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Candidature by BADEN (Austria)
presented by the Mayor of Baden
(24th August, 1955)



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AUSTRIAN UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Vienna, 29th August, 1955.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that the municipality of Baden, near Vienna, a member of the Austrian Union of Municipalities, wishes to present its candidature for the European Prize established by the Council of Europe.

We are forwarding to you herewith the act of candidature duly signed by M. Julius Hahn, Mayor of Baden, and request you to transmit this document to the Special Committee on Municipal and Regional Affairs of the Council of Europe.

Generalsekretär.

MUNICIPALITY OF BADEN, NEAR VIENNA

Baden, 24th August 1955

Subject: European Prize

to the Secretariat of the Austrian Union of Municipalities,
New Town Hall, VIENNA I.

With reference to Circular No. 24/1955 of 11th August, we have the honour to inform you that the Municipality of Baden wishes to present its candidature to the European Prize therein mentioned.

We base ourselves upon the following facts:

Of the more important European watering places, three bear the name of Baden (Baden in the Canton of Aargau, near Zurich; Baden-Baden, in Germany; and Baden, near Vienna). These three towns decided, some years ago, to hold a football contest between themselves, and the various matches for a Thermal Cup were played in the three towns - the first in Switzerland, the second in Germany and the third in our own town.

A further contest of the same kind is being contemplated and the proposal has been warmly welcomed in the three townships concerned.

A second point is that the Municipality of Baden has invited the painters and sculptors in the two foreign sister towns to exhibit their work at Baden, near Vienna. This art exhibition, to be held from year to year, could also take place in the other two towns and thus become a permanent itinerant exhibition, should the artists of the other two towns agree. This would be a second aspect of European co-operation in the form of a cultural exchange of the arts between the towns of the three countries.

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Should the necessary funds be available, Baden is thinking of organising a similar exchange in the realm of music by inviting the musicians of the other two towns to visit us and give a series of concerts. The musicians of Baden will, in their turn, play in the other two towns.

The town of Baden believes that these events either organised or planned by it on the sporting plane, together with the cultural exchanges which it has been contemplating for some time, might usefully serve in the cause of European unity.

Lastly, may we add that we have the intention of subscribing to the common effort to organise cultural exchanges with other towns outside Europe which bear the name of Baden.

I remain,

The Mayor.