



NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends all over Europe!

As the year 2018 will bring some relevant changes to the work of our Charter, I will inform you about what the plans until our Annual Meeting in Malta will be.

Let me begin with the most important step that will be taken this summer. The elections of a new Presidium. Since last year's Annual Meeting, we got a lot of constructive feedback about how our Charter could work even better than it does today. One of those suggestions was to organize an extra Mayors Meeting before the big summer Meeting, where the Mayors can elect a new Presidium. So that Meeting will take place in June 2018 in Austria, all the Mayors are invited to come there and vote. That date in June offers the new Presidium enough time to get to know each other and to elaborate a program that can be presented in Malta. In my point of view that is the most democratic way to get a vote a new Presidium and to make our Charter fit for the Future.

Beside the changes in the Presidium, it is also necessary that one, or more countries, apply for the next Multi-Annual Projects 2019-2020. To organize and finance meetings, it is very important that we have the support from Brussels. If there someone is interested, we are very pleased to hear from you.

I wish you all a beautiful springtime, and I hope to see many of you during one of our next meetings.

Your President,
Karl Grammanitsch

Lasse, April 2018

A) Elections of a new Presidium

The elections will take place during a Mayors Meeting in Austria on the 16th of June 2017. To this Meeting one person per municipality, the Mayor, or a person with permission from the local council, is invited.

- Who can candidate?

Each municipality has the right to nominate one candidate. This can be the Mayor, or a person that has the permission from the local council to represent the municipality in the Presidium.

Please nominate your candidate until the 25th of May 2018!

- How you can vote

During the Mayors Meeting, you will get the list with the candidates, and you can chose 8 persons from that list. Those persons with the most votes will be in the Presidium.

After the elections of the Presidium, there will be the elections of the President. That means that the Mayors also elect the President among the persons who are in the Presidium

The Presidium itself votes the Vice-President, the Treasurer, etc.

- Why will the elections take place in June?

The elections take place on the 16th of June, because this offers the new Presidium enough time to elaborate a program until the Annual Meeting in Malta, and present it there.

B) Financial Situation

- Membership Fees:

Almost all of the members have already paid the Membership Fees for 2017. Only Greece and Portugal are missing.

The bills for 2018 will be sent out in May.

- Support for the Youngsters Meeting:

The Charter supports the Youngsters Meetings in 2018 with 5.000 € each.

C) Other matters

- Statutes/ Aims

Until the new Presidium has started to work, the Statutes from 2013, which are published on our website, remain in Power. That also mean that these Statutes are the base for the elections of the new Presidium.

- General Data Protection Regulation

Together with our Webmaster we are working on a solution how we can respect the new European General Data Protection Regulation. We will inform you about that later.