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

EUROPE PRIZE

Application by the town of MONHEIM (Nordrhein-Westfalen),
Federal Republic of Germany

- Replies to the questionnaire

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Question 1: Membership in organisations of local authorities

Reply

- Membership of the Council of European Municipalities (CEM) since 1971;
- Membership of Europa-Union Deutschland, "Land" Association of Nordrhein-Westfalen.

Question 2: Contribution to their activities

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Question 3: "Twinning activities"

Reply

a. Monheim has been twinned with Wiener Neustadt (Austria) since 1971.

Events organised within this twinning scheme

1. Organisation of a Wiener Neustadt Week (16 - 29 September 1978) with the following events:

Events with broad public impact

- opening ceremony with music groups from Wiener Neustadt (16 September 1978);
- lantern festival in the old centre of Monheim (20 September 1978);
- Austrian wine evening (23 September 1978);
- open-air performances by the Wiener Neustadt accordion band and junior brass ensemble (17 and 23 September 1978).

Cultural events

- exhibition arranged by the Wiener Neustadt Philatelic Club (16 - 24 September 1978);
- exhibition of works by Wiener Neustadt artists, organised in the Monheim Schelmenturm by the Wiener Neustadt Artists' Association (16 - 24 September 1978);
- combined performance by the Wiener Neustadt and Monheim-Baumberg accordion bands in the Humboldt Hall (17 September 1978);
- chamber music concert by the Wiener Neustadt string quartet (17 September 1978);

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- slide lecture on the history of Wiener Neustadt (19 September 1978);
- concert by the Wiener Neustadt Junior Brass Ensemble in the assembly hall of the Otto Hahn Gymnasium (22 September 1978).

Sporting events

- lecture on the Wiener Neustadt Sports Medicine Research Centre by its director (22 September 1978);
- football match between school teams from Wiener Neustadt and Monheim (23 September 1978);
- inter-town gymkhana, recognised as international competition by the Warendorf Riding Club (24 September 1978).

Miscellaneous

- exhibitions of photographs dealing with
 - . public amenities in Wiener Neustadt
 - . the Wiener Neustadt abbatoir
 - . the history of Wiener Neustadtin branches of the local savings bank, and
- exhibition of photographs dealing with the development of Wiener Neustadt in the town hall.

Approximately 80 young guests from Wiener Neustadt were accommodated by Monheim families.

Costs

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| Estimate in 1978 budget | 45,000 DM |
| Actual expenditure | 48,000 DM |

2. The local savings bank, the electricity company and the railway association have for many years maintained close links with their counterparts in Wiener Neustadt. The same applies to cultural and sporting clubs and to the local schools, whose trips to Wiener Neustadt are subsidised by the municipality.
3. The Monheim Association has made a sound film on Wiener Neustadt.

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Question 4: Other relations with municipalities abroad

Reply

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| Geschwister-Scholl-Schule (local senior elementary school) | Council for International Contact, 179-183 Fulham Palace Road, London WG 8 QU |
| Monheim Football Club | Wiener Neustadt Sports Club and KFCSV Nijlen (Belgium) |
| Franz-Böhm-Schule (Catholic senior elementary school) | Polytechnische Schule, Wiener Neustadt |
| Lise-Meitner-Schule (secondary school) | CES D'ETAT MIXTE, Taverny (France) |
| Monheim-Baumberg Folk-Dance Group | Hohe Wand Folk-Dance Group, Wiener Neustadt |
| Monheim-Baumberg Chess Club | Tiense Schaakhing, Tiense (Belgium) |
| Rot-Gelb Sports Club, Monheim | Brussels Canoe Club |
| St Cecilia's Catholic Choir, Monheim-Baumberg | Catholic Church Choir, Wiener Neustadt |
| Monheim Chess Club | Chess clubs in Tienen and Leupen (Belgium) and Sedan (France) |
| Alte Freiheit Bank, Monheim | Dieven and Arnhem Band (Holland) |
| Monheim Riding Club | Riding Club, Wiener Neustadt, Military Academy, Wiener Neustadt |
| German Sheepdog Association Monheim | Sheepdog Association, Wiener Neustadt |
| Monheim Philatelists | Wiener Neustadt Stamp Collectors' Club |
| St Sebastian Rifle Club | Wiener Neustadt Citizens' Corps |

Question 5: Exchange of persons

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Question 6: Organisation of European events

Reply

Monheim associations participate regularly in European events, although full details were not supplied for this questionnaire. The following were mentioned:

- Baumberg Secondary School Class visit to England in 1977-78, followed by further visits in 1978-79
- Franz-Böhm-Schule Youth forum with pupils of Polytechnische Schule, Wiener Neustadt
- Lise-Meitner-Schule Sports competition as part of Germano-Austrian schools exchange
- Folk-dance group Performed in 1978 at international tournament in Holland (Tillbourg)
- Rot-Gelb Sports Club Attendance at annual international canoe championships, La Roche
- Monheim Chess Club International tournament in Monheim, 1973 and 1975
- Alte Freiheit Band International music festival in Holland

Question 7: Europe Day

Reply

Events arranged by Europa-Union in co-operation with the municipality:

- 4 May Lecture session with speakers from EEC Commission
- 5 May "Euromarket" as open-air festival with participants (information stands) from all the EEC countries (through embassies and consulates)

Question 8: Support to European movements

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Practical and financial support to Europa-Union.

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Question 9: Propagation of the European idea

Reply

Organisation of events and courses at the adult education centre; local schools receive support to allow them to participate in European Schools Day as soon as they submit their plans.

Question 10: Actions of European solidarity

Reply

The public are urged to support the campaigns organised by the various relief organisations.

Question 11: Presentation

Reply

Yes - the town would be happy to organise such a ceremony on 4 or 5 May 1979.

Question 12: Other initiatives

Reply

Striking of a medallion by the local savings bank to commemorate the twin towns scheme, bearing motifs from Monheim and Wiener Neustadt.

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