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the propagation of the European idea

EUROPE PRIZE



Summary of the application from
BIETIGHEIM-BISSINGEN

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Summary of the application from:

I. MUNICIPALITY: Bietigheim-Bissingen.

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II. DATE OF APPLICATION(S): November 1975, January 1976, December 1977, February 1980, November 1983. Flag of honour in 1979.

III. REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

1.a. Council of European Municipalities

b. International Union of Local Authorities:

c. International Union of Mayors: Yes.

d. Others:

2. Contribution to their activities:

a. Organising congresses, meetings, events at which the emphasis is on Europe: The mayor, Mr Karl Mai, is a founder-member of the International Union of Mayors.

b. Organising other events:

3. Twinning activities:

3.1 Twinning with

a. Municipalities in other Council of Europe member countries: Surrey-Heath since 1971; Sucy-en-Brie since 1967 (triangular twinning).

b. Municipalities in other countries: Kusatu (Japan) since 1962.

3.2 Activities organised as a result of twinning arrangements:

a. Sport: Yes.

b. Music: Yes, particularly through the municipal schools of music in Sucy-en-Brie and Bietigheim-Bissingen.

c. School exchanges:

d. Family exchanges:

e. Other activities: Regular meetings between old people, families, German/French language classes at Sucy cultural centre and Bietigheim's adult education institute, Red Cross groups.

- 4.a. Other relations with municipalities abroad:
Declaration of Friendship with Heemstede (Netherlands).
Continuous friendly relations since the 50's. Regular school exchanges. Ontario (Canada) - exchanges since 1951. Brussels (Belgium). Numerous contacts through the Chamber of Commerce, professional bodies and associations, particularly in France, Germany and the Netherlands. Also friendly relations with Luxembourg.
- b. Relations between other local public, semi-public or private bodies (universities, chambers of commerce, etc).
5. Exchanges of persons:
 - a. What kind of persons? Schoolchildren, scouts, individuals. All social classes and all kinds of associations involved.
 - b. On what basis?
6. European events:
 - a. Youth congresses:
 - b. Cultural gatherings: Yes.
 - c. Economic conferences:
 - d. International folklore festivals: Yes.
 - e. Sports meetings: Yes.
 - f. Music festivals: Yes.
 - g. International exhibitions: Yes.
 - h. Twinning celebrations: Yes, together with the other two twin towns.
7. Europe day:
 - a. Celebration of Europe Day: Yes.
 - b. Official events:
 - c. Events attended by the public, festivities:
 - d. Flags on public buildings, posters: Yes.
 - e. Involvement of inhabitants, especially young people:
 - f. Participation by local schools:

8. Support to European movements:

- a. Support to local committees: Yes.
- b. Reception centre for foreigners: Yes, very active municipality.
- c. Centre for international meetings (Europe House, youth hostel):
- d. Material assistance:

9. Propagation of the European idea:

- a. In municipal adult education institutes (courses or lectures in people's universities or municipal education establishments:
- b. In schools (drawing or essay competitions on European subjects, award of books on European topics as school prizes, etc): Yes.

10. European solidarity:

- a. Donations for victims of disasters: Yes (eg Vietnamese Boatpeople, disaster relief in Europe).
- b. Encouragement to the public to contribute:

11. Presentation:

Prepared to organise presentation ceremony? Yes.

12. Other initiatives:

Comment: Continuity and growing enthusiasm since the beginning of Royal Leamington's "European efforts" cf. bulky 1983 file. Priority consideration for the prize.