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Jiří BORCEL
Consul General
of the Czech Republic in Lviv

Dear Mr. Jiří BORCEL,

Let me express my deep respect and thanking for the opportunity to meet with You on May 6th, 2026 in Kolochava (Ukraine).

It was great opportunities to discuss with You about possibilities of Establishing cooperation with Czech municipalities.

I am sincerely grateful for help of the Czech Republic to Ukrainian people during the terrible war of russia against Ukraine. As you know, on June 23, 2022, the member states of the European Union voted to grant Ukraine the status of a candidate country for joining the European Union. This opens up new opportunities for cooperation between Ukrainian and European municipalities, as well as establishing new partnership relations. Considering the friendly relations between Ukraine and the Italian Republic, with the aim of strengthening and expanding international partnership, I am asking you to help us find twin cities for Khotyn in the Czech Republic.

This will be a guarantee of successful and effective cooperation, which will promote long-term economic, scientific-technical, socio-cultural relations between our states.

Khotyn is an ancient city with a history of more than a thousand years, which attracts tens of thousands of tourists from all over the world every year. A city that played an important role in the history of many states. Khotyn is unique, because it has great historical significance for the whole of Europe for many reasons. Here, from September to October in 1621, the Battle of Khotyn took place, the result of which was the halting of the advance of the Ottoman Empire into Europe.

The favorable strategic location of Khotyn has attracted people to this place since ancient times, even the name of the city itself comes from the word to want.

The main highlight of Khotyn is the Khotyn Fortress, which is located on the right bank of the Dniester River. The beginning of the construction of the fortress goes back to the 13th century. The Khotyn fortress is one of the few fortresses in Europe that has survived in good condition to this day and has a unique architecture.

In general, the city is one of the most important cultural and tourist centers of Chernivtsi region.

Today, Khotyn is the center of the Khotyn urban territorial community, which unites 11 settlements with a population of 18,456. It is worth noting that since February 2022, due to the invasion of Russian troops on the territory of Ukraine, Khotyn became a refuge for many people who lost their homes and found themselves in difficult life circumstances. More than 7,000 IDPs have found help and protection in the community, currently around 3,000 internally displaced persons who suffered as a result of the war live permanently. Accordingly, the population of the community increased by almost 20%.

I believe that the establishment of sustainable cooperation between the municipalities of Ukraine and the Czech Republic is the basis for expanding contacts between our peoples in the political, economic and social spheres, and would also contribute to strengthening trust and strengthening security in Europe as a whole.

I would like to note that I am personally ready to contribute to the resolution of issues related to the establishment of fraternity with the municipalities of the Italian Republic, and to meet in person.

The contact person from the city council on matters of further cooperation is Lyubov Petrova - head of the department of economic development and international cooperation of Khotyn City Council (phone number +380663010183, +380979484855; e-mail: khotyn.efa@gmail.com).

**We sincerely hope for further cooperation.
The uniting is our strength!**

**Yours faithfully,
Mayor of Khotyn**



Andrii DRANCHUK