Curriculum Vitae Lars-Jörn Zimmer

He was born in October 1970.

Mr. Zimmer made his exam a-level at the "Ernst Thälmann High School" in the city of Bitterfeld in 1989.

He studied at the University of Applied Science Anhalt in Bernburg and made his exams in economics in July 1995 as an MBA.

Since February 1996 he was an employee in the staff for economic funding of the city of Wolfen.

He is member of the state Parliament of Saxony-Anhalt since 2002;

Speaker for touristic affairs of the parliamentary party of Christian Democrats (CDU) and

Chairman of the parliamentary committee for economy, science and digital affairs, member of the committee for education and culture;

Chairman of the Association of the European Cultural Route "Transromanica" reg.;

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Initiating a European cultural route of reformation from the perspective of a regional (state) tourist association - 10 years of experience in the network Transromanica

The cultural route of Romanesque was designed as a state project 25 years ago.

After 3 years of successful cooperation within an EU Interreg Project, the association of the transnational network Transromanica was founded.

1000 years of Romanesque heritage unites us in the European cultural area just as the 500 years of the history of the Reformation does. Collecting sites and testimonies from Romanesque times has the same impact on the shared spirit of Europe as gathered sites and testimonies of the history of reformation have.

The goal of a common European identification can only be achieved by connecting the shared cultural roots and by being aware of the shared development. At the same time, there must be respect and awareness for the individual regional history and its specific features.

The idea of a united Europe and the identification with it is really worth to fasten to common cultural roots. To realize this common history and evolution is as indispensable

as to be aware of and to be connected to our regional history and specific features simulta-
neously.