



## CHARTER OF EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITIES

### (NEWS)LETTER FOR OUR MEMBERS

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### 1. WORD OF THE PRESIDENT

*Dear friends.*

*A newsletter again, you will think. Indeed!!*

*That means that in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the existence of our Charter there is going on a lot of things. We all together are developing many activities to bring Europe together.*

*In this letter you will be informed about all that! There is news about the new Internet site, the young people, the annual meeting in Stary Poddvorov, and of course, about the DVD our Charter is making together.*

*To make it possible to organise everything the right way, I ask you to pay very well attention to the action points mentioned in this letter.*

*Greetings to all our friends in all parts of Europe.*

*Frans Ronnes,*

*president*

## 2. SUMMER MEETING IN STARY PODDVOROV (CZECH REPUBLIC)

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the daily board of the Charter visited Stary Poddvorov. A report of the visit you can find on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu) (> organisation > daily board). The organisation committee of Stary Podvorov, led by mayor mrs Marie Buskova, is working very hard to organise an interesting and fantastic meeting for all of us. The region supports Stary Poddvorov and the daily board of the Charter is confident that everything will work out well. The organisation committee will send you a program later on.

However, there are a few things we ask your attention for at this moment:

**a. COMMUNICATION OFFICER**

The communication officer of Stary Poddvorov is mayor mrs Marie Buskova, [ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz](mailto:ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz)

**b. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you travel by public transport, you can make travel arrangements to Hodonin. There is a railway station, no airport. You can fly on Bratislava or Vienna and take a train to Hodonin. By the time you have booked, please send your time schedule to mrs Buskova.

**c. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**

As agreed in the multi annual project, every Charter member will participate in Stary Poddvorov with a delegation of 10. We understand not everyone can give the names yet, but we ask you to confirm to mrs Buskova that your delegation will be 10 persons (including the young ones).

**ACTION 1:**  
**Confirm the number of participants of your community to mrs Buskova as soon as possible**

[ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz](mailto:ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz)

**d. ACCOMMODATION FOR THE MAYORS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS / TRANSLATORS**

Because it is hard for Stary Poddvorov to find host families for all the guests, we suggested them a while ago that the (deputy) mayors and their translators / assistants can stay together in a hotel or apartment.

The reason we suggested this solution is that most mayors and translators / assistants already experienced many times the hospitality of a host family. Moreover, it will give the mayors the opportunity to deliberate more often together, formal and informal.

Stary Poddvorov tracked the suggestion, so during the whole summer meeting the mayors and their translators / assistants will stay in the hotel.

To be able to make reservations, we need to know on the very short term who is going to participate in the mayors meeting(s) in Stary Poddvorov. Therefore, we ask you to

send the names of the (deputy) mayors and their translators / as soon as possible to Helma.

**There will be max. two sleeping places available for each country.**

**ACTION 2:**

**Towards the booking of the hotel: send the names of the (deputy) mayors and their translators / assistants to Helma as soon as possible**

[h.van.drunen@haaren.nl](mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl)

**e. YOUNG PARTICIPANTS**

Most likely the young participants at the Stary Poddvorov meeting will also stay together in one building. Mrs Buskova will inform you about that later on. However, it would be a help for the organisation committee if you could let them know how many youngsters are coming with you.

**ACTION 3:**

**Send the number of young participants from your delegation to mrs Buskova:**

[ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz](mailto:ou.poddvorov@seznam.cz)

**3. CONTRIBUTION IN THE TRAVEL COSTS TO STARY PODDVOROV**

We hereby give you an overview of the contribution in the travel costs you will get for the trip to Stary Poddvorov. Note very well: **it is a total amount for 10 persons**

Austria Lasee	€ 68,04
Belgium Bièvre	€ 601,56
Cyprus Lefkara	€ 1.238,22
Denmark Holmegaard (Naestved)	€ 509,76
Estonia Polva	€ 861,30
Finland Kannus	€ 1.184,22

