



30 April 2010

To the members of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs

Synopsis of the meeting held in STRASBOURG on 29 April 2010

The **Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 April 2010, with Mr Lotman (Estonia, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Geothermal energy: a local answer to a hot topic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rouquet, France, SOC*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Europe Prize 2010**: elected the city of Kharkiv (Ukraine) as the Europe Prize winner for 2010 and awarded 10 Plaques of honour, 18 Flags of honour and 18 European Diplomas, endorsing the proposals made by the Sub-Committee on Europe Prize (*see list appended*);
- **Biodiversity and climate change** (*Rapporteur: Mrs John-Calame, Switzerland, SOC*): prepared the debate in the plenary Assembly;
- **Noise and light pollution** (*Rapporteur: Mr Huseyenov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): instructed its Chair to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to propose to include the report in the agenda of the June part-session, instead of that of the Standing Committee in May 2010;
- **Fostering the socio-economic potential of the Baltic Sea region** (report by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development): decided to present an oral opinion;
- **The Committee's work programme**:
 - appointed Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) rapporteur on "Water resources and the risk of conflict" (Doc. 12176);
 - appointed the following representatives:
 - o Conference "Fighting corruption at local and regional level" organised by the Congress in Messina (Italy) on 7 May 2010: Mr Doric;
 - o Association of Local Democracy Agencies: General Assembly and Conference "How Active Citizenship and Local Authorities can address the global economic crisis", Skopje, 27-28 May 2010: Mr Doric;
 - o Meeting of the Advisory Group on follow-up of the Utrecht Declaration, Strasbourg, 2 June 2010: Mr Meale;
 - o Conference "Balancing transboundary ecology with rural development" in Avignon (France) two days between 23 and 27 August 2010 (dates to be decided): Mr Lotman;

- **Sub-committees:** at the request of the German delegation, it appointed Mr Fritz to be substitute to Mr Fischer and Mr Röring substitute to Mrs Strenz in Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize;

- **Forthcoming meetings:**

Paris (CoE office), 28 May 2010: plenary committee

Strasbourg, 21-25 June 2010: plenary committee (during the Assembly part-session)

Paris (CoE office), 17 September 2010: plenary committee

Strasbourg, 25-26 November 2010: plenary committee and Conference on Nuclear Energy.

The **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize** (Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), meeting in Strasbourg on 29 April 2010, with Mr Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- proposed to award 10 Plaques of honour, 18 Flags of honour and 18 European Diplomas (**see Appendix**)

- decided to meet in :

Strasbourg, during the Assembly part-session of June 2010, on the occasion of the European Diplomas award ceremony

Kharkiv, on the occasion of the Europe Prize award ceremony to the 2010 winner (date to be decided)

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A P P E N D I X

LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR THE AWARD OF DIFFERENT DISTINCTIONS

The Sub-Committee decided to submit to the approval of the Plenary Committee the applications of the following towns:

1. EUROPE PRIZE

KHARKIV (Ukraine)

2. PLAQUE OF HONOUR (10)

Austria	MÖDLING bei Wien (Lower-Austria) <i>(together with Kőszeg in Hungary)</i>
France	VOIRON (Isère)
Germany	BAD KÖTZTING (Bavaria) BECKUM (North-Rhine-Westphalia) DRESDEN (Saxony) FRANKENTHAL/Pfalz (Rhineland-Palatinate) SCHÖFFENGRUND (Hessen)
Hungary	KŐSZEG (Vas County) <i>(together with Mödling in Austria)</i>
Lithuania	ALYTUS (Dzukija region)
Poland	KONIN (woj. Wielkopolskie)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR (18)

France	Civrieux d'Azergues (Rhône) Plerguer (Ille-et-Vilaine)
Germany	Alling (Bavaria) Bacharach am Rhein (Rhineland-Palatinate) Beilngries (Bavaria) Kamen (North-Rhine-Westphalia) Leverkusen (North-Rhine-Westphalia) Obersulm (Baden-Wurtemberg) Staufenberg (Lower-Saxony)
Hungary	Ajka (Veszprem County)
Italy	Capannoli (Province of Pisa) Salsomaggiore Terme (Province of Parma)
Poland	Dąbrowa Górnicza (woj. Śląskie) Lubliniec (woj. Śląskie) Rudniki (woj. Opolskie) Tarnów (woj. Małopolskie)
Slovenia	Metlika
Spain	Terrassa (Catalonia)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS (18)

France	Alfortville (Val-de-Marne) Arthez de Bearn (Pyrénées-Atlantiques) Le Blanc (Indre) Marly-le-Roi (Yvelines) Sète (Hérault)
Georgia	Tbilisi
Germany	Linden (Hessen) Montabaur (Rhineland-Palatinate) Rehau (Bavaria) Steinheim am Albuch (Baden-Wurtemberg)
Italy	Arco (Province of Trento)
Poland	Barlinek (woj. Zachodniopomorskie) Giżycko (woj. Warmińsko-Mazurskie) Gołdap (woj. Warmińsko-Mazurskie) Wałcz (woj. Zachodniopomorskie)
Spain	Gijón (Asturias)
Ukraine	Lutsk (Volyn Oblast)
United Kingdom	Perth (Scotland)