



## Contribution from Bystré



Dear friends,

Bystré as a town and Bystré as the inhabitants was entrusted and honoured with continuation and contribution to fill the project " Cultural Village of Europe" and "the Charter of the villages" which was adopted on 10 december in Dutch Wijk aan Zee.

We are at the beginning of the new age, on the first meeting of the signators of the Charter, completed by the mayors and the deputies of the villages of Czech Republic. These villages are members of an informal and non political alliance "Svatka-Kretínska triangle". "Svatka" and "Kretínska" are the names of two rivers which flows through our villages or they are the mouth for tributaries to our brooks and springs of life-giving water of our Czech-Moravian Highland.

The members of this alliance are situated on the border of two historical countries which are the parts of the Czech Republic - Bohemia and Moravia.

In today's political life these villages are also the parts of three regions - south Moravian, Jihlava, Pardubice and also parts of three districts.

The important matter is that the inhabitants of this land are historically connected. They know each other, their fates, fates of their natives, their relationships as family or friendships (sometimes not quite friendly). Unfortunately not just love and friendship but also stupidity, envy and evil belong to our life.

Even though there is a lot of space for the positive in our Czech countryside. The reason why is that people know each other and they are closer. It is possible to be tolerant and to be truly interested in happiness and problems in our neighbourhood. On the base of these facts the official alliance "Svatka - Kretínska triangle" originated.

It might seem in contrast with the political order but quite in harmony with historical roots even with heritage of our ancestors we all together are the village of the Cultural Village of Europe we all together are willing and resolved to contribute to fill "Charter" today and also in the future.

This decision is in an entire balance of the intellect and the feeling but also in correspondence with history, the present day even the future. The future we wish for our children, our homes, our countryside.

This is surely the right message for our society and the future of Europe.

It's an unbelievable filling of that impuls what Tommerup gave in 1996. It's the document of the knowledge and the truth, what spurt out during the meeting of mayors and deputies of autonomies and inhabitants in 1999 in Wijk ann Zee and in 2000 in Mellionnec and villages Kreizh - Breizh.

During meetings of village people from our old continent - Europe, the people who have different traditions, the presence, when language differences could be the frontiers of communication. In spite of the facts there is coming understanding, mutual enrichment, understanding of the dimension of village life even the value of mutual meeting each other.

The lovely memories of the time we spent in Holland in Wijk aan Zee surrounded by its beauty, the sea,

The time we spent in Bretagne - its music, its culture but especially the people, their kindness, sincere behaviour, their hospitality will never ever disappear from our hearts, our minds.

The strength of our memories we hand over in our families and to everyone who wants to hear and understand to the power of human community.

But for the permanent living on the country we have to find the solution, to alarm politics and responsible governments in our countries. Because the development of life in our villages is alarming:

- the decrease of inhabitants occurs in most of the villages of our country, the demographic structure testify to the fact that the percentage of people in productive age is increasing - it is about 40%
- in the agriculture - farmer was always the grant of country - is it the truth today?

Let's find together answers and solutions for these and many other questions. We are villagers and we want to live in the country! Not only for the fact that we were born here or that we took our roots here. But for the fact that there is a right style of life on the country and its saving is important for the villagers even for the people who live in the city. It is the basis of the existence of social life and of the balance in the world.