

# MINUTES OF THE MAYORS MEETING IN LASSEE.

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> in Lassee (Austria).

Present:

- The president of the Charter and mayor of Haaren (Esch): Frans Ronnes.
- The mayor of the organising village Lassee and his communication officer: Karl Grammanitsch and Sandra Hengl.
- The mayors (and translators) of: Lefkara, Stary Poddvorov, Põlva Kannus, Hepstedt, Kolindros, Nagycenk, Cashel, Kandavas, Zagare, Troisvierges, Samuel, Medzev.
- The deputy mayors or other representatives of: Bièvre, Naestved (Holmegaard), Cissé, Desborough, Bucine, Nadur, Strzyzow, Ockelbo.
- Two representatives of villages in Romania.

Absent:

- Representatives of Falset and Moravce.

Minutes:

- Helma van Drunen.

## 1. MINUTES OF THE MAYORS MEETING IN MALTA.

*The minutes are placed on [www.europancharter.eu](http://www.europancharter.eu) > list of activities.*

<b>DECISION</b>
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Minutes have been approved
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## 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.*

DECISION	ACTION
There will be made 2 new texts for the Charter a) a new substantive text of the charter b) new rules for organisation and regulations.	<b>All member villages</b> can, as soon as possible, supply points for a new substantive text of the Charter and for new text for organisation and regulations to Helma <a href="mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl">h.van.drunen@haaren.nl</a>
	<b>The President</b> will ensure composing the new text

**3. EXTENSION OF THE PRESIDIUM.**

- *The Presidium now has 6 members. It is suggested that immediately, and for the future, this should be increased to 7.*
- *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.*

<b>DECISION</b>
Extension of the Presidium to 7 members.
Valeria Flachbartova (Medzev) is appointed to the presidium.

**4. PRESIDENCY.**

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

*The current President is now three years President*

<b>DECISION</b>
The president is appointed for four years, with a possibility of one re-appointment.

**5. TASK AND FUNCTION OF THE PRESIDIUM MEMBERS.**

*To simplify and clarify the tasks of the members of the Presidium for both Presidium and other members, the tasks are divided.*

<b>REPORT FROM THE PRESIDIUM MEETING</b>
The tasks of the Presidium are divided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frans Ronnes, president.</li><li>• Karl Grammanitsch, Vice President</li><li>• Annette Savin, treasurer</li><li>• Others: members</li></ul>

**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.*

<b>REPORT FROM THE PRESIDIUM MEETING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The administrative support has been coupled to the chairmanship.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The administrative support for the Charter is a voluntary job.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Charter pays for the real costs of the administrative support.</li> </ul>

**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.*

<b>DECISION</b>
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](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm))*

<b>DECISION</b>
The Charter will no longer give a financial support to bi-lateral contacts.

**9. COMMUNICATION.**

*Again everyone's attention is asked for the need of a good communication between Charter members.*

*Sandra Hengl, the communication officer of the organisation committee in Lasse, confirms the importance of a good communication and a communication officer.*

*The representatives of Malta suggest using the e-mail of the local council, because the names of people change. But that's not working everywhere, because sometimes the local council is not the communication point.*

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Every member has to appoint a communication officer who can talk, write and understand the English language	<b>All Charter members:</b> those who haven't appointed a communication officer yet, will do so as soon as possible. Send the name to Helma.
The mayor has to put his address and telephone number and the address and telephone number of his secretary on the Charter list	<b>All mayors (or deputy mayors):</b> send your address and telephone number and the address and telephone number of your secretary to Helma, so she can put them on the list of the Charter
All e-mails between the members of the Charter will have the subject: Charter.	<b>All Charter members:</b> remember to use "Charter" as subject in your mail to Charter members.
The list of addresses will be updated, send to every member and placed on the Internet site <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a>	<b>Helma:</b> send everyone an updated list.

## 10. PROJECTS.

- a) *Explanation of the possibilities for grants. Daniele Fantechi (Nadur-Malta) has sent a document about the possibilities.*
- b) *Information about the elderly project. Can one or a few of the Charter members again apply in Brussels for this project?*
- c) *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?*
- d) *Conference in Nadur (Malta) in November 2007 about agriculture and tourism. Explanation by a delegation member from Nadur.*
- e) *Youth meeting in Nadur at the end of 2007 / start 2008. Explanation by a delegation member from Nadur.*
- f) *Bridge tournament in Lefkara (Cyprus). Explanation by Andreas Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara.*
- g) *Exchange of students. Explanation by the mayor of Kannus (Finland).*
- h) *Sparrow hotels. Explanation by Frans Ronnes as the mayor of Haaren (Esch).*
- i) *Europe in rural communities in De Meijerij. Explanation by Frans Ronnes.*
- j) *Youth project Bucine; combination of language and culture.*
- k) *Exchange of a stagiair between Bièvre and Desborough.*
- l) *How to reach young people? Less and less young people visit the meetings of the charter. Lasse from Holmegaard has some ideas about it.*

