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FUEN Congress 19 – 23 June 2013 South Tyrol / Italy towards one million signatures for diversity in Europe

Venue: Cusanus Academy Brixen
Presented by: Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)
South Tyrolean People's Party SVP (Südtiroler Volkspartei) – the local member organisation

The FUEN Congress is the largest annual meeting of the autochthonous, national minorities in Europe. We expect about 150 delegates from more than 30 European countries.

Wednesday, 19 June 2013

Arrival

Unofficial opening / Minority Market

Until 18:00 hr Registration for the congress
19:00 hr Dinner in the Cusanus Academy
20:30 hr Unofficial Opening of the congress and welcoming the delegates and Minority Market

Thursday, 20 June 2013

Opening and key topic autonomy and self-government in Europe

08:30 hr Registration for the congress
09:00 hr Official opening of the congress in the Cusanus Academy in Brixen
Hans Heinrich Hansen, FUEN President
Martha Stocker, FUEN Vice President and Member of the Executive of the region Trentino / South Tyrol
Richard Theiner, SVP-Chairman
Words of welcome
Florian Mussner, Member of the South Tyrolean Government responsible for Ladin schools and culture
09:30 hr Introduction and keynote speeches on autonomy models in Europe
Luis Durnwalder, Prime Minister of South Tyrol
Martha Stocker, FUEN Vice President and Member of the Executive of the region Trentino / South Tyrol
1. Catalonia: **Jordi Pujol**, former President of the Catalan Government
2. Faeroe Islands: **Annika Olsen**, Minister of Social Affairs
3. Hungarians in Romania: **Hunor Kelemen**, President of the Hungarians in Romania RMDSZ and former Minister of Culture in Romania
4. Minorities and Nationalities in Russia: **Tatyana Smirnova**, International Association of Researchers of the History and Culture of the Germans in Russia
12:30 hr Lunch in the Cusanus Academy

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- 14:30 hr Speeches about “models of cultural autonomy” followed by discussion, moderated by **Johan Häggman**, *European Commission, Directorate General Interpretation*
1. Carinthian Slovenes: **Valentin Inzko**, *Chairman of the Council of the Carinthian Slovenes / Narodni svet koroških Slovencev and United Nations High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina*
 2. Germans in Poland: **Norbert Rasch**, *Member of the Regional Parliament, the Opole Sejmik, and Chairman of the Socio-Cultural Society of the Germans in Opole-Silesia*
 3. Wales: **Leanne Wood**, *Leader of Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales*
 4. Lusatian Sorbs: **Bernhard Ziesch**, *Director of Domowina – the Federation of Lusatian Sorbs / Zwjazk Łužiskich Serbow*

16:30 hr Keynote speech by **Oliver Paasch**, *Minister for Education, Vocational Training and Employment, German-speaking Community in Belgium*

17:00 hr Summary of the day by **Martha Stocker** and concluding words by **Hans Heinrich Hansen**

19:00 hr Departure to Sigmundskron Castle near Bozen / Bolzano and **dinner at Sigmundskron Castle** (End of the autonomy-day)
Welcome by the landlord, **Reinhold Messner**
Speech by **Bruno Hosp**, *former member of the provincial government of South Tyrol, “Looking back to the historical development of autonomy in South Tyrol at the historical site of Castle Sigmundskron”*

Friday, 21 June 2013

Key topic European Citizens’ Initiative

08:30 hr Words of welcome by **Herbert Dorfmann**, *Member of the European Parliament* and **Csaba Tabajdi**, *Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Intergroup*

FUEN Congress Declaration
Presentation of the European Citizens’ Initiative, the Minority SafePack Initiative, followed by walk to the central square in Brixen

11:00 hr **Official start of the European Citizens’ Initiative**
Ceremonial act at the Cathedral Square in Brixen in the presence of the representatives of the 7-member citizens’ committee with Prime Minister **Luis Durnwalder**, FUEN President **Hans Heinrich Hansen** and RMDSZ President **Hunor Kelemen**.

Greetings from **Albert Pürgstaller**, *mayor of the host town Brixen* and **Daniel Alfrieder**, *Member of Parliament and representative of the Ladin minority in South Tyrol*

13:30 hr Lunch in the Cusanus Academy





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- 17:00 hr City tour in Brixen (in German and English)
- 19:00 hr Dinner in the Cusanus Academy
- 21:30 hr Midsummer night celebration in Brixen

Saturday 22 June 2013

Assembly of Delegates

- 08:30 hr Registration of the Delegates
- 09:00 hr **FUEN Assembly of Delegates**
- 13:30 hr Lunch in the Cusanus Academy
- 14:30 hr **Excursion** through South Tyrol and its Ladin valleys
Val Gard
- 20:00 hr **Vineyard Cloister Neustift / Brixen**
Joyful conclusion of the congress: South Tyrolean night
with wine and delicacy tasting

Sunday, 23 June 2013

Departure

As of: 07 June 2013, subject to change

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