



# ***Charter of European Rural Communities***

## ***(News)letter for our members***

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*Dear Friends,*

*The Charter is in movement. A lot of activities are going to happen. A lot of members contact each other or are organising projects for each other. And that's just the purpose. In this way the Charter is a network for the people from our member communities to meet each other, to do things together and to learn from one another. The Charter offers us those possibilities. The Charter makes Europe accessible. I hope you will react on the subjects which require a reaction.*

*And don't forget to look on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu).*

*Kind regards,  
Frans Ronnes,  
president.*

### **1. CAP CONFERENCE ON GOZO (NADUR)**

From November 9<sup>th</sup> until November 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 there's a CAP-conference in Nadur. Charter members from Troisvierges, Kandava, Bucine and Esch will participate. The president of the Charter is also going to the CAP conference on Gozo. You can find the program on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu)

### **2. SMALL MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ESCH (THE NETHERLANDS).**

Because 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. They decided that it would be good to organise a meeting for youngsters (as from 18 years) to talk about this problem.

The meeting will take place in Esch (The Netherlands) from November 16<sup>th</sup> until November 19<sup>th</sup> 2007.

The young guests will stay at host families in Esch and the Charter will pay half of their travel expenses.

Two young people from Latvia, two from Denmark, two from Austria, two from Luxemburg, two from Cyprus and one from Italy are coming to Esch. There will also be youngsters from Esch participate in the program. We hope in the next newsletter we can tell you the results of the meeting. And of course the aim is to involve the youngsters more in the activities of the Charter.

### **3. MEETING OF THE PRESIDIUM**

From December 7<sup>th</sup> until December 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Presidium of the Charter will have a meeting in Troisvierges (Luxemburg). The president will prepare the agenda for this meeting. If you have items you want the Presidium to discuss, please let us know.

<b>ACTION 1:</b>	react to Helma: <a href="mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl">h.van.drunen@haaren.nl</a>
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<b>If you have items you want the presidium to discuss in their meeting in December 2007.</b>
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### **4. SMALL MEETINGS**

Several communities will organise a small meeting in 2008. The intention is that every Charter community participates in one small meeting. On every small meeting about 5 communities can participate with two persons. So please make your choice.

For all small meetings is the rule that you react to the organising person or community and that you send a copy of your reaction to [h.van.drunen@haaren.nl](mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl) This way the president of the Charter has an overview of all reactions.

#### **a. SMALL MEETING IN SAMUEL (PORTUGAL)**

Teresa Pedrosa from Samuel invites the Charter members to a small meeting in Portugal from February 2<sup>nd</sup> until February 5<sup>th</sup> 2008.

##### **The program:**

##### **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Arrival of all participants: we advise all participants to arrive in Lisbon airport and if possible, to arrive during the

afternoon, so that we can organize transportation from Lisbon to Samuel.

- Meeting with host families.

### **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 09.30 "Childhood and Old Age support in Samuel"
- 11.00 Coffee - break
- 11.30 Visit to the existent equipments in Samuel.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Presentation of the situation in the country of each participating community. (At this point, we invite all participating countries to present the situation they face in their own community. We have available for every member audio and visual means and material that can support the presentations they eventually want to bring).
- Dinner with the families

### **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Free morning
- Lunch at the families
- 15.00 Holy Mess in Samuel Church
- Free afternoon
- Dinner at the families

### **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 Discussion about possible projects to work out together, within Childhood and Old Age matters.  
Meeting with members of Europe Direct- DRABL.
- 13.00 Lunch in Samuel Association
- 14.30 Visit to some regions of our council
- Dinner with all delegations and families.

### **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Carnival day.**

- Departure of the delegations

Kind regards,  
Teresa Pedrosa.

#### **ACTION 2:**

**react to Teresa:**

**[a.c.r.s.samuel@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:a.c.r.s.samuel@mail.telepac.pt)**

**if you want to participate in the small meeting in Samuel from February 2<sup>nd</sup> until Februari 5<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

**Copy of your reaction to:**

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

## **b. SMALL MEETING IN KANNUS FINLAND.**

The City of Kannus will arrange a small meeting in Kannus.