<b>DECISION/EXPLANATION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>a.</b> The document of Daniele contains much useful information. The participants on this meeting again conclude that, especially on call for proposals, it's very important to communicate quickly because they have very short deadlines.</p>	<p><b>Helma</b> will send the document of Daniele to all the Charter members.</p> <p><b>Every member</b> who wants to organise a project, can use the document from Daniele as a guide.</p>
<p><b>b.</b> Nadur and Lassee will again apply for the Elderly project in Brussels</p>	<p><b>Nadur and Lassee</b> will have contact with each other and again ask for grants for the elderly project in Brussels</p>
<p><b>c.</b> The year of the intercultural dialogue offers opportunities for projects of the Charter. It is worth it to look at the possibilities The deadline for the call for proposals is July 30<sup>th</sup> 2007.</p>	<p><b>Medzev and the president of the Charter</b> will have contact about the possibilities.</p>
<p><b>d.</b> The Charter members are interested in the conference about agro tourism on Malta which will take place from November 23<sup>rd</sup> till November 25<sup>th</sup> 2007.</p>	<p><b>Nadur</b> will sent all information (also about the costs) about the conference to <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a> <b>All:</b> react on the information of Nadur.</p>
<p><b>e.</b> Because Charter members didn't react on the youth project from Malta, Nadur found other partners.</p>	
<p><b>f.</b> Andreas Shoshilos wants to find out if there's interest for a bridge tournament on Cyprus.</p>	<p><b>Lefkara</b> will put some information about the project on <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a> <b>All:</b> react on the information of Lefkara.</p>
<p><b>g.</b> Kannus wants to organise an exchange of students and training period places. There should be a forum for it on the Charter website.</p>	<p><b>President</b> will talk to the webmaster about the possibilities of a forum and afterwards tell the results to Kannus. <b>Kannus</b> will then put information about the plan on the Charter website.</p>
<p><b>h.</b> Frans Ronnes explains that a nature committee of Haaren (Esch) has made so called Sparrow Hotels to stimulate the sparrow to come near by the houses again. A flyer with more information is available. The example of the Sparrow hotel is given to Karl Grammanitsch.</p>	

<p><b>i.</b> Frans Ronnes explains that at the end of October 2007 there will be a meeting of rural communities in the region of Esch. The organising committee wants to invite Charter members to exchange examples of renewing solutions for country problems.</p>	<p><b>The president</b> will put information about this project on <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a></p>
<p><b>j.</b> Bucine wants to organise a Youth project. They want to offer the youth of the Charter a possibility to come to Bucine for a period of two weeks for a program that will be a mix of culture and language.</p>	<p><b>Bucine</b> will put information about the project on <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a></p>
<p><b>k.</b> Bièvre and Desborough already made appointments about the exchange of a stagiair.</p>	<p><b>Bièvre</b> will put information about this exchange on the Internet site.</p>
<p><b>l.</b> To involve the youth, the idea is to form a sub committee of the presidium with 4 or 5 young people. This committee will exchange ideas about how to reach the youth of the charter villages.</p>	<p><b>President and Lasse</b> will talk together about the possibilities and put some information on <a href="http://www.europeancharter.eu">www.europeancharter.eu</a> <b>Lasse</b></p>

## 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.*

<b>DECISION</b>
Report all bi-lateral contacts and projects to the webmaster: <a href="mailto:infro@europeancharter.eu">infro@europeancharter.eu</a>

## 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 is 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.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.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)*

<b>DECISION</b>
The conditions about aim and composition of small meetings are accepted.

<b>LIST OF COUNTRIES WHO WANT TO ORGANISE A SMALL MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Portugal Finland Sweden	<b>Portugal, Finland and Sweden</b> can sent the dates and the themes of those small meetings to Helma ( <a href="mailto:h.van.drunen@haaren.nl">h.van.drunen@haaren.nl</a> ) She will ensure distribution.

### **13. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER.**

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

The treasurer of the Charter, Annette Savin, is not in Lasse. So the mayor meeting takes the decision:

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Every member gets by mail or e-mail a summary of income and expenses of the Charter.	<b>Annette Savin:</b> send everyone a summary of income and expenses.
Those who have to pay the annual fee for 2007 and / or previous years will get a bill from the treasurer	<b>Annette Savin</b> will send a bill to whom it concerns.

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

<b>DECISION</b>
Zagare becomes the Lithuanian member of the Charter.

**15. BULGARIA AND ROMANIA.**

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

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Two representatives of two different villages from Romania are present in Lassee.	<b>The president</b> of the Charter will talk with the two representatives of the villages from Romania who are present in Lassee and make appointments with them about the future accession of one of them to the Charter.

**16. SUMMER MEETINGS.**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2008 Lefkara.</b> From May 14 <sup>th</sup> until May 18 <sup>th</sup> the summer manifestation 2008 will be in Lefkara Cyprus. The mayor tells it will be another plan: there will also be activities in smaller groups. The theme will be architecture and / or participating in democracy. Larnaka Airport is the closest airport.	<b>Andreas Shoshilos</b> will, when there's more information available, place it on <a href="http://www.europencharter.eu">www.europencharter.eu</a> .
<b>2009 Stary Poddvorov.</b> The plan is to organise the meeting around June 15 <sup>th</sup> , but that's not sure yet. The mayor tells he's making preparations.	
<b>2010 Strzyzow.</b> Strzyzow from Poland will organise the big meeting in 2010.	

<b>2011 Cashel.</b> Cashel from Ireland will organise the big meeting in 2011	
<b>2012: Kandava.</b> Kandava from Latvia will organise the big meeting in 2012.	

**17. OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS.**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
At this moment there's no reason to organise a mayors meeting. If there will be a reason Nadur will organise that meeting.	
Slovenia and Spain are not in Lassee	<b>The president</b> will have contact with Moravce and Falset to talk about their membership.

Helma van Drunen, June 19th 2007.