



Pilgrimage through the Contemplative Landscape

Or the Environmental Education of Strakonice Town Year by Year

Winner of the national competition Czech Landscape Award 2012

Nomination of the Czech Republic on the European Landscape Award 2013

14th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

***"Forum of the national selections
for the Council of Europe Landscape Award" - 3rd Session***

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Strakonice

Modern town in south Bohemia,
laying at the Otava river,
with famous bag-piping tradition.





- Strakonice castle
- International bag-piping festival
- Landscape





Strakonice Castle, national cultural monument



2014 – 21st year of the international bag-piping festival
Among others bag-piping ensemble from Koniakow town, Poland has attended last years

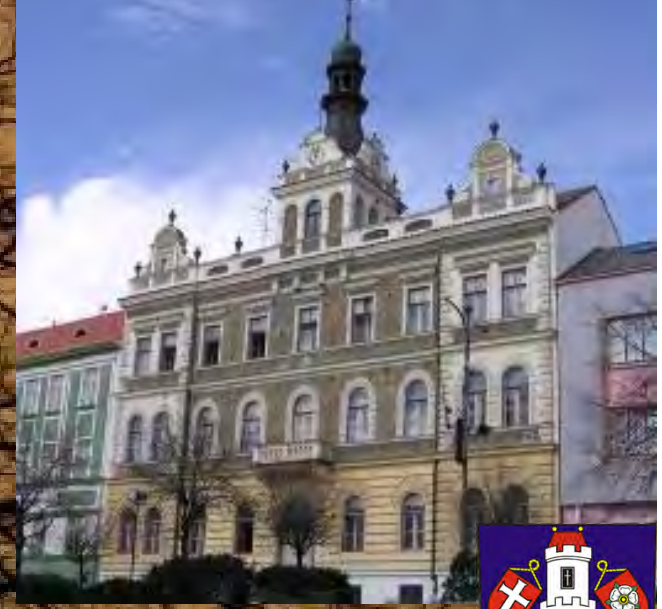
Curiosity: Towns are interconnected not only by similar colours on town flags (red and yellow), but also by two influential prominent persons of the Czech nationalit. Poet František Ladislav Čelakovský (1799 – 1852), born in Strakonice Scientist of the worldwide importance Jan Evangelista Purkyně (1787 – 1869), who in his youth years worked as a schoolmaster at the castle in Blatná, near Strakonice.



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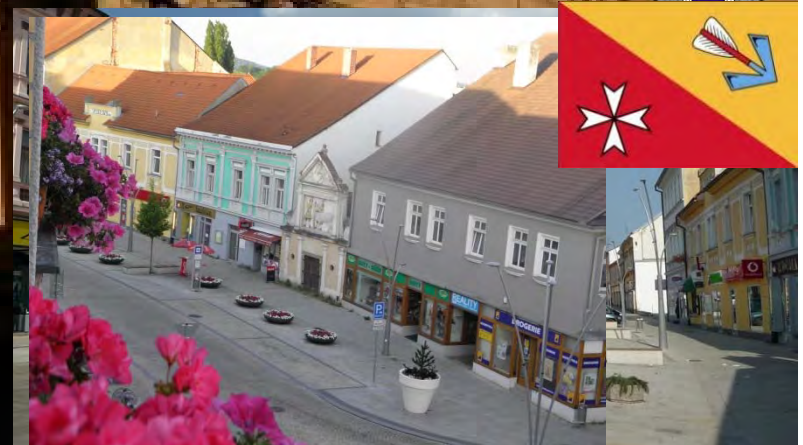
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(1799 – 1852)**



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Central Aims

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Summary of the Project

Environmental educational project of the Town of Strakonice

- 1997 - series of articles about protected trees and areas
- 2001 - exhibition about natural beauties
- **2003** - the idea of environmental education was extended and transformed into a comprehensive education about the natural and cultural heritage of the region
- 2005 - neighbouring towns of Blatná and Vodňany joined the project

Inspiration

- Quotations - book „The Contemplative Landscape“
local poet Ladislav Stehlík , 1947
- Guideline and an inspirational view of the historical development of South Bohemian landscapes

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Central Aims of the Project

- Increase general awareness about values of today's landscapes
- Expand this awareness
- Renovate the „soul“ of regional landscapes

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Project Outcomes

- Enhancement of general awareness about the values of South Bohemian Region - reverence the place of birth, living, and identifying with.
- Project cycle - theoretical and a practical form
- Involvement of all social and age categories of the public
- New yearlong theme published together with the announcement of the competition for schools and public
 - Ten successive (2012)
- Various activities throughout the year
(presentations, exhibitions, radio broadcasts, meetings and practical activities)

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Project Outcomes

Practical activities

Cleaning of springs and forests



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Renovations of sacred structures

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Cleaning of cemeteries, riverbanks and roadsides



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Practical activities

Renewal of alleys



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Project Outcomes

- **Articles**
- **Publications**
- **DVDs**
- **Thematic Lectures**
- **Nationwide Conference**
- **Exhibitions**
- **Radio Broadcasts**
- **Promotional Items**

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Thematic Cycles

2003, 2004

Visiting Protected Nature Areas of the Region

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Thematic Cycles

2005

In the Shadow of Protected Trees

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CD ROM obsahuje film z produkce Petra Vachlera o Roku stromu a památných stromech Strakonicka



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Thematic Cycles

2006-2007

At Springs of Living Water

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2008

From Springs to Estuaries

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2009

On Waves of Silver Fishponds

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2010

On Pathways of Chateau Parks and Gardens

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2012

“He Went That Way, He Had Bagpipes”

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- 2005 - neighbouring towns of Blatná and Vodňany joined the project
- Regional Museum of Střední Pootaví – Strakonice, South Bohemian Region, Forests of the Czech Republic, Povodí Vltavy, ZOO Plzeň, Environmental Partnership Foundation – Brno
- South Bohemian Radio – České Budějovice and Strakonice Journal (Strakonické Listy)
- Average price of one cycle of the project - 8.500,- €
- Contributions:
 - Municipality of Strakonice - 80%
 - South Bohemian Region, Municipalities of Blatná, Vodňany - 19%
 - Forests of the Czech Republic - 1 %

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