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## PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



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COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, REGIONAL PLANNING  
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Proposals of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize  
for the award of the 1988 Europe Prize  
and Flags of Honour

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1. The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Vaduz on 4 March 1988, examined on the basis of documents AS/Loc (39) 15 and 18, the proposals of the Secretariat for the award of the 1988 Europe Prize and Flags of Honour.

2. It proposes to the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities to award :

A. The 1988 Europe Prize to AALBORG (Denmark)

B. The 1988 Flags of Honour to the following municipalities or territorial authorities :

Austria

Wartberg an der Krems

Belgium

Charleroi

Eeklo

France

Avranches (Manche)

Baccarat (Meurthe-et-Moselle)

Condom (Gers)

Ermont (Val d'Oise)

Reichshoffen (Bas-Rhin)

Tain l'Hermitage (Drôme)

Vernouillet (Yvelines)

Federal Republic of Germany

Bad Sachsa (Lower Saxony)

Dormagen (North Rhine-Westphalia)

Freudenstadt (Baden-Württemberg)

Kempen (Bavaria)

Lahnstein (Rhineland-Palatinate)

Linsengericht (Hessen)

Mayen (Rhineland-Palatinate)

Oberkirch (Baden-Württemberg)

Oberursel (Hessen)

Quakenbrück (Lower Saxony)

Schwabmünchen (Bavaria)

Sersheim (Baden-Württemberg)

Witzenhausen (Hessen)

Zwingenberg (Hessen)

Drogheda (Ireland)

Bassano del Grappa (Italy)  
Bronte (Italy)  
Rosignano-Marittimo (Italy)  
Rovigo (Italy)  
Santeramo in Colle (Italy)  
Trento (Italy)

Papendrecht (Netherlands)  
Venlo (Netherlands)

Lisbon (Portugal)

Chur/Coire (Switzerland)  
Geneva (Switzerland)

Cambridge (United-Kingdom)  
Cheltenham (United-Kingdom)  
Clydesdale (United-Kingdom)  
North-West Leicestershire D.C. (United-Kingdom)  
Poole (United-Kingdom)  
Shaftesbury T.C. (United-Kingdom)

Bursa (Turkey)

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee proposes the award of 43 Flags of Honour of the Council of Europe in 1988.

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3. The Sub-Committee also decided to propose the creation of two additional distinctions : the European Diploma and the Plaque of Honour.

The European Diploma would be awarded to some deserving municipalities, before receiving the Flag of Honour, and the Plaque of Honour to municipalities already holding the Flag of Honour for many years, with outstanding merits, but that cannot expect receiving the Europe Prize in a near future.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize will submit its proposals for attribution of the European Diploma and the Plaque of Honour during the meeting of the full Committee to be held during the next part session of the Parliamentary Assembly.

4. The amended Regulations that take account of these two additional distinctions are submitted, for approval, to the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities and are appended to this document.

## A P P E N D I X

## I. REGULATIONS (\*)

## Article 1

A Europe Prize offered by the Council of Europe shall be awarded each year by the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities to one or several municipalities or other territorial authorities which it considers to have made outstanding efforts to propagate the idea of European unity.

## Article 2

The Prize shall consist of a trophy to be held by the winner for one year, a bronze medal, a parchment and scholarship to be spent on arranging a study visit in Europe for a young person or for young persons resident in the winning municipality or authority.

## Article 3

A Plaque of Honour will be awarded to certain municipalities or territorial authorities, already winners of the Flag of Honour for several years, and whose efforts to propagate the idea of European unity are considered to be worth of this distinction ranking just before the Europe Prize.

## Article 4

A Council of Europe Flag of honour is also presented to certain municipalities or territorial authorities which are considered by the committee to be also deserving of an award in recognition of their work in promoting the European idea. These municipalities will be, in principle, selected among those already holding the European Diploma.

The award of the flag of honour is a prerequisite for a possible later award of the Europe Prize and the Plaque of Honour.

## Article 5

A European Diploma will be presented to municipalities or territorial authorities the merits of which have been recognised but whose candidature is too recent for the award of the Flag of Honour.

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(\* ) Regulations revised by the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities on 11 March 1988.

Article 6

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The committee shall designate the winning municipality (ies) or territorial authorities from those which have submitted their candidature.

Article 7

Municipalities or territorial authorities shall present their candidatures through their senior official. Candidatures shall reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, before 31 December each year.

Each candidature must be accompanied by a statement setting out the measures taken by the municipality concerned to propagate the ideal of European unity and replying to the attached questionnaire.

Candidatures submitted prior to the current year remain valid for succeeding years. Municipalities which remain candidates shall be called on, however, to supply additional information each year, before 31 December, about their European activities during the past year.

Article 8

Further provisions shall be made by the committee regarding the detailed application of the present regulations.

Article 9

Municipalities which submit their candidatures undertake to respect and apply the provisions foreshadowed in the previous Article. Prize-winning municipalities shall endeavour to establish close contacts amongst themselves, notably by meeting together periodically in one of their member municipalities (Association of Towns awarded the Europe Prize).

II. FUTURE PROVISIONS

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a) Form of Prize to be awarded

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The Prize shall consist of the following :

1. An itinerant trophy in the form of a shield, made of wood or bronze with a bronze plaque decorated with allegorical figures and with a Latin inscription.

This trophy shall be retained until the next award by the winning municipality. It shall then go to the municipality awarded the following year's Prize.

The shield shall bear the name of each municipality that has won the Prize.

2. A bronze medal to be retained permanently by the winning municipality.

3. A parchment.

4. A scholarship to be spent on travel in Europe for one or more young persons from the winning municipality.

5. Any additional money grants which the governments of the country, the associations of local authorities or any other body may wish to award to the winning municipality.

b) Manner in which the Prize shall be presented

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1. The Prize of Europe shall be officially presented to the winning municipality by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly seconded by the Sub-Committee of the Europe Prize of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities during a "Europe Day" arranged by the municipality. The ceremonies for that Day shall include the following :

(i) a formal sitting of the municipal Council in the presence of the members of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize ;

(ii) a public gathering of residents of the winning municipality.

2. The Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe shall be invited to pay a formal tribute to the mayors and other representatives of the latest Prize-winning municipalitie(s) at one of the plenary sessions it holds in Strasbourg.

c) Presentation of the Plaque of Honour  
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1. A number of bronze Plaques of Honour, of rectangular form, engraved with the name of the winning town and year of attribution, decorated with the European symbol similar to that on the Medal of the Europe Prize, will be presented to the municipalities or authorities.

2. The presentation will be made, if possible by a member of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize or by a member of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities or by another member of the Parliamentary Assembly at a ceremony organised by the municipality to which the public will be invited and attended by any members of the Assembly who are nationals of the country concerned. The details of the ceremony will have been agreed to in advance with the Council of Europe Secretariat. Exceptionally the Chairman of the Committee or of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize may designate a former member of the Assembly for the presentation of the Plaque of Honour.

d) Presentation of Council of Europe flags of honour  
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1. A number of European flags with gold embroidery and fringes are to be awarded by the committee each year to municipalities which are considered by the committee to have made outstanding efforts to propagate the ideal of European unity.

2. For the presentation ceremony, refer to paragraph 2 above concerning the presentation of the Plaque of Honour

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Moreover, item 11 of the Questionnaire appended to the Regulations should read as follows :

"11. Presentation

If awarded the Flag of Honour, would you undertake to organise a public ceremony, with active participation by young people, for its presentation by a member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly ?

(The ceremony should not coincide with a local or regional election campaign or political party gathering)."