



Katowice, October 7, 2019

## MAYOR OF KATOWICE

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have a great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Educating Cities, which will take place in Katowice (Poland) from 30 September to 2 October, 2020 and will focus on the theme **"A city of change - as a space for creativity and innovation - music, environment, leisure, participation."**

The strongest feature that defines and makes Katowice unique is its multidimensional transformation. Katowice has undergone a dynamic and profound transformation from a city based on heavy industry to a modern, multicoloured, diverse and vibrant metropolis. Changes have been introduced in all the most important areas of the city thanks to the abilities, vivid imagination and enthusiasm of its inhabitants. We want to share our story and experience with you through the proposed thematic axes, highlighting the dynamic change, as well as through the rich and varied programme of the Congress and side events.

The city of Katowice has been the member of the International Association of Educating Cities since 1998. The inspiration for the theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress comes from the provisions of the "Charter of Educating Cities" which will be updated during the Congress.

I am convinced that 2020 International Congress in Katowice, organized in the most modern conference space in Poland, will be an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience on the constant improvement of urban areas, and that our city will become an international educating platform both for us and our distinguished guests.

I cordially invite you to Katowice to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Educating Cities.

With kind regards,

  
Marcin Krupa

Mayor of Katowice City

