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## The European Fairy Tale Centre in Pacanów

**Pacanów is a real town associated with Koziółek Matołek (the Silly Goat), a famous hero of children's literature, created by Kornel Makuszyński and Marian Walentynowicz in 1933. Koziółek Matołek was a goat and he wanted to reach Pacanów in the belief that goats are shoed there. Before his arrival to Pacanów he lost the way and visited India, China, Africa, Afghanistan and... the Moon. The European Fairy Tale Centre in Pacanów is the most amazing place for children, providing a lot of fun linked with learning.**

The Children's Culture Festival is organised in Pacanów. Koziółek Matołek became the symbol of this event. It takes place on the National Children's Day (the first Sunday of June) and, every year, draws thousands of children and their parents to this place. At that time,

the hometown of Koziółek Matołek turns into a children-friendly site as the organisers provide loads of attractions, like special arenas, where the performances of famous celebrities take place, various kinds of shows, competitions, fun fairs, stalls etc.

The festival has become an inspiration to form a modern cultural centre on an international scale - The European Fairy Tale Centre of Koziółek Matołek, which provides fun and promotes education. The project, entitled "The European Fairy Tale Centre of Koziółek Matołek in Pacanów - the building of a cultural institution on a European scale," created a place where children get to know the world of fables. There are a cinema, a theatre, the Library of Children's and Youth Literature. Children can take part in young culture festivals, attractive contests or comic book meetings. The site is a great destination place for school trips.