France Cissé	€ 886,68
Germany Hepstedt	€ 496,26
Greece Kolindros	€ 710,10
Hungary Nagycenk	€ 108,54
Ireland Cashel	€ 1.092,42
Italy Bucine	€ 563,22
Latvia Kandava	€ 759,78
Lithuania Zagare (Joniskis)	€ 639,36
Luxemburg Troisvierges	€ 562,14
Malta Nadur	€ 1.084,86
Netherlands Esch (Haaren)	€ 624,78
Poland Strzyzow	€ 294,30
Portugal Samuel	€ 1.546,56
Romania Ibanesti	€ 470,34
Slovakia Medzev	€ 257,58
Slovenia Moravce	€ 275,40
Spain Bievenida	€ 1.509,30
Sweden Ockelbo	€ 923,40
United Kingdom Desborough	€ 881,82

#### 4. DVD OF THE CHARTER

On February 19<sup>th</sup> the president did send you by post a letter about the making of a Charter DVD. The envelope included also an instruction card and an instruction DVD. We hope you all received the envelope. **If not, please react immediately to Helma.** The time schedule tells you that we need your contribution back at March 13<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we ask you again to make your film according to the instructions we gave you and send it back on time. The director then can make one beautiful DVD from all of your contributions. At the beginning of May you then will have a unique product, which you can use to promote the European elections and to show people, what our Charter is and stands for. We count on your cooperation!

##### **ACTION 4:**

**Send the tape with your film before March 13<sup>th</sup> to Helma:**

Municipality of Haaren,  
Helma van Drunen,  
PO Box 44  
5076 ZG HAAREN  
THE NETHERLANDS

#### 5. RENEWED INTERNET SITE OF THE CHARTER

On March 7<sup>th</sup> the renewed Internet site of our Charter will be launched. As from that date, you can look at a very beautiful, professional and useful Internet site. The web team (Gunther Brandstetter from Lasse, Erik Torm from Naestved, Peter Paul Buttigieg from Nadur and coordinator Ingrid van Sichem from Esch) has done a wonderful job. You really need to take a closer look to the new [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu). And please let the web team know (by mail, by the guestbook, by the poll or by all three) what you think about the renewed site. We are very proud of the new [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu) and wish to thank all members of the web team for the very good and creative work they accomplished. They deserve a big applause



##### **ACTION 5:**

**Look at the renewed Internet site:**

[www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu)

## 6. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

For the future of our Charter, it is very important to involve young people. We often talked about that.

In the previous newsletter, we asked you to appoint a young contact person in your community. Fortunately, a lot of you reacted and so we already have quite a list.

However, some members did not react until now. So we ask again: send us the name of your young contact person.

### **ACTION 6**

**Those who did not do so yet, send the name, e-mail address and phone number of your young contact person as soon as possible to**

[h.van.drunen@haaren.nl](mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl)

## 7 MEETING OF THE CHARTER YOUNGSTERS IN NAESTVED

From March 13<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup> young Charter people from Lasse, Kandava, Esch (Haaren), Bucine, Lefkara, Samuel and Holmegaard (Naestved) will meet each other in Denmark.

The aim of the youth meeting is:

- To develop tools to involve more youth in the Charter, starting on local level
- To give advise to the Charter presidium about how continuity of that involvement can be assured and how the Charter can incorporate that continuity in own organization.
- Develop ideas for producing a DVD in youth and involvement in the Charter

Of course you, and especially all young contact persons, will hear more about the results of this meeting!

## 8 CANDIDATE MEMBER OF BULGARIA

Last time, we informed you that two villages in Bulgaria were interested in becoming a member of the Charter. One of them –Markovo- already accepted the invitation to come to the meeting in Stary Poddvorov with a delegation of 5 people. Markovo also send us a description about their village. You can find it, together with a picture of the beautiful Bulgarian village on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu) (news).

## 9 FIRST MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PROJECT IN ZAGARE (JONISKIS)

From February 6<sup>th</sup> till 8<sup>th</sup> the first meeting of the multi annual project took place in Zagare (Joniskis – Lithuania). The theme was "participating in local democracy". Delegations from Kandava, Polva, Kannus, Ockelbo, Hepstedt and Strzyzow, the vice-president and of course the

people of Zagare participated in this meeting. Together with Vilija Aleksiene and the vice-president we are still working on the report. You will hear about it later on.



## 10 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER

For practical reasons, we think it would be best to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Charter during the big summer meeting in Stary Poddvorov.

If you have ideas how to celebrate, please send them to Helma.

### ACTION 7

**If you have ideas about the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charter, send them to:**

[h.van.drunen@haaren.nl](mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl)

See you!  
Helma, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2009