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### EUROPE PRIZE

Candidature of SCHORNDORF (Baden-Württemberg)  
Federal Republic of Germany

- Replies to the questionnaire

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1: Membership in organisations of local authorities.

Reply

Schorndorf is about to join the International Union of Mayors.

Question 2: Contribution to their activities.

Reply

Not yet.

Question 3: "Twinning activities".

Reply

- a. Tulle, Corrèze, France, since 28 June 1969. Further details about the conclusion and development of this twinning agreement, which, in view of the terrible events in Tulle during the second world war, can fairly be described as unusual, will be found in the attached booklet "Remstal" No. 30, December 1972, pp. 44-47.

For some time now, Schorndorf has been endeavouring to establish a pairing agreement with Bury-Prestwich, Tulle's English twin town.

Schorndorf also hopes to conclude a further pairing agreement in the coming months with Meran in South Tyrol.

- b. Since 28 May 1966, a twinning agreement has existed between Weiler (a district of Schorndorf) and the market town of Radenthein, Austria.

Activities organised as a result of these "pairings"

See Appendix.

Question 4: Other relations with municipalities abroad.

Reply

Since 1954, the members of the choir of the Schorndorf Max-Planck Secondary School and the orchestra of the King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford have met regularly on an annual basis. The highlight of these meetings has always been a public concert given at the end of the meeting. Over the years these meetings have resulted in many firm friendships.

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A school pairing agreement exists between the Bury Secondary School in Schorndorf and the Dukeries School in New Ollerton, Nottinghamshire. The first personal meetings took place in Schorndorf in March 1978.

At the invitation of the Bury School's Music Centre in Bury, Lancashire, the Junior Trumpet Group of Schorndorf's town band music association (53 young people between the ages of 10 and 25) visited Great Britain from 25 July to 2 August 1979. The return visit to Schorndorf took place from 16 to 21 July 1980. The aim of these meetings was to establish acquaintanceships and give joint public concerts with young English musicians. There are high hopes that these meetings and joint concerts will result in firm bonds of friendship.

Question 5: Exchange of persons.

Reply

In principle, Schorndorf gives financial support to all measures which contribute to promote mutual understanding across the frontiers by means of an exchange of persons. That is particularly true of the numerous exchanges among schoolchildren and young people between the Euro 80 Club in Tulle and Schorndorf. The scale of these exchanges can be seen from the list of events, which is appended in answer to Question 3. Furthermore the town regularly offers organisational help on request when exchanges are prepared and implemented.

Question 6: Organisation of European events.

Reply

Schorndorf organised a French week from 16 to 23 May 1980, in co-operation with the Institut Français in Stuttgart and the local associations, schools and industries. A large number of events were organised (ex art exhibition in the town hall, poster and essay competitions in the schools, slide competition, wine seminar, French films, concert given by a French military band, French dishes in the restaurants, a French song evening etc) in order to provide a cross-section of the "life and culture" of our neighbouring country.

With the help of other events and meetings, ex award of the Europe Cup for wrestling in 1974 by the ASV Bauknecht in Schorndorf, reception of a group of young Canadian sportsmen in 1979, reception of the Hungarian champion wrestling team (Vasas Budapest) in 1979, the town has shown that within its own sphere of activity it does everything possible to promote international meetings and exchanges and thus to eliminate prejudices and intolerance.

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Question 7: Europe Day.

Reply

The town supports events and initiatives by other bodies and organisations by taking the appropriate measures (eg posters, publication and circulation of information leaflets, articles in the municipal bulletins).

Question 8: Support to European movements.

Reply

See answer to Question 7.

There is a "Euro 80" association in Schorndorf whose statutory aim is to "unite the people of Europe". The association receives financial support from the town in the form of grants for individual events and subsidies for the fitting out of its meeting room.

Question 9: Propagation of the European idea.

Reply

The town regularly draw attention in its own publications to the European Community and its organs before the European elections on 10 June 1979 and to the importance of these elections. It appealed for high participation in them.

In 1979 and 1980, the Schorndorf adult evening college organised a "European Children's Festival". These events were supported by the town.

The mayor's office drew the attention of all the schools to the 27th European competition in 1980 and appealed for their participation.

Question 10: Actions of European solidarity.

Reply

A mudflow disaster occurred in 1975 in our paired town Radenthein, Austria. Thanks to private donations and a contribution from the town it was possible to offer the victims the sum of 10,550 DM in order to assist them in making good the damage.

Question 11: Presentation.

Reply

Schorndorf undertakes to organise a public ceremony.

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Question 12: Other initiatives.

Reply

On 18 April 1974, the Schorndorf Municipal Council adopted a resolution concerning French teaching in German schools at a public sitting. The resolution urged that French instruction should be given an adequate place in school curricula in the interest of Franco-German town pairing agreements.

The foreign sports associations in Germany, ie the Fudbalski Klub Jugoslawija e V and the Italian association Associazione Sportiva Italia take part in football tournaments initiated and arranged on an annual basis by Schorndorf. Like the German sporting associations, both these associations receive 3,000 DM annually from the town of Schorndorf as part of the campaign to support sport.