



## Information for member organisations

**Dear member organisations, dear chairmen and delegates,  
dear participants of the FUEN-congress,**

We send you attached the necessary information for the FUEN-congress including the documents for the Assembly of Delegates, which will take place in hotel CONRAD in Brussels on 2 October 2009 from 9:30 hr.

The latest programme is enclosed. We will send you some organisational information about the participation later.

### **Assembly of Delegates and Assembly-file**

The Assembly of Delegates will meet openly. The hall will be open from 9:00 hr on. The delegates of the member organisations were submitted together with the registration. The invitation to the Assembly of Delegates has taken place in due time. The invitation from the FUEN-presidium, including the preliminary agenda, has been send by mail on 10 July 2009. At that same time the documents were also made available online.

Now that the deadline for submission of applications and resolutions has passed, we send you the Assembly file. Two applications for associate membership will be proposed, with a recommendation of the presidium. A total number of nine resolutions, statements or letters have been submitted for adoption. Recommendations will be given at the Assembly of Delegates.

Each member organisation will receive a printed version of the Assembly file at registration.

We request from the member organisations that are belated to think before the Assembly of Delegates about the payment of their outstanding membership fees.

The documents can be downloaded in the internet at:

<http://www.fuen.org/assembly/2009/EN.html>

### **Fundamental Right to Political Participation**

In the attachment you can find the draft version of our Fundamental Right of this year: the Fundamental Right to Political Participation. This document was elaborated with Oleh Protsyk, senior-researcher at the European Centre for Minority Issues. On Tuesday 29 October 2009 from 17:00-19:30, Dr. Protsyk will present the concept and start a

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discussion. Please be sure that at least one person from your delegation is able to participate in this meeting. The Fundamental Right will be proposed for adoption at the Assembly of Delegates 2009.

The Charter for the autochthonous national minorities and the draft of the Fundamental Right of 2009 are available for download at:

[http://www.fuen.org/docs/for\\_members\\_only/Charter\\_EN.pdf](http://www.fuen.org/docs/for_members_only/Charter_EN.pdf)

[http://www.fuen.org/assembly/2009/XX\\_polical\\_participation\\_EN.pdf](http://www.fuen.org/assembly/2009/XX_polical_participation_EN.pdf)

### **European Dialogue Forum – session in the Committee of the Regions**

After the constitutive meeting of the European Parliament Intergroup for traditional minorities, which took place last week, i.e. on 17 September in Strasbourg, the session at the FUEN-congress is being prepared now. You can read the latest information in the *press release*.

### **Jubilee day in the Committee of the Regions - open forum**

During our jubilee day in the building of the Committee of the Regions in the afternoon, after the official celebration programme a public debate on the main theme of the congress *Political Participation* will take place in the plenary hall. Everyone can take part in this debate.

The main questions for the discussion will be:

- Minorities within the European Union – cross-border and regional cooperation, minority protection, added value
- The issue of autochthonous and allochthonous minorities – how do the “old” minorities deal with “new” minorities? Cooperation / differentiation / uniting?
- The monitoring system of the Council of Europe / Framework Convention. Can the documents be used at all for practical work or do they just consume time?

Other subjects can be taken up during the forum.

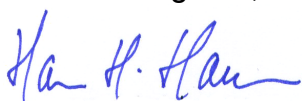
Following the debate there is the opportunity for member organisations, if they wish so and if they announce it in advance, to give a short report.

### **Registration and entrance**

For participation and entrance you submitted the necessary information together with the registration. Each participant is responsible that the data given is correct and that he/she has a valid passport/ID. The organiser accepts no liability. As far as you did not yet pay the congress-fee by bank transfer in advance, you will have to pay 50 Euro in cash at registration. You should pay your accommodation directly to Hotel CONRAD. We ask all the participants of the congress urgently to submit their arrival and departure times.

If you have questions about the organisation or the programme of the congress, please contact our secretariat in Flensburg.

With kind regards,



Hans Heinrich Hansen,  
president