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## Coins at the "Castle" in Olecko Poland - Russia conference

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021, two conferences were held at the Zespół Szkół Technicznych in Olecko as part of the project "15 seconds of history through the eyes of young people. Castles, barracks and legends", co-financed by the European Union under the European Neighbourhood Instrument under the Poland-Russia cross-border cooperation program 2014-2020. The organizers were Zespół Szkół Technicznych and the Active People Association "Castle".

Due to limitations related to the Covid-19 epidemic, the conferences had to be held online, but the organizers made every effort to ensure that the whole thing went without technical problems, and that it did not lose any of its substantive content.

Teleconferences attracted considerable interest. In total, about 200 people logged in for both meetings and a dozen or so on the Russian side. They were teachers and youth from partner schools, representatives of local governments, the JTS from Olsztyn and all those who wanted to listen to the lectures.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April organizers familiarized the participants with the objectives and forms of implementation of the project "15 seconds of history through the eyes of young people. Castles, barracks and legends", and then they could listen to a lecture by Dr Marek Góryński entitled "The coin of everyday life of the Roman Empire in the East". After the lecture, everyone could participate in the broadcast of the numismatic exhibition on this subject and in the discussion on coinage.

The second part of the teleconference (21<sup>st</sup> April) concerned the activities of the Active People Association "Castle". The lecture and presentation on this subject was prepared by the President of the Association, Katarzyna Kaczor. The main purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the participants with over 10 years of activity of the Association, its achievements and the collection of the museum run by it.

The report on the many years of work of APA "Castle" provided the conference participants not only with many memories and emotions, but also gave Russian friends the opportunity to use these experiences while organizing their own museum, which is one of the objectives of the project.

It was the first of a series of meetings planned within the project. There will be a few more. Let us hope that the next ones can be organized in a traditional way, because the project partners undoubtedly lacked direct contact with each other and other participants. The students of both partner schools would also like to meet and make friends in real life. They are already looking forward to the opening of the borders.

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