

Proposal about the future of Cultural Village after 2010

for the conference in Tommerup on 30th October- 1st of November (*proposal from Bert and the organising Committee of Tommerup*)

Wijk aan Zee organised a meeting with the people about these proposals. Everybody agreed on them, we just made some additional remarks on the original example >>(green/italic)

1 An inspiring village festival ‘Europe of the villages’ every year in the month of May.

The Program exists of :

- Village-culture (music, dance, meals, exhibition).
- A market where all villages make clear what they were doing and are going to do. A market where everything what is happening inside the horizon of cultural village will have its. It is the place where you make your appointments and where you will get the opportunity to tell what you are doing. Definitely for youth, elderly and adults.
- A theme. In 2011 the most likely will be the question how to disseminate Cultural Village to other local communities and to authorities.

Place: the place where to be held could follow the same schedule as the cultural village schedule did. In 2011 we start in Wjk aan Zee. In 2012 in Mellionec, 2013 in Bystré, 2014 in Pergine Valdarno, 2015 in Aldeburgh, 2016 on Paxos, 2017 in Kilingi Nomme, 2018 in Ströbeck, 2019 in Palkonya, 2020 in Porrúa, 2021 in Tommerup and 2022 in Kirchheim.

Organization: The place where the festival will be held is the responsible organizer. A committee from the different villages could be asked to assist. The Think tank should be helpful with the theme of the meeting..

Money: the participants may contribute in the cost of food and drinks.

A connection with the Day of Europe (9th of May) could be a reason for the EU for sponsoring. The festival.

Overnights: with families, in tents and other localities.

Open: The festival should be open to everybody who wants to go and not restricted to inhabitants of the cultural-villages network villages. The amount of participants depends of the capacity of the place > *village* of the festival.

2 Invite foreign guests on local events

Inviting foreign guests to take part in local events as Bystr'e is already doing with its wood cutters week in July, Wijk aan Zee with the week for painters “Ezels en Kwasten” and Ströbeck with the music festival in September. Let us let a list of local events where people from abroad are welcome..

3 A think tank.

In our conferences we were speaking about many issues: village management, agriculture, tourism, local products, matters concerning social cohesion and village culture.

The fact that we bring together twelve different points of view from 12 different countries and languages is interesting. It could give strength to certain proposals that will be not taken seriously when they are supported only by one village.

What is needed for a think tank?

1. Thinkers to think
2. And an organization for the Tank.

If the villages are interested in the idea we can go on and work out this idea. Perhaps we are able to build an organization for that.

4 Youth,

They make there own Harvest document and idea's about the future. Presentation in Kirchheim Okt.

5 Organisation Cultural Village

More than till now the work should be divided to a small committee or contact-persons, so there will be less work for Bert.

The website deserves a more prominent roll in the communication between the villages, with for example the possibility of reactions as well. And of course the International Agenda.