

AGENDA MAYOR'S MEETING LASSEE – AUSTRIA

1. MINUTES OF THE MAYORS MEETING IN MALTA.

2. TEXT OF THE CHARTER.

The Charter is developing from twinning to network. The idea is to adapt the existing objectives and procedures of the Charter to the current reality. The President intends to produce two documents:

- ? One official statute, with the substantive aims of the Charter
- ? One document for organisation / regulations such as presidency, administrative support, financial support etc.

During the meeting of Mayors in Lassee, people can give their ideas about these matters and later on (during the Mayors meeting in Lefkara or during an extra mayors meeting) the new text can be signed.

PROPOSAL: Mayors can supply points for a new substantive text of the Charter and for new text for organisation and regulations.

3. EXTENSION OF THE PRESIDIUM.

- ? The Presidium now has 6 members. It is suggested that immediately, and for the future, this should be increased.
- ? At least one of the ten new countries should join the Presidium.
- ? Valeria Flachbartova, the mayor of Medzev (Slovakia) has said she wants to join the Presidium.
- ? The other members can also take the opportunity to propose themselves. That could be for now and for the future (when someone leaves the Presidium).

PROPOSAL:

a. Extension of the Presidium.

b. Appoint Valeria Flachbartova to the Presidium.

4. PRESIDENCY.

In the new regulations of the Charter the duration of the Presidency should be registered.

PROPOSAL: The President is appointed for a determined period, with a possibility of one re-appointment.

5 . TASK AND FUNCTION OF THE PRESIDIUM MEMBERS.

The presidium will take a decision about the task and function of the presidium members. The decision will be announced in this mayors meeting.

DECISION: about the distribution of tasks and functions of the presidium.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

The administrative support has been coupled to the Presidency.

Administrative support for the Charter is a voluntary job.

The real costs such as telephone costs, costs for copies and travel costs are at the expense of the Charter.

DECISION: The Charter pays for the real costs of the administrative support.

7. MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDIUM.

It is necessary that the members of the Presidium and the secretary meet each other a few times a year to make mutual appointments or to have contact with the policy makers and decision makers in Brussels. The Charter should pay for the travel costs and the costs for the stay. If the meeting is in one of the Charter villages, the host village pays the costs for the stay.

DECISION: The Charter pays the travel costs and if necessary the costs for the stay for a few meetings a year of the members of the Presidium.

8. BI-LATERAL CONTACTS.

The Charter encourages bi-lateral contacts, but suggests that there will no longer be financial support for these bi-lateral contacts. The members who want to organise a bi-lateral meeting can ask Brussels for a grant.

(http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm)

PROPOSAL: The Charter will no longer give a financial support to bi-lateral contacts.

9. COMMUNICATION.

- ? Again there will be attention for the need of appointing communication officers.
- ? Exchange of experiences with the Internet site www.europeancharter.eu.
- ? Adapt the list of addresses.
- ? Newsletters.

10. PROJECTS.

- ? Explanation of the possibilities for grants. Daniele Fantechi (Nadur- Malta) will send a document about the possibilities.
- ? Information about the elderly project. Can one or a few of the Charter members again apply in Brussels for this project?
- ? Europe has declared 2008 as the year of the intercultural dialogue. Do one or a few members of the Charter want to apply in Brussels for this project?
- ? Conference in Nadur (Malta) in November 2007 about agriculture and tourism. Explanation by Chris Said, mayor of Nadur of another delegation member from Nadur.
- ? Youth meeting in Nadur at the end of 2007 / start 2008. Explanation by Chris Said or another delegation member from Nadur.
- ? Bridge tournament in Lefkara (Cyprus). Explanation by Andrea Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara.
- ? Exchange of students. Explanation by the mayor of Kannus (Finland).
- ? Sparrow hotels. Explanation by Frans Ronnes as the mayor of Haaren (Esch).
- ? Europe in rural communities in De Meijerij. Explanation by Frans Ronnes.

POSSIBILITY TO INFORM EACH OTHER: are there other projects?

11. RECORDING OF PROJECTS AND BI-LATERAL CONTACTS.

Bi-lateral contacts and projects have to be reported. Suggestion is to report all those meetings to the webmaster.

PROPOSAL: report all bi-lateral contacts and projects to the webmaster.

12. SMALL MEETINGS.

Till now there have been 3 small meetings (Latvia, Spain and Malta). The participants are very satisfied with those meetings. Now the question must be asked if the Charter members think it is a good idea to organise such small meetings.

There are a few conditions about the aim and composition for small meetings of Charter members

- ? Max 4 visiting countries
- ? It is not a party; starting point is that the participants have something to tell and something to ask.
- ? The participants make a functional contribution to the meeting.
- ? A report is made by the organising village for the remaining members. The report is placed on www.europancharter.eu.
- ? Everyone can participate in the country of his choice.
- ? Basis is two participants per country.
- ? Beside the visiting countries, the President or Vice-President must be one of the participants.
- ? Some countries already said they want to organise a small meeting (Finland, Sweden and Portugal)

PROPOSAL: organise small meetings according to the conditions as mentioned above.

If this proposal is agreed, a list will be made of countries who want to organise a small meeting.

SMALL MEETINGS Country Date

Portugal

Finland

Sweden

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13. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER.

- ? Presentation of the annual account
- ? Checking the list of the annual fee.

14. ACCESSION TO THE CHARTER OF ZAGERE (LITHUANIA).

15. BULGARIA AND ROMANIA.

Update of position with respect to the search for villages in Bulgaria and Romania?

16. SUMMER MEETINGS.

- ? More information about Lefkara 2008 by Andrea Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara.
- ? More information about Stary Poddvorov 2009 by Frantisek Strycek, mayor of Stary Poddvorov.
- ? Strzyzow (Poland) is intending to organise the annual meeting in 2010??
- ? Who wants to organise the summer meeting of 2011?

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS.

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