

## “Together for Europe” - 12 May 2012

### Local events

The map of the European continent, embroidered by the initiatives of *Together for Europe*, shows a network that up to today embraces 130 cities linked together, from 20 Countries, North to South, East to West, and the journey taken was inspired by the 7 Yeses of the final Message of *Together for Europe* 2007.

#### Where

- in **Eastern Europe** 6 cities of Romania will be linked, among which there is Bucharest, Chisinau of the Republic of Moldavia, Wroclaw (Poland), Bratislava (Slovakia), Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Tirana (Albania);
- **Central Europe** will be holding 28 events in just as many German cities, including Leipzig, Lüdenscheid, Landau and Augsburg and they will be included in the official program of the "Europe Week" with the full support of civil authorities. In unison with Europe 10 cities of Switzerland will also breathe life into events in Zurich, Bern and Lausanne, among others. And still in Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck (Austria), Prague and Brno (Czech Republic);
- **Western Europe**, besides hosting the main event in Brussels, Paris and 13 other cities in France, Nieuwkuijk in the Netherlands and Schengen in Luxembourg will be linked-up. Even in the British Islands they will speak about Europe: in London (England), in Glasgow (Scotland), in Belfast (Northern Ireland) and in Dublin, in the Irish Republic;
- **Northern Europe** will hold different initiatives planned in various parts of the city of Stockholm (Sweden) and in Vilnius (Lithuania);
- **Southern Europe** will gather the most varied events and manifestations spread in 10 cities of Spain, in other 7 cities of Portugal, in Malta and in 42 cities of Italy.

**What.** Embracing Europe, a chorus of Yeses said with a common commitment:

- in **support of the family and the new generations** (Ansbach, Dresden, Vienna, Bra, Rimini, Ascoli, Ancona, Lamezia Terme, Viterbo, Anagni);
- in **search of a just economy, at the service of every person** (Vienna, Trent, Viterbo); in Brussels there will be a forum on the Economy of Communion in a hall of the European Parliament;
- **solidarity with the needy and marginalized both near and far**, drawing ones governments and the European Union to a commitment (Vienna, Lausanne, Zurich, Bern, Rimini, Catania, Trent, