



State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria visits Krakow

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On 29 April 2013 Mr. Reinhold Lopatka paid a one day visit to Krakow as a guest speaker of the university cycle Jagiellonian Diplomatic Encounters. His lecture "A New Agenda for Europe: From Crisis to Reform" was organized by the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University.

During the meeting with the Mayor of the City of Krakow Mr. Lopatka was accompanied by Dr. Herbert Krauss –Ambassador of the Republic of Austria, Mr. Christophe Ceska – Consul General of Austria in Krakow and Mr. Florian Korczak from the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria.

One of the most important issues discussed was the upcoming closing of the General Consulate of Austria in Krakow. Mr. Reinhold Lopatka confirmed that for financial reasons the Consulate in Krakow is to be closed this year, similarly to some Austrian Consulates in other European cities, such as in Frankfurt on the Main or Zurich. Mayor Jacek Majchrowski emphasized the Consulate's vital role in fostering of economic and cultural cooperation between our city and the Republic of Austria. He also expressed his gratitude for the commitment of each Consul General on diplomatic mission in Krakow and concluded that the closed consulate will be a loss both to our city and its region.