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1. WORD OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

GOLDEN STAR FOR OUR CHARTER

It is fantastic that we will receive the Golden Star for Active European Citizenship!! It is great that the decision makers in Brussels recognize our work. We already knew that our aim to bring Europe nearer to our Citizens is successful, but this Award proves that also more Europeans see these results. Thanks to all of you who made it possible, especially to our secretary Helma who has done a marvellous job. Because of the organisation of the ceremony, I ask you to respond quickly to the questions in this newsletter. I hope that I will meet many of you in Brussels at the ceremony, so we can celebrate this event together.

Frans Ronnes
President

2. THE GOLDEN STAR AWARD FOR OUR CHARTER

A. ANNOUNCEMENT

On September 14th we received a message from mr Pavel Tychtl from the Directorate-General for Communication in Brussels, to inform us that the jury selecting the 2010 Golden Stars of Active European Citizenship Awards, has selected our project. That means that, together with seven other projects, the Charter will receive the prize at a special ceremony in Brussels on Wednesday November 17th 2010.



B. INVITATION FOR ALL CHARTER MEMBERS

a. Guests invited to the ceremony on the expenses of the organisation in Brussels

Who is invited?

- From all project partners **one person** is invited to come to the ceremony in Brussels. That means that **from every Charter member one person** can travel to Brussels on November 17th on the expenses of the organisation.
- The daily board is invited.
- The youth coordination team is also invited.
- Two journalists (in total) are invited.

How will it be organised?

- The organisation in **Brussels will book and pay** the travel tickets for all the invited guests.
- **Brussels has booked a hotel** to stay overnight from November 17th unto the 18th for one person from each Charter community, the daily board and the youth coordination team.

The program for the guests on November 17th is:

- 11 AM: arrival time
- Welcome
- Lunch
- Presentation Europe for Citizens
- Tour Brussels
- Hotel
- 6.30 PM: start Ceremony Golden Star Award

What do I need from you on short term?

As you have read, the organisation in Brussels will take care of the travel arrangements.

That means that I would like to hear from all of you **very soon (no later than October 1st)**

- 1) Will a representative of your community attend the ceremony?
- 2) Who will be the participant of your community?
- 3) Will he or she stay overnight in Brussels from November 17th unto 18th?
- 4) How does he or she travel to Brussels (plane, train, car)?
- 5) If he or she travels by plane, we need to following the information of the participant, in order to book a flight:
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - first name (like in your passport)
 - surname (like in your passport)
 - e-mail address
 - will you take just hand luggage?

Note: we also need answers to the questions 2 to 5 from the daily board and the youngster's coordination team.

More information

about the ceremony and the other winners will be available at the beginning of October on a special website. As soon as I know the address of the site, I will send it to you by e-mail.

ACTION 1:

Please send the answers to the questions above as soon as possible, but at the latest before October 1st to Helma.

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b. Charter members who want to attend the ceremony on their own expenses

Of course, more guests are welcome to attend the ceremony in Brussels on November 17th (as from 6.30 PM). However, then you have to pay your own travel costs and if you want to stay overnight, you have to book a hotel.

The total number of guests is limited because of the capacity of the venue. Therefore, the organisation in Brussels asks all those who want to come, to register themselves. You can do that on a special website, which will be available at the beginning of October. Unfortunately, the address of this website is not known yet. As soon as I know the name, I will inform you by e-mail.

(to be clear: Registration on the website is not necessary for those who are mentioned above in a., they have to send their information to Helma)

ACTION 2:

“Paying” guests have to sign up for the ceremony on November 17th at a website which will be available at the beginning of October.

C. MEDIA

As I mentioned in an earlier e-mail, the organisation in Brussels asks us not to inform the media before November 17th. Please respect this wish!

Of course, it is highly recommended that each Charter member, after November 17th, use this honor and recognition for publicity and promotion of the Charter in the own community (if you come to the ceremony, don't forget your camera).

Well, I hope everything is clear.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

See you in Brussels??

Helma, September 23th 2010

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