



DECISIONS PRESIDIUUM MEETING BRUSSELS

Thursday November 13th 2008

Present: Frans Ronnes (president), Karl Grammanitsch (vice-president), Lucien Majerus, Jette Johnsen, Valeria Flachbartova, Dominique Garnier (for Annette Savin), Ben Ryan Murphy (for Stan Delbridge), Sandra Hengl and Helma van Drunen.

1. ANNUAL MEETING 2009.

The big annual meeting will be organised by Stary Poddvorov (Czech Republic) from June 11th – 15th 2009.

The name of the new mayor of Stary Poddvorov is Mrs. Marie Buskova.

Patricia Juranova (participant and translator at the meeting in Lefkara) is the communication officer from Stary Poddvorov.

Karl Grammanitsch, Valeria Flachbartova and Sandra Hengl will support the organisation committee.

2. MULTI ANNUAL PROJECT

Accomplishment

A. In general:

- ✍ It should be clear to all Charter members that it's no longer optional to participate in the different meetings, but that everyone has obligations now that the multi annual, for which every member has signed in Lefkara, is approved.
- ✍ Stay in host families as usual
- ✍ Use experts from practice, not expensive scientists.
- ✍ The contribution to the organisation and travel costs is just a contribution and will surely not cover all the organisation and travel costs.
- ✍ Organisation costs: starting point is the local daily rate the EU handles for the different countries, to pay for the international guests (for the summer meeting the EU has ordered how much is available for the travel costs and how much for the organisation costs).
- ✍ Travel costs: starting point at citizens meetings, conferences and workshops is the amount that remains after the organisation costs are calculated. Next: in order to bring more balance in the travel costs people in proportion have to pay, the payment of the travel costs per km will more or less follow the daily rate the EU handles. The president will work out a system. The travel costs of the daily board will be paid completely from this budget.
- ✍ Financially/administratively: organisation costs are paid afterwards on the basis of declarations and a report of the meeting. The

declarations will be signed by the daily board member who is present at the meeting. Travel costs will be paid on the basis of a presence list. The municipality of Haaren will take care of the payments. Helma van Drunen will make a framework for the report of each meeting.

B. Conferences:

1. Conferences on local democracy.

- ✍ Participants should be a mix of politicians and citizens.
- ✍ The result of each conference should be four ideas to involve (groups of) citizens in local democracy. Every participating charter member has to work out one idea within the two years of the multi annual project. Condition is that the ideas are easily achievable and don't cost a lot of money.

2. Conference on elderly people.

- ✍ This conference, with participation of all the Charter members, is meant to be the beginning of the next multi annual project and will assume the earlier plans of the Charter for a project concerning this subject.

C. Workshops for the youth:

- ✍ If the organising member agrees, it is possible that more young ones participate in the meetings than the ones registered in the multi annual project. But the Charter is unable to pay the extra travel costs.
- ✍ The young ones stay together in one building.
- ✍ In the meetings tools have to be developed to involve more youth in the Charter, starting on the local level.
- ✍ The meetings should also give an advice to the Charter presidium about how continuity of that involvement can be assured and how the Charter can incorporate that continuity in the own organisation.
- ✍ One of the communication tools is the making of a DVD. The young participants of the meetings get the task to develop ideas for such a DVD in the first youth meeting and to realise such a DVD in the second youth meeting.

D. Friends of Europe workshop:

- ✍ If the organising member agrees, it is possible that more people participate in the meetings than the ones registered in the multi annual project. But the Charter is unable to pay the extra travel costs.
- ✍ The result of the workshop should be how to establish a Friends of Europe organisation, a guide.

E. Communication:

- ✍ As mentioned before, the youth will be asked to make a DVD.
- ✍ Helma will make a framework for the reports. The reports of the meetings will be aggregated and there will be made a publication.
- ✍ The website will be improved by the web team.

F. Organisation:

Within the multi annual project there is an amount of € 13.217,43 available for organisation and coordination costs. The president stresses that the multi annual project requires a lot more secretary and coordination hours. Until now the work was mostly done on voluntary basis and it will stay that way. But it's unavoidable that there will be needed some money to cover the costs. The presidium decides that € 5.000,00 a year should be earmarked as secretary and coordination costs.

3. CREATE A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE YOUTH

The presidium thinks it's not a good idea to create a sub-committee of the youth, nor would it be good to have one or two youth members in the presidium, because a lot of things that are discussed in the presidium are not interesting for the young ones.

The presidium thinks it will be better to have a meeting with the youth during the annual meeting. The young ones then can present their wishes and program to the presidium.

4. RELATION CHARTER, MUNICIPALITY AND FRIENDS OF EUROPE ORGANISATIONS

The role of "Friends of Europe" is to support the local council to fulfil the decided activities or the local council can delegate tasks concerning the Charter to the Friends of Europe organisations. For example, the Friends of Europe can:

- ? Play a public role, so that citizens know about the Charter.
- ? Communicate knowledge to citizens, sports clubs and other organisations about activities offered by the Charter.
- ? Support the local council in finding host families when that is needed for activities.
- ? Develop activities in cooperation with the local council or under the supervision of the local council.
- ? Helping other Charter member to create a Friends of Europe organisation and make a guide for that.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRESIDIUM/ PARTICIPATION IN THE MAYORS' MEETING

The presidium decides:

- a. The municipality is the member of the Charter; the membership in bigger municipalities is connected to one of the villages of the municipality.
- b. In principal is the mayor member of the presidium. He/she can send the chairman of Friends of Europe or an employee as his deputy.
- c. In the presidium are max two seats for chairmen of Friends of Europe and max two for delegated employees.
- d. Participants in the mayors meeting are the mayors or their deputy delegation leaders.

6. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER

Sandra Hengl has taken over the finance of the Charter. In the mayors meeting in Stary Poddvorov she will present a financial overview.

7. THE INTERNET SITE

The web team is now preparing changes of www.europancharter.org. The presidium decided about the design of the home page.

In February 2009 the new design will be available.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF BULGARIA

Kolindros, Karl Grammanitsch, Martine Garnier, Manuel Medigutia (Bienvenida) and a Bulgarian lady the presidium met in Brussels, are all searching for a Bulgarian member of the Charter. So, that has to succeed.

9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT

In December 2008 during the Federal Assembly of the European Movement the Charter will become an official member of this organisation. The president participates in this meeting. He will prepare a small presentation about the Charter.

10. OFFICIAL STATUTES OF THE CHARTER

Annette Savin has arranged that the new statutes of the Charter are officially deposited at the official authority in France.

Helm van Drunen,
November 19th 2008