



REPORT OF THE PRESIDIUM MEETING OF THE CHARTER OF EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

Saturday June 24th 2006. Cissé – France.

Present: Frans Ronnes, Annette Savin, Stan Delbridge, Jette Johnson, Karl Grammanitsch, Theo Douma, Helma van Drunen.
Absent Lucien Majerus.

1. NEW MEMBER.

Kandavas, Latvia wants to participate in the Charter. A delegation of two persons is present in Cissé. During the mayors meeting their membership will be officially confirmed. The negotiations with Lithuania are still going on.

2. MAYORS MEETING NADUR.

The mayors meeting in Nadur, Malta is not an official meeting. Moreover the organization committee of Malta has changed the date from August into September. Because of that change there are members who had planned to go, but they have been prevented on the new date. Golden rule for organization committees: never change a planned date.

3. "FRIENDS OF EUROPE".

There are "Friends of Europe" committees in Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Great Britain and Denmark.

4. ANNUAL MEETING.

Stary Poddvorov, Czech Republic wants to organise the annual meeting in 2009.

5. STRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATION

a. grants.

The European Commission has two new programmes, where the Charter perhaps could request for subsidy:

- "Plan D" is a big communication programme, established by euro commissioner mrs Waldström. Charter members can try to get grants of this programme at their own National European Commission.

- "Citizens for Europe" is a new programme, in which also town twinning has been taken. You have to ask in time for the grants and you can ask for help at the National European Commission in your country.

b. communication.

Annette Savin wants to call attention to the fact that some communities have arrived in Cissé with other delegation members than announced. The presidium emphasizes that 10 names are coming, not 10 persons.

6. LASSEE 2007.

The annual meeting is 6-10 June 2007. Sunday evening Lassee will present its plans. Karl Grammanitsch will give each mayor or deputy mayor a box with the date, the programme and other information.

Helma van Drunen,
October 10th 2006.