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COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL PLANNING AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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

Application from DREIEICH (Hesse)
Federal Republic of Germany

Replies to the questionnaire

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Question 1: Membership of organisations of local authorities

Reply

Dreieich has been a member of the German section of the Council of European Municipalities for many years.

Question 2: Contribution to their activities

Reply

Always takes part in the Assembly of European Municipalities, takes part in events and congresses and regularly co-operates with associations of Hessian municipalities (Hess. Städte- und Gemeindebund, Hessischer Städtetag).

Question 3: "Twinning activities"

Reply

Dreieich is twinned with the following towns:

- Montier-en-Der, Haute Marne, France since 14 September 1963;
- Oisterwijk, Nord Brabant, Netherlands since 13 May 1972;
- Joinville, Haute Marne, France since 20 April 1974;
- Bleiswijk, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands since 17 August 1974;
- Stafford, Staffordshire, England since 2 December 1981.

NB All twinning agreements before 1 January 1977 were concluded by towns and municipalities which were then still independent but which have since become part of Dreieich, ie

- Buchschlag with Montier-en-Der;
- Götzenhain with Bleiswijk;
- Sprendlingen with Oisterwijk and Joinville.

Many functions were organised with the other towns before the twinning agreements, but since then they have increased. These events will continue in intensified form in the future.

We enclose a list which will convey an idea of these activities in 1981 and 1982 alone.

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Question 4: Other relations with municipalities abroad

Reply

In addition to our five twinning agreements we maintain continuous friendly relations with clubs and private persons in other European countries.

Again we enclose a list of international events in 1981 and 1982.

Question 5: Exchange of persons

Reply

There is a lively exchange of families and individuals among the twinned towns. These contacts are consolidated, extended and reinforced through friendly relations between clubs and schools and the good offices of the municipality.

Exchanges of young trainees, especially from France, have already been carried out by local firms and municipal institutions (nursery schools).

Question 6: Organisation of European events

Reply

Courses with young people from Oisterwijk, Joinville, Stafford and our own town.

Exchanges of schoolchildren.

French and Dutch firms had stands at the Dreieich industrial exhibition.

Exhibitions of paintings by artists from the twin towns.

Concerts by music societies from the twin towns.

International sports events, particularly with sportsmen and sportswomen from the twin towns.

Question 7: Europe Day (5 May)

Reply

Flags are flown on public buildings, posters are displayed and the event receives press coverage.

Annual participation in the ceremony organised by the "Kreis" to mark Europe Day.

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Question 8: Support to European movementsReply

Dreieich employs a full-time foreign residents counsellor.

Moral and financial support to the Stafford Association.

Financial support to the Italian nursery school in Dreieich.

Support of foreign sports, clubs and family organisations (Italy, Spain, Turkey).

Member of the "Europa-Union".

Question 9: Propagation of the European ideaReply

Language courses with special relevance to the twinning agreements, run by the Bund für Volksbildung - Volkschule (adult education association).

Preparations in schools for international meetings, especially preparation for school exchanges.

Question 10: Actions of European solidarityReply

Financial assistance for disaster-stricken areas in Italy.

Annual donation to the SOS children's village at Bicesse, Portugal.

Question 11: PresentationReply

Dreieich would be prepared to organise a public ceremony if it were awarded the Flag of Honour.

Question 12: Other initiativesReply

Dreieich promotes international relations not only with material assistance (by making municipal facilities available and providing advice for both its German and its foreign residents), but above all it provides financial support. In 1981 and 1982 alone it spent over DM 240,000 on fostering international contacts. We think that, for a town with 42,000 inhabitants, this represents a commendable achievement. Likewise, in the future we will endeavour to contribute to peace in the world and to strengthening the European idea, in the interests of our citizens.

We enclose a short description of Dreieich and the information you requested.

Dreieich 20 October 1982

The municipal authorities of Dreieich

Short description of Dreieich1. History

Under the territorial reform, Dreieich was formed on 1 January 1977 from the towns and municipalities of Buchschlag, Dreieichenhain, Götzenhain, Offenthal and Sprendlingen.

At the time of the amalgamation Buchschlag had 2,984 inhabitants, Dreieichenhain 8,028, Götzenhain 4,696, Offenthal 3,020 and Sprendlingen, the largest town, 21,351.

Dreieich is the "Kreis" of Offenbach/Main, the "Regierungsbezirk" (administrative district) of Darmstadt, and the "Land" of Hesse, in the Federal Republic of Germany.

2. Population

On 30 June 1981 the total population was 41,880 (males 20,366 and females 21,514). Foreigners accounted for 4,634.

3. Municipal territory

Total area 5,334 ha, comprising:

Built-up area	671 ha
Arable land and meadows	1,655 ha
Woodland	2,514 ha
Circumference:	37 km