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Summary Workshop: Twinings

Seven participants discussed their specific situation and experiences with club partnerships. The following issues were addressed:

First it was explained that there are already quite some twinings between CORE-clubs of the different districts, but also twinings with other clubs in the countries involved. It should be thought about options how such twinings might also be involved in the CORE programs.

The stages towards a Twinning (or even "Trinning") were – for an easier understanding – compared to that of partnerships in private lifes: RFE / Rotary Friendship Exchange [Going out to the local disco on a Saturday night] → Rotary Friendship Agreement [Engagement] → Official Club Twinning signed in a contract [→ Marriage]

Then the process and key success factors of twinings were discussed and compared with own experiences. The slides shown can be found at www.ry-core.eu/twinings and scrolling down to "The how to for interested clubs."

In any case the discussion showed that twinings should combine the people-factor (friendship) and the project-factor (joint project in one of the partner clubs' region or in a third area independent of the clubs involved according to the 10-second explanation of the nature of Rotary: "Friendship inside and solidarity to the outside".

In the summary it was explained that any club interested in a twinning should approach the DISC (District International Service Coordinator) of its district or one of the CORE secretaries.