this city, Mr. Adrian van Oosten, at SC APASERV Satu Mare SRL, for an exchange of experience.





Satu Mare, October

A delegation from Zutphen visited Satu Mare with the occasion of the festivities dedicated to the handing of the Flag of Honor of the Council of Europe to our municipality. With this occasion, Mrs. Evelien van Nus and Mr. Gijs van Nus have been named citizens of honor of the Satu Mare Municipality.

Zutphen, November

First visit of a delegation from the Satu Mare Tribunal, headed by the president of this institution, Mr. Coman Gelu, at the Court of Justice from Zutphen for an exchange of experience.

2008

Satu Mare, January

It is accepted for financing and starts the implementation of the Logo East II project "Satu Mare on MOVE", implemented in common by the Satu Mare City Hall and the Zutphen City Hall, having as a main objective improving the human resources policy in the Satu Mare City Hall.

Zutphen, March

A delegation formed by employees of the Satu Mare City Hall is present in Zutphen for an exchange of experience and training in the area of the human resources in the framework of the Logo East II project.

Satu Mare, April

Nurses and specialists from the Sutfene Organization participated at an exchange of experience at the Center for Care and Social Assistance Satu Mare.

Zutphen, April

The president of the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare, Mrs. Joan de Zwart, has left this position, and Mr. Flip Hatzman is named in this position.

Satu Mare, May

A delegation composed by representatives of the Zutphen City Hall and of the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare visited Satu Mare with the occasion of the City Days.

Zutphen, May

Students of the "Aurel Popp" Art High-School have visited their colleagues from the "Muzehof" Music School, with this occasion being organized common concerts and a visit to Amsterdam.

Zutphen, June





Football tournament was organized together by Mr. Alexandru Contraș and Mr. Kees Samuels. This was a good experience because the players from Satu Mare have learned the rules of a game unknown in Romania, a kind of basketball for women and men in the same team.

Satu Mare, September

A delegation of the firemen from Zutphen headed by the commander Henk Timmermans and of the Committee for Twinning Zutphen-Satu Mare participated at the festivities dedicated to the Firemen Day. Also with this occasion, took place the first meeting with the new commander of the Inspectorate for Emergency Situations Satu Mare, Mr. Iulian Burz.

Satu Mare, September

A delegation of the Court of Justice from Zutphen visited the Satu Mare tribunal for an exchange of experience.

Satu Mare, September

A delegation of the Ecological Centre from Zutphen and of the Welfare Foundation from Zutphen have participated at the symposium on ecological themes organized by the “Dumbrava Minunată” Kindergarten from Satu Mare.

Zutphen, October

A delegation of SC APASERV Satu Mare SRL and the deputy mayor of the Satu Mare Municipality, Mr. Gabor Kereskenyi, have visited the Zutphen City Hall and have participated at different activities of the companies providers of water from Zutphen.

Satu Mare, October

It took place the launching conference of the project “Together for elderly, together for homecare”, Matra project financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and implemented together by the Casa Sătmăreană Foundation Satu Mare and Sutfene Organization from Zutphen.

2009

Zutphen, January

Training for specialists from the Satu Mare City Hall organized in the framework of the Logo East II project.

Satu Mare, January

Training session for managers and public servants from the social institutions from Satu Mare in the framework of the Matra project.





Satu Mare, March

It took place the visit of a delegation from Zutphen in Satu Mare for preparing the programme of the festivities in 2010 dedicated to the celebration of 40 years of anniversary between the two cities.

Satu Mare, May

It took place the visit of Mr. Elmar Scharff and Miss Kim Brink from Zutphen in Satu Mare for filming the DVD dedicated to the celebration of 40 years of twinning.

Satu Mare, May

The visit of a delegation from Zutphen headed by Mr. Kees Samuels in Satu Mare, with this occasion being donated two panna field to the Satu Mare Municipality, these being established in the Micro 17 Neighborhood and in the Solidarității Neighborhood.

Satu Mare, June

It took place in Satu Mare the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Casa Sătmăreană Foundation, at this being present the members from Satu Mare as well as those from Zutphen.

Satu Mare, June

Training for employees of the Satu Mare City Hall in the framework of the Logo East II project and the finalization of this project.

Satu Mare, September

It took place the visit of Mr. Elmar Scharff from Zutphen in Satu Mare for continuing the filming of the DVD dedicated to the celebration of 40 years of twinning.

Zutphen, November

A number of 18 nurses from different institutions from Satu Mare participated at an exchange of experience at the Sutfene Organization from Zutphen in the framework of the Matra project for a period of 3 weeks.

