



Charter of European Rural Communities

(News)letter for our members

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Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a good summer. And I 'm sure that those who did participate in the manifestation in Lasse, are looking back on a very well organised and very pleasant meeting. I think I can give the organisation on behalf of all of us a big compliment. It was wonderful.

For our Charter, I hope we can fulfil the agreements we made during the mayors meeting in Austria. Then the Charter will grow and become a real European network. We can learn from each other, visit one another, compare situations, have exchanges and organise meetings.

In this newsletter you will already find several projects, which are a result of the appointments we made. Please react as soon as possible to the initiators. I highly recommend participation of Charter members in all projects mentioned in this newsletter.

We have made more agreements concerning projects. Those who it concerns have also received a mail about that. I ask you to send the information about your projects or small meetings as soon as possible to Helma (h.van.drunen@haaren.nl). We will send then on the short term another newsletter with information on those projects and we will put the information on www.europeancharter.eu.

Kind regards,
Frans Ronnes,
President.

CAP CONFERENCE ON GOZO (NADUR)

The letter below is from Daniele Fantechi and concerns an invitation for the CAP conference in Nadur (Malta) from November 9th until November 11th 2007.

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Xew kija, 12/08/2007

Dear friends,

Producers Organisation Gozitano AgriCoop is the most important operator in agriculture in Gozo grouping more than 500 farmers of the island. A few months ago it applied under a specific grant of DG Agriculture aimed at promoting the Common Agricultural Policy. It was approved by the Commission and therefore we will be organizing a conference on CAP in the island of Gozo, from the 9th until the 11th of November 2007.

Nadur Local Council and the Charter of European Rural Communities were partners of the project as well as Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori (an Italian association for farmers) and Associazione GB Landeschi (an Italian NGO that deals with traditions in agriculture and land management).

We have already informed the Prime Minister of Malta, so as to make his participation possible during one of the three (3) days in which the conference will take place. The place of implementation will be Nadur and the island of Gozo and at the moment we are pointing at the dates 9th – 11th of November.

The participation of the Charter members that we envisaged in the drafting of the project consists on the invitation as participants in the conference of one or two operators of your territory that deal with agriculture and rural activities. This could be a farmer, a food processor, an expert on rural development and agriculture or any other professional that has a direct interest in the matter. The conference will face different issues, from CAP to wine policy, from Rural Development to Producers' Organizations. We invite you therefore to start thinking on potential interested persons that could attend the conference.

From the budget of the conference the following expenses will be covered:

- 50% of plane ticket
- Transport from Malta airport to Gozo
- Accommodation and meals in Gozo

The participants or the organization that will send them shall anticipate the travel expenses that will be refunded under presentation of adequate receipts. The expenses in Gozo will be covered directly by the organizers.

Participants will be provided with all the necessary documentation and material to be able to attend the conference actively. There will be moments for exchange of ideas and contact creation, so as to analyse and plan future projects and actions to implement together.

We would like to receive a feedback from you by the 15th of September stating the will of sending one delegate to the conference. By the 30th of September then, you'll have to provide us with the name and details for arrival/departure.

Furthermore, all the members of the Charter will be receiving the publications and the documents that will be produced during the three days and therefore they will be able to disseminate this information to local operators and stakeholders. We are looking forward to receiving a feedback as soon as possible.

Dr. Joseph Grech
Manager PO Gozitano Agric Coop

Dott Daniele Fantechi,
Conference Coordinator

ACTION 1: react as soon as possible but at the latest on September 15th to: daniele.fantechi@coopen.eu

MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ESCH (THE NETHERLANDS).

The last year's less and less young people are involved in the activities of the Charter. Lasse Zurbrügg, a young man from Holmegaard (Denmark) talked in Lassee with the president of the Charter, Frans Ronnes, about this problem. They decided that it would be good to organise a meeting for about 7 or 8 youngsters (as from 18 years).

The aim of the meeting is to talk with each other and with the president of the Charter about how to involve the young inhabitants of the Charter villages in the Charter activities. They will examine the possibilities of a "Charter board of youngsters".

The meeting will take place in Esch (The Netherlands) from November 16th until November 19th.

Please mayors, deputy mayors, communication officers and members of the Friends of Europe Committees, discuss this invitation with young people of your municipality. It's important that they remain or become involved at the Charter, for they are the future!!

