



CHARTER OF EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITIES

(NEWS)LETTER FOR OUR MEMBERS

NUMBER 10

DATE OCTOBER 2008

IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

1. Word of the president
2. Multi annual project
3. CAP conference
4. Conference in Brussels.
5. Small meeting in Medzev (Slovakia)
6. Small meeting in Bièvre (Belgium)
7. Bievenida!
8. Member from Bulgaria
9. European Movement
10. Internet site www.europancharter.eu
11. 20th anniversary of the Charter
12. youth meeting in Bucine (Italy)
13. Festival fiori Bucine (Italy)
14. Finance of the Charter
15. New list of addresses

THE CHARTER GOES MULTI ANNUAL

1. WORD OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

YES! We got it!

The European Commission has decided about the multi annual project of the Europe for Citizens program. It is the first time that we as an organisation applied (successfully) for such a big project. Now it is up to us to show all European citizens that we are worth it to get so much money! Helma has done the most work for the application and I would like to give her also officially and in public the compliments for that!!

For the elaboration of the project, I ask you to read very good the newsletter about that subject! We have to start immediately and every member has to know what is expected.

Friends, in the last weekends we had two small meetings (Medzev and Bièvre), you can read about it in this letter. It were good meetings with nice programs and interesting discussions.

For this moment, I would like to ask your attention for a few things

1. Make sure that all the information you get from the Charter is given to more than one person in your organisation!! Put the news(letter) to your own website and send it to all the members of the board and to your local "Friends of Europe" organisation. Our experience is that in many cases nobody knows about our news!!!
2. Please react to our questions fast and complete!

I hope that all of you will be aware of the responsibility we have now. And I am sure you will be!! Good luck with your work and see or hear from you soon.

Frans Ronnes
president



Inauguration of the "place d'Europe" in Bièvre

1. MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT

YES,

on October 7th the selected actions of the multi annual project were published on the Internet. Our application has been approved! We are one of the nine selected projects from all over Europe. That means the Charter can carry out many activities for the next two years. The annual meetings of 2009 and 2010 are included in the project. In the month October, we will get more information about the formalities necessary for the grant awards. On November 12th and 13th the presidium will have a meeting to work out the program. In the mean time we ask you to look carefully at the program to see what's expected from you. To be sure you have the right information, you will with this newsletter receive the multi annual project as it is approved by Brussels. The copy you received in Lefkara is not correct anymore!

If you want to take a look for your self at our approval:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm and choose: selected actions

ACTION 1: look carefully at the multi annual program and see what is expected from you. Questions? Send a mail to h.van.drunen@haaren.nl

3. CAP CONFERENCE ON MALTA

From November 7th until 9th there will be a CAP conference on Gozo (Malta) again. With this newsletter, you receive the official invitation. All Charter members are invited to participate. Farmers and operators in the agriculture sector are more than welcome, but also local councillors and people that work on the farming / rural development. So our advise: invite farmers to participate!

Full accommodation is covered by the project and 50% of the flight tickets are refunded. The expenses for the flight will be refunded to the participants after the conference via bank transfer.

Please react before October 15th. Daniele Fantechi can give you more information if you want. You can reach him by daniele.fantechi@beurope.eu

ACTION 2: if you want to participate in the CAP conference, fill in the form or send a mail to daniele.fantechi@beurope.eu

4. EUROPE FOR CITIZENS FORUM 2008

DG Culture and Education organises a Europe for Citizens Forum 2008 in Brussels on November 13th and 14th. The theme is “participation for making a difference”. The invitation is added to this newsletter. The members of the Charter presidium (who are already in Brussels on that date, because of the preparation of the multi annual) will represent the Charter at the conference. Of course, if any other member wants to participate, that is possible. Travel and accommodation costs are for own account.

5. SMALL MEETING IN MEDZEV (SLOVAKIA)

From September 18th – 21st there was a small meeting in Medzev (Slovakia).

Present were: Karl Grammanitsch (vice-president), Sandra Hengl (assistant treasurer Charter), Valeria Flachbartova (Medzev Slovakia) Katarzyna Paszek (Strzyzow Poland), Marek Sliwinski (Strzyzow Poland), Waldemar Góra (Strzyzow Poland), Jeanne Melis (Esch the Netherlands), Kati Filátz Józsefné (Nagyecenk Hungary), Ottó Ivánkovics (Nagyecenk Hungary), Helma van Druenen (secretary of the president of the Charter).

The theme was social work. It was a very pleasant and instructive meeting. You can find a report of the total meeting on www.europeancharter.eu . Soon there will also be a report of the mayors meeting in Medzev on the Charter site.



Mayors meeting in Medzev

6. SMALL MEETING IN BIEVRE (BELGIUM)

From September 26th – 28th there was a small meeting in Bièvre. The theme was tourism.

