



NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends all over Europe!

I hope you all had a beautiful summer and enjoyed your holidays. The Adults Project applied by Poland has been accepted, that means that the Meetings could take place as planned. The Youngsters Project has not been accepted, and so Croatia tries to apply once again. If the Project fails, we need another country to apply. Please let us know if some country wants to apply.

Thanks to Romania for organizing the Youngsters meeting in August, even though the Youngsters Project has not been accepted yet. A great thanks also to Terttu from Finland and her team for organizing the big Summer meeting, although it was not sure if the Projects were accepted or not. During the Mayors meeting in Kannus, there were some discussions about our Charter, unfortunately only a few members of the Presidium were there. So I ask all the members of the Presidium, that they have to attend the meetings in the future. As a result of this Meeting in Kannus, it is now necessary to adopt the Statutes and Aims of the Charter. The Presidium will elaborate this issues, to be more efficient in the future. The first meeting was in Krakow/ Poland and there we looked at first over the Statutes and further on we decided, that for an efficient communication between the Presidium and the municipalities/ members the Mayor, or one representative of the community, who is elected by local council, is responsible. This way makes the communication easier and more likely during the year. About this we will inform our members as soon as possible and ask them for the responsible person. Important is also a so called communication officer, who is in contact with our bureau, the Charter secretary. Please note this and give us an answer. The Agenda for the Summer Meeting will be given to the members in springtime, so everybody is well prepared for the Mayors meeting in summer. Positive is that the financial situation of the Charter is pretty good, and that there are no outstanding fees.

I wish you all a pleasant fall!

Your President, Karl Grammanitsch

A) Multiannual Projects 2017-2018

The Adults Project has been accepted by Brussels, and so all the Meetings will take place as it is planned. These are the upcoming meetings:

- Naestved/ Denmark: 22.-25.March 2018
- Nadur/ Malta: 19.-23.July 2018 (Summer meeting)
- Starý Poddvorov/ Czech Republic: 13.-16.September 2018
- Strzyzow/ Poland: 19.-22.October 2018 (closing conference)

As the Youngsters Project has not been accepted so far, there is the decision to support Romania for the Meeting in August by the Charter with € 5.000. Also the travelcosts for the YCT to this meeting will be refunded by the Charter itself.

The Youngsters Project has been applied for once again by Croatia. We hope that this Project will also be accepted by Brussels. If it will be accepted, it will be for 2018-2019. If not, we have to decide in the Presidium, how we support the youngsters. We are waiting for the decision soon. We will inform you about the process of the application as soon as possible.



Nadur, Malta

Annual Meeting in Kannus, Finland

From 6th to 10th of July, there took place the Annual summer meeting in Finland. This meeting was well organized, although at this time it was not sure if the Projects would be accepted. Thanks once again to the organization team. Everybody enjoyed the beautiful nature, and the finish Sauna. Even Santa Claus was attending the culinary evening.

During the Mayors Meeting there was a huge discussion about the future of the Presidium and the Charter itself. As a reaction of this, the Presidium met and was discussing the Statutes, as well as the Aims of our Charter (see also C).



Typical finish Sauna

Youngsters Meeting in Ibanesti, Romania

In August there was the Youngsters meeting in Romania. Although the Youngsters Project is not accepted, the Romanian team organized a good meeting with lot of interesting things to do. During the time of the meeting, there was also a local festival in Ibanesti, and there dancers from Hungary and Latvia were also invited to perform some traditional dances.



Dancers from Latvia, Hungary and Romania

Adults Meeting in Lasse, Austria

The last meeting that took place in 2017 was the Adults Meeting in Lasse, where 10 countries have come to visit Austria. Everybody enjoyed the workshop with the priest from Lasse, a boat trip on the Danube and the culinary evening.

During the time of the meeting, there was a village festival in Lasse, and so local people could meet our Charter friends in a very common way.

C) Organisation/ Statutes of the Charter

As a result of the Mayors Meeting in Kannus, the Presidium met in Krakow, Poland, to discuss the future of our Charter. Therefore the Statutes, as well as the Aims of our organization had to be adopted. This updated Statutes will be published as soon as they have been overseen and proven, but the two most important points are:

- Only Mayors, or representatives that are elected by local council, can participate at the Mayors meeting. So there will be a maximum of 28 Mayors. If somebody has difficulties with the English language, a translator is of course accepted.
- The Agenda of the Mayors meeting will be sent to the Mayors/ representatives in springtime, so that there is enough time to give remarks. This remarks should be given at least 2 weeks before the Meeting.



Main Square of Krakow

D) Other matters

We want to congratulate Niall, our Web Master, to his wedding, and we wish him and his wife all the best for his future life.



Wedding in Ireland