



Letter to:

- All members of the Charter
- All municipalities
- Friends of Europe

Lasse, April 18th 2018

Dear all,

As a consequence of the 2017 Annual Meeting in Kannus, there will be some important changes in the way our Charter works.

First of all, the Presidium decided to call elections for a new Presidium, because it was a wish from many of the members to have a more democratic leading of the Charter. The base for the process of the elections are the Statutes of the Charter from 2013, which are attached to this letter.

The elections will take place during a Mayors Meeting in Austria on the weekend from 16th to 17th of June 2018. To this Meeting **one person per municipality is invited. It can be the Mayor, or a person with permission from the local council.** The costs for this person will be paid by the Charter.

We need to organize a conference room and the Hotel, in the town of Hainburg, which is a small town near Vienna Airport. So please tell us until the End of April if a delegate from your municipality will come.

The Agenda of the Meeting will be sent to the delegates on time, but now let us inform you about the most important steps concerning the elections:

- 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.

As soon as all the candidates are nominated, you will get a list of them.

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 vote 7 persons from that list. The persons with the most votes and France will be in the Presidium. France is always a member of the Presidium, because our Charter was founded there.

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

After that, there will be the elections of the Vice-President and the Treasurer.

- Why will the elections take place in June?

One reason is that it was a wish to hold an extra Mayors Meeting, where we can elect the new Presidium.

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

We believe that the decision to elect the new Presidium in June is the best way to improve the work of our Charter.

We will give you the Agenda of the Meeting, and also details concerning your travel to Hainburg after we have the complete list of delegates and candidates.

We hope to see many of you in Austria

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