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What does it mean for Kraków and Chorzów that this cities were classified as ‘alternative cities’ in the context of Euro 2012 ?

Jacek Majchrowski: The case of alternative cities I understand, as that there are still six locations out of which UEFA will pick four, in the moment when they will be close to the tournament. From the beginning I understood that this is the idea of additional, or as you want to call it, reserve hosting cities. In Kraków, from the early beginning we are working as we would be sure of being a host city. No matter if we will be the arena of Euro 2012 or not, we will finish all the planned investments.

What concrete investments will be realized before football championship? In what stage are those investments at the moment?

Jacek Majchrowski: Two football stadiums will be prepared: the main stadium, Wisła object and Cracovia stadium, which will be the training stadium. Wisła stadium at the moment has two tribunes ready, as well as a multimedia pavilion. In June this year, we are planning to demolish the third tribune and then reconstruct it so it fulfills the tournament requirements. The Wisła stadium reconstruction will be finished by the end of year 2010. We need 300 million PLN, of which 100 million PLN, according to the promise of the Prime Minister, the government will cover. At the same time the Cracovia stadium will be modernized. Its reconstruction will cost 150 million PLN. Moreover, we are enlarging the airport, modernizing roads and building parking spaces. We are also working on hotel infrastructure, which at the moment is the best in Poland. There are 111 hotels in Kraków at the moment. Another 40 will be realized.

On the Euro 2012 conference minister Mirosław Drzewiecki said, that the final decision, on which stadiums the games will be played will be made one and a half year before the championship. On which level the Kraków preparations will be at this moment ?

Jacek Majchrowski: We want to be ready at this moment. We believe that the decision which will be made by UEFA will be positive for us. In my opinion the best way to achieve success is to work away from the media noise, and just do what needs to be done. Kraków has the biggest experience in organizing mass events in all Poland. In previous year we have been visited by 8



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million tourists, therefore I am sure that if during the championship the additional million would visit us, this would be no problem.