

**Klagenfurt**  
Twinned with since 1930



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The contacts with our 15 twin towns on three continents shape the international image of the state capital of Klagenfurt am Wörthersee and are an important and indispensable part of our cross-border activity that unifies people.

Our twinning with Wiesbaden since 1930, which is not only the oldest in Europe but probably in the world, is experienced effectively with the Hessian state capital through a variety of activities, especially in the cultural arena.

In times of major international political challenges it is essential that in addition to countries and nations local communities especially also make their contribution in the context of town twinning to maintaining world peace, in order to enable a life marked by respect and tolerance for future generations. The basic requirement for this is that the interest of young people in various twinning-related projects is awakened early on. Local authorities should also continue to support existing activities in the spirit of friendship. With the constructive cooperation of all forces we can soon succeed in eliminating prejudice, in order to make room for the harmonious coexistence of different cultures.

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