



Press Release

Over the course of the next two months, Berlin and Wroclaw will be linked via a multimedia installation called "LUNETATA". In celebration of Wroclaw's tenure as 2016 European Capital of Culture, the installation creates a unique space for direct audio-visual exchange among the two cities and also offers a wide-ranging accompanying programme of events.

Berlin, 9 May 2016. Starting right now and lasting until 3 July 2016, a walk-in multimedia installation called LUNETATA (Polish for "telescope") will connect Berlin and Wroclaw in real time. The vaulted, 6 metre by 12 metre space went "live" today at a press conference held simultaneously in both cities and attended by patrons **Michael Müller**, Governing Mayor of Berlin, and **Rafał Dutkiewicz**, Mayor of Wroclaw. LUNETATA invites visitors on a journey into a parallel reality with the help of 60 screens set up to form a surrounding "tube" and featuring a real-time view of the square surrounding the installation in the other city. In other words, the real-time view around the Central Train Station in Wroclaw is projected onto the screens featured in the installation located at Berlin's Friedrichstraße Station and vice versa. A so-called "membrane" forms the centre of the installation and creates a space that makes it possible to see into the "partner telescope" of the other city.

As LUNETATA Creative Director **Volkmar Umlauf** notes: "Wroclaw and Berlin are two highly vibrant cities with rich cultural lives, and Berliners especially still have much to discover in Wroclaw". Inspired by an initiative launched by the civic forum known as Stiftung Zukunft Berlin, Umlauf's goal was to create two spaces that encourage visitors to engage in an audio-visual exchange and perhaps also contribute to a deeper mutual understanding among the two cities. In the coming months, LUNETATA will offer a diverse accompanying programme of events that will serve to connect the citizens of these two charming European cities. Visitors will be able to communicate via gestures, spoken word and short messages written on a large sheet of glass called an "Airwriting Desk".

LUNETATA uses a new technical concept developed by Hewlett Packard Enterprise in cooperation with Intel. The HPE solution is a fusion of several standard components from everyday IT and allows for quick and effortless high-end multimedia experiences.

Wroclaw-Berlin 2016. European Neighbours

LUNETATA is a core project associated with the events surrounding Wroclaw's tenure as European Capital of Culture in 2016 and part of the initiative celebrating *Wroclaw-Berlin 2016. European Neighbours*. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the German-Polish Border Treaty and the City Partnership between Berlin and Warsaw. Together with the European Capital of Culture organisers and other partners, Stiftung Zukunft Berlin took these anniversaries as an opportunity to call attention to the deep relationship between these two cities. Other programme events include the "Culture Train", the "In Between" festivals as well as several exhibitions, club nights, concerts, films and much more.

For more information, please visit www.wroclaw.berlin.

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