

We are living diversity – FUEN Congress from 12th - 15th May 2010

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Welcome



Federal Union
of European Nationalities

Dear participants of the FUEN Congress,

As we travelled to Ljubljana in the beginning of April, in order to get an impression of the town, we were immediately won over by Ljubljana, by its beauty and warmth. We would like to tell you this, in anticipation of the congress. This is therefore not a letter about elections, assemblies or finances (you will get informed another time) – but rather about the culture of the congress.

The Grand Hotel Union and the Central Hotel are located next to one another in the centre of the old town, only a few meters from the Three Bridges, the centre of town for tourists.

At a first glance the town looks downright western European. Immediately after the entry to the EU the Euro was introduced in Slovenia. Supply and prices are comparable with other European countries.

Ljubljana is an old town with a historical centre. On the river Ljubljanica there are many restaurants waiting for you. A few of the 200 Gottscheer Germans that are remaining, are living there. The culture of the Gottscheer-Germans goes back to the 12th century and on the last day of the congress, Saturday 15 May, they invite the participants for a tour to their home region, Oblice Krapflern, which is about 60 km from Ljubljana.

Oblice Krapflern is on the margins of one of the last European primeval forests, and the Gottscheer-Germans will serve us over there. Doris Debenjak, who has been helping us a lot together with the other Gottscheer-Germans, revealed that she will make a soup with 16 different mushrooms and there will also be pigling. This just as a small foretaste of a trip that will most certainly be worthwhile.

We look forward to see you soon!

The team of FUEN