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PRESS RELEASE

Largest minority congress will take place in the German-Danish border region from 8-11 May 2014

This week, the German minority in Denmark (Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger) and the Danish minority in Germany (Sydslevigsk Forening) organise the largest European minority congress together with the umbrella organisation of the national minorities in Europe, the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN). The organisers expect approximately 200 guests from 30 countries, who will be in Flensburg and Sønderborg in the period from 8 till 11 May.

On 9 May a symposium on the occasion of Europe Day will take place in the Alsion-building in Sønderborg, in the presence of Prime Minister Torsten Albig and Region Chairman Carl Holst, among others. The topics for discussion are the significance of the German-Danish border region as a minority centre in Europe, but also the current situation of the minorities in Europe.

The leader of the Crimean Tatars, Mustafa Dzhemilev, who only a few weeks ago held a speech before the General Assembly of the United Nations, will speak about the situation in the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea. Ukraine and its increasingly violent conflict will be key topics of the minority conference. With more than 20 minorities, Ukraine is the country with the highest number of national minorities in Europe. Europe as a whole has more than 300 minorities – 100 million people (every seventh citizen of Europe) are part of one of these minorities or speak a regional or minority language.

Several Members of Parliaments and Ministers from different minority regions will come in order to discuss together about the future of the minorities in a Europe that is growing more and more together. The opening of the congress will take place in Hotel des Nordens in Flensburg on 8 May.

The press is warmly invited to participate in the congress or in parts of the congress. We would appreciate your feedback. On 9 May at 9:45 hr there is the opportunity to make a group photo of the participants of the congress at the Dybbøl Battlefield.

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FUEN KONGRESS 2014 DEUTSCH-DÄNISCHES GRENZLAND

Donnerstag, 08. Mai

Eröffnung

- 09:30 Offizielle Eröffnung des Kongresses im Hotel des Nordens
- 13:30 Aktuelle Stunde zur Minderheitenpolitik in Europa (Ukraine/Krim)
- 19:00 Empfang der Stadt Flensburg im Schifffahrtsmuseum mit anschließender Minderheitenpräsentation im Flensborghus

Freitag, 09. Mai

Europa-Tag

- 10:00 Besuch der Düppeler Schanzen und Präsentation
- 15:00 Europa-Tag im Alsion, Sønderborg mit Torsten Albig und Carl Holst
- Symposium zum Mehrwert der Minderheiten
- MiLaS Preisverleihung durch Language Diversity
- 18:00 Empfang zum Europa-Tag

Samstag, 10. Mai

FUEN Delegiertenversammlung

- 09:00 Delegiertenversammlung
- 13:00 Exkursion nach Nordfraschlönj - Nordfriesland
- 20:00 Galaabend anlässlich des 65-jährigen Jubiläums der FUEN im Hotel des Nordens

FUEN KONGRES 2014 I DET DANSK-TYSKE GRÆNSELAND

Torsdag, 08. maj

Kongresåbning

- 09:30 Officiel kongresåbning i Hotel des Nordens
- 13:30 Aktuelt emne: Mindretalspolitik i Europa (Ukraine/Krim)
- 19:00 Flensborg by byder velkommen til reception på Schifffahrtsmuseum - efterfølgende præsentation af mindretallene på Flensborghus

Fredag, 09. maj

Europadagen

- 10:00 Rundvisning Dybbøl skanser med præsentation
- 15:00 Europadagen i Alsion Sønderborg med Carl Holst og Torsten Albig
- Symposium om mindretallenes merværdi
- MiLaS prisoverrækkelse ved Language Diversity
- 18:00 Reception i anledning af Europadagen

Lørdag, 10. maj

FUEN Delegeretforsamling

- 09:00 Delegeretforsamling
- 13:00 Ekskursion til Nordfraschlönj - Nordfriesland
- 20:00 Galaften i anledning af FUENs 65 års jubilæum på Hotel des Norden

FUEN CONGRESS 2014 GERMAN-DANISH BORDER REGION

Thursday, 08. May

Opening

- 09:30 Official opening of the congress in Hotel des Nordens
- 13:30 Informative session on minority policy in Europe (Ukraine/Crimea)
- 19:00 Reception of the City of Flensburg in the Maritime Museum followed by a presentation of the minorities in the Flensborghus

Friday, 09. May

Europe-Day

- 10:00 Visit to the Dybbøl Battlefield
- 15:00 Europe Day in the Alsion in Sønderborg with Carl Holst and Torsten Albig
- Symposium about the added value of the minorities
- MiLaS Award Ceremony by Language diversity
- 18:00 Reception on the occasion of Europe Day

Saturday, 10. May

FUEN Assembly of Delegates

- 09:00 Assembly of Delegates
- 13:00 Excursion Nordfraschlönj - North Friesland
- 20:00 Gala evening on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of FUEN in Hotel des Nordens



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Der Kongress der Föderalistischen Union Europäischer Volksgruppen (FUEV), findet statt in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger (BDN) und dem Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF), mit Förderung des Bundesministeriums des Innern Deutschland, aus den Düppel- Dybbøl-Mitteln der Region Syddanmark, dem EU-Programm INTERREG 4A Syddanmark-Schleswig-K.E.R.N., der Kommune Sønderborg/Sonderburg und dem EU-Programm für Lebenslanges Lernen.

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