Practical information

- ? The young guests will stay at host families in Esch.
- ? The Charter will contribute in the travel expenses. How much that contribution is, will be announced as soon as possible.
- ? It would be nice if the participants come from several countries of our Charter.

ACTION 2: react as soon as possible but at the latest on October 1 st to h.van.drunen@haaren.nl

SMALL MEETING IN SAMUEL (PORTUGAL)

Teresa Pedrosa from Samuel invites the Charter member to a small meeting in Portugal:

"According to what we talked before, we FROM Samuel, propose the following days for the small meeting of the European Charter: **2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of February 2008.** (Carnival day). We suggest this weekend, because, besides the holiday, in Samuel there is the annual patron festivity of our community. In this small meeting we would like about 5 countries to be present, with delegations of 2 or 3 people each one.

The issues of the meeting, we suggest: "Support to Childhood and Senior's Elder Age in small European Rural Communities". This is a subject in which we all have some experience. However, we think that by talking and changing ideas together, we can get to know other realities and improve the services already existent in our community.

Greetings,
Teresa Pedrosa"

ACTION 3: react to Teresa:
a.c.r.s.samuel@mail.telepac.pt
if you want to participate in the small meeting in Samuel from February 2nd until Februari 5th 2008.

FINANCE OF THE CHARTER

As agreed in Lasseé, you hereby get an overview of the finance of the Charter. The treasurer, Annette Savin, mayor of Cissé, has sent us the lists.

COTISATIONS DES COMMUNES RURALES D'EUROPE

Pays et Communes	2005	2006	2007
<i>Allemagne</i> Hepstedt	400	400	400
<i>Autriche</i> Lasseé	400	400	

Belgique Bièvre	400	400	400
Chypre Lefkara	400	400	
Danemark Holmegaard	400	400	
Espagne Falset	////		
Estonie Polva	400	400	
Finlande Kannus	400	400	
France Cissé	400	400	400
Grande Bretagne Desborough	400	400	422
Grèce Kolindros	400	400	400
Hongrie Nagyce	//////	400	400
Irlande Cashel		400	
Italie Bucine	400	400	
Lettonie Zagaré	////		
Lituanie Kandavas	////		
Luxembourg Troisvièges	400	400	
Malte Nadur	////		
Pays-Bas Esch-Haaren	400	400	400
Pologne Stryzow	400	400	
Portugal Samuel	400		
Slovaquie Mezdev	400	400	
Slovénie Moravce	400	400	
Suède Ockelbo		400	
Tchéquie Stary Poddorov	400	400	400

COMPT E -RE NDU FINANCIER

Le 9 août 2007

RE C E T T E S 2007	D E P E N S E S 2007
Cotisations	Frais de déplacements :
Hepstedt 400	F.Ronnes (Lituanie) 261.75
Bièvre 400	H. Drunen (Malte) 327.30
Cissé 400	F. Ronnes / H Drunen (Malte) 608.64
Desborough 422	F. Ronnes (E spagne) 173.43
Kolindros (2006/2007) 800	K Grammanisch (Malte) 317
Nagycekn 400	F Ronnes 258.41
Lefkara (2005/2006) 800	H Drunnen 404.22
E sch 400	F Ronnes (Bruxelles) 86
Moravce (2005/2006) 800	
S tary Poddvorov 2007 payé en 2006	Frais de banque pour transfert de fonds
	94.05
<u>Intérêts versés par la banque:</u> 428,03	<u>Frais secrétariat de Haaren:</u> 395.09

La banque est le Crédit Agricole de T ouraine Poitou;

l'association dispose de 2 comptes :

. Le compte chèques n° 90049462111

Il sert à toutes les opérations bancaires .

Relevé du 13 juillet 2007

3939.67 €

. Le compte sur livret : n° 9004962200

L'argent placé rapporte un intérêt versé tous les ans début janvier

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22 309.49 €

Dear friends, so far the news we have at this moment. Again we ask you to read the newsletter very good, because it is very important that we take the information and give response to the questions.

Out of that we already several times asked you to react on the Internet site. Till now, we do not get many reactions. So please, if it is possible, give a (small) reaction in the guestbook and let people in the whole world know what we are working on together.

Thanks for your attention.

Stay in good health and I hope to read and hear from you.

Frans Ronnes.

Helma, August 23rd 2007