The Charter was very well represented in Bièvre.

Present were: Frans Ronnes (president), Helma van Drunen (secretary of the president).

Erik Torm and Inger Damgaard (Neastved – Denmark), Martine and Dominique Garnier (Cissé – France), Rolf Püschel, Kurt Ringen and Heike Luck (Hepstedt – Germany), Tom Wood and Niall Gregory (Cashel – Ireland), Tiziana Tinozzi, Camilla Sawicki and Alessandro Balducci (Bucine – Italy), Antonio Carmona and Manuel Mendigutia (Bievenida – Spain), Vasile Dumitru Dan, Ingrid Mercedes Dan, Sebastian Farcas and Narcisa Farcas (Ibanesti – Romania), Leonarija Gudakovaska, Sandra Berzina, Iveta Grunte and Gita Grunte (Kandava – Latvia), André Pletsch, Sonia Siebenaller and Pierre Siebenaller (Troisvierges – Luxemburg), David Clarinval, Pierre and Dominique Lejeune (Bièvre – Belgium)

It was a very enjoyable, sunny meeting. There was even the inauguration of the “place d’Europe” in Bièvre.

A report of the total meeting and the mayors meetings will soon be available on

www.europeancharter.eu

7. BIEVENIDA!

Bienvendida is the new Spanish member of the Charter. The mayor, Antonio Carmona and his translator Manuel Mendigutia were present at the small meeting in Bièvre. The president called a warm welcome to the representatives of our new member. Bienvendida is situated in the south east of Spain. It belongs to the province of Badajoz in the region Extremadura.

The mayor promised that soon there will be a short story of Bievenida on www.europeancharter.eu

8. MEMBER FROM BULGARIA

Our friends from Kolindros are still searching for a Charter member from Bulgaria. Let us all keep our fingers crossed, because for the elaboration of the multi annual project, we surely need a Bulgarian member.

9. EUROPEAN MOVEMENT

As we’ve told you in newsletter 9, the president and Helma visited the office of the European Movement organisation in Brussels. The presidium decided that it would be good for the Charter to become a member of this organisation. In the meantime the membership of the Charter is accepted by the board of the European Movement and will become officially as from 2009. The organisation (headquarters in Brussels, but also to be consulted in all the member states) can help the Charter with official forms etc. They organise many conferences that are very interesting. Moreover the Charter, as a member, can join the projects of the EM and even get money for own projects. More information you can found at: www.europeanmovement.org

10. EUROPEANCHARTER.EU

From October 24th – 26th the webteam of the Charter will have a meeting in Esch. Webmaster Ingrid host Erik Torm from Naestved, Gunther Brandstetter from Lasse, Peter Paul Buttigieg from Nadur and Pierre Lejeune from Bièvre. Together the team will try to optimize our Charter Internet site www.europeancharter.eu If you have suggestions, or if you just want to wish them good luck, please react in the guestbook of the site.

11. 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER

Cissé (France) is planning to organise a meeting for the 20th anniversary of the Charter on May 9th 2009 (Europe day). More information will follow in one of the next newsletters.

12. YOUTH PROGRAM IN BUCINE (ITALY)

Bucine again wants to organise a youth festival in the middle of June like they did this year. They've applied for grants in Brussels. If the application is approved 70% of the travel costs will be paid. Costs for stay will be paid by Bucine. The festival is meant for youngsters between 16 and 25 years. Charter members are invited with a group of 4 youngsters per country and one leader who is at least 18 years. More information will be available in January 2009.

13. FESTIVAL FIORI BUCINE (ITALY)

In the 4th week of May 2009, Bucine again organises the festival fiori. They would like to invite two of three delegations of the Charter villages, for example one from the north of Europe, one from the middle and one from the south. Each delegation could be five persons. More information will follow.

14. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER

It has been decided that the daily board consists of the president and his secretary and the vice-president and his secretary. The Charter treasury is now in Lasse. The finances need to be up-dated. Each member has or is to receive a chart with the fees listed since the year 2000. Every member is asked to compare and control the entries and to correct and complete the list, sending copies of any payments to the new treasury. We will then send out invoices for all outstanding fees. Details of the new account are in the footnote of the charts.

ACTION 3: if you have already received the chart with the fees. Please check it out and send your answer to Sandra Hengl gemeinde@lassee.gv.at

15. NEW LIST OF ADDRESSES

There have been some changes in the address list of Charter members. So if you want an updated list, you can download it from www.europeancharter.eu. If you see in that list things that are not correct, please send an e-mail about that to Helma

ACTION 4: Check out if the address list is correct. If not, send a mail to h.van.drunen@haaren.nl

Helma, October 8th 2008