The date will be from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>) March 2008.

Our theme will be:

- How can we make more possibilities for young people to practise or work abroad?
- And how can we make easier to our municipalities and companies to employ foreign people?

### **Program**

#### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

- Arrival

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

- Official program
- Meeting / Introducing our municipality and our business

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

- Leisure Services (depending on current weather conditions)
- slalom or skiing
- sauna and ice swimming

#### **Saturday evening or in Sunday morning**

- Departure

You can come to Kannus by plane from Helsinki to Kokkola. The flight via Stockholm (to Oulu or Vaasa) is also possible. Or of course you can come by train from Helsinki, but it will take 4-5 hours.

Please let us know if you are interested. We hope 5 countries with 2 people each can come to our meeting.

With best regards

Terttu Korte

terttu.korte@kannus.fi

### **ACTION 3:**

react to Terttu:

[Terttu.korte@kannus.fi](mailto:Terttu.korte@kannus.fi)

**if you want to participate in the small meeting in Kannus from March 13<sup>th</sup> until March 15<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup>) 2008.**

**Copy of your reaction to:**

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

### **c. SMALL MEETING IN MEDZEV (SLOVAKIA)**

In the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 Medzev (Slovakia) will organise a small meeting. Theme and program will be announced as soon as possible.

#### **ACTION 4:**

**react to Gerhard Ballasch:**  
[ballasch@medzev.sk](mailto:ballasch@medzev.sk)

**if you want to participate in the small meeting in Medzev in the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

**Copy of your reaction to:**  
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### **d. SMALL MEETING IN BIEVRE (BELGIUM)**

Bièvre will probable organise a small meeting in October 2008. The Belgium "Friends of Europe" will deliberate the possibility with the mayor of Bièvre, Mr. David Clarinval

#### **ACTION 5:**

**react to Pierre Lejeune:**  
[pierrelejeune@skynet.be](mailto:pierrelejeune@skynet.be)

**if you want to participate in the small meeting in Bièvre in October 2008.**

**Copy of your reaction to:**  
[h.van.drunen@haaren.nl](mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl)

## **5. SUMMER MEETING 2008**

From May 14<sup>th</sup> until May 18<sup>th</sup> the summer manifestation 2008 will be in Lefkara Cyprus. The mayor told us during the mayors meeting in Lassee that it will be another plan: there will also be activities in smaller groups. The theme will be architecture and / or participating in democracy.

If there's more information available from Lefkara, we will send it to you in a next newsletter and put it on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu)

## 6. BI-LATERAL CONTACTS

Several Charter members organise bi-lateral contacts. There has been a contact between Desborough and Bièvre. Young football players from two different villages of the municipality of Haaren (Esch and Helvoirt) are going to play a tournament in Naestved (Holmegaard – Denmark) And 40 entrepreneurs from Haaren (Esch) will visit Ockelbo in May 2008.

If you organise or have organised bi-lateral meetings, please let us know. On that way the presidium of the Charter has an overview of the contacts and we will also put the information (and photos) on the website, so that everyone can read about the exchanges between the Charter members.

### **ACTION 6:**

**react to Helma:**

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

**if you have or have had a bi-lateral contact with another Charter member.**

*Dear friends all over Europe, you can see that really a lot of things are happening in our countries. It is very good to notice all the activities. But I am sure that we are not using all the possibilities "Europe" offers. So my advice to everyone:*

- *prepare a project about an important theme in your village;*
- *look at the call for proposals Brussels offers;*  
[http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)
- *find colleagues in the member states (or other ones) who want to participate;*
- *make sure your project corresponds with the demands in the proposals from Brussels.*

*I hope that we will find each other more and more in themes and I hope we can work together, besides those very important "network-meetings" in the summer.*

*Greetings,  
Frans Ronnes*

Helma, October 15 th 2007