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Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize
and the propagation of the European idea



EUROPE PRIZE

Additional information concerning the application
from MANOSQUE (Alpes de Haute-Provence) France

- Additional replies to the questionnaire

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3. Twinning activities

Leinfelden-Echterdingen (Baden-Württemberg), Federal Republic of Germany.

Regular exchanges are organised and must comply with specific rules to qualify for sponsorship by the committee.

For adults:

Reciprocity is compulsory: guests must also act as hosts.

Exchanges alternate each year between Leinfelden and Manosque

For young people:

In both towns, visits each year last a minimum of 15 days with the families of correspondents.

Schools:

All the schools are twinned: one higher secondary school, two lower secondary schools and a private higher secondary school.

"Private" exchanges;

Organised by the twinning committee: visit to Manosque at Easter and to Leinfelden in summer, always with families, except for outings.

For adults:

Sports: football, handball, tennis, table tennis, gliding, gymnastics and martial arts (yoga, judo, karate) clubs.

Cultural activities: music school, youth centre, two choirs, photography club, folk group. Each year the higher secondary school's German department drama group gives a performance in Leinfelden-Echterdingen.

Artists: painting, ceramics and sculpture.

Politics: municipal council (with seminars) and trade unionists.

Others: fire brigade, police, "gendarmérie", majorettes, aquarists, bird watchers, senior citizens.

4. Other relations with municipalities abroad

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- THE TOWN WHICH INSPIRED JEAN GIONO

Schools' exchanges have been run for pupils from the Italian classes in the lower and higher secondary schools for the last two years.

5. Exchange of persons

Exchanges of young people which are in fact the follow-up to regular school exchanges: each year, two-week stays with families in Manosque and two weeks in Leinfelden (compulsory reciprocity).

Professional exchanges: agriculture, teaching, journalism, working visits in administration, factories, etc.

6. Organisation of European events

- Symposium on the European Parliament
- Exhibition on Europe
- "1,000 kilometres across Europe",

7. Europe Day (5 May)

Planting of the Europe Tree with a delegation from the twin town.

Europe Day celebrated in 1983.

8. Support for European movements

- i. Subsidy from the twinning committee for organisation of exchanges,
- ii. Youth courses held in the community centre.

9. Propagation of the European idea

- i. Photographic competition
- ii. "1,000 kilometres across Europe", non-stop relay race (day and night) between Leinfelden and Manosque at the time of the European Parliament elections.

10. Actions of European solidarity

Yes, particularly collecting food, medicines, clothes, blankets and money for the municipality of Caposells (southern Italy) at the time of the earthquake. The items collected were delivered by lorry.

11. Presentation

Yes, in conjunction with the twin town and its associations.

Our ambition is to organise this celebration for the tenth anniversary of our twinning.

12. Other initiatives

Less frequent than the exchanges;

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Organisation of publicity-promotion weeks in Leinfelden-Echterdingen for the citizens of Manosque and vice versa, with a general exhibition on the town and its municipal, industrial, agricultural and craft activities along with performances by local groups (concerts, drama etc) and sporting events.

Next event: Easter 1984, for the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Charter in Leinfelden-Echterdingen.

Organisation of 1,000-kilometre European road race between the two towns. Official reception in Manosque,

Substantial press coverage of all events.

Distribution of stickers.

MANOSQUE is the largest town in the Alpes de Haute-Provence and is situated at the junction of the Marseilles-Grenoble and Avignon-Nice roads in the "gorges du Verdon". It has approximately 23,000 inhabitants.

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