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Youth, heritage, and intercultural dialogue: students from Ivano-Frankivsk joined a series of lectures as part of the InterCities project

Educational meetings promoted tolerance and awareness of the value of the city's cultural heritage

On October 14–16, 2025, a series of six lectures for students was held at the Potocki Palace in Ivano-Frankivsk as part of the international project "**Intercultural Awareness of Multinational Cities: Tolerance of New Generations**" (InterCities), implemented under the Interreg VI-A Next Hungary–Slovakia–Romania–Ukraine Program.

More than 400 students from universities and colleges in Ivano-Frankivsk took part in the events — representatives of various specialties, united by a common interest in history, architecture, and the preservation of the city's cultural heritage.



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The lectures focused on three main topics that explored various aspects of the interconnection between history, architecture, and modernity:

- The problem of preserving the architectural and urban heritage of historic cities — how to combine the modern needs of the community with respect for the past without losing the authenticity of the urban space;
- Preserving architectural and archaeological heritage as a cultural resource of the city (using Ivano-Frankivsk as an example) — how ancient buildings can become a source of new opportunities for the development of tourism, education, and creative industries;
- The postmodernist heritage of Ivano-Frankivsk — understanding the architecture of the second half of the 20th century as a reflection of cultural identity, creative exploration, and the spirit of the era.

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The lectures provoked lively interest among students. Young people actively asked questions and discussed the role of architects in shaping urban identity, ways to revitalize historic buildings, and preserving cultural diversity.



These meetings have become an educational and cultural platform for dialogue between generations, combining a scientific approach, creativity, and civic engagement. They contribute to the formation of a conscious, open, and tolerant younger generation that is ready to appreciate and develop the multinational heritage of their city.

The series of student lectures is part of a larger set of activities of the InterCities project, which aims to raise intercultural awareness, develop dialogue between communities, and preserve cultural heritage in the cross-border region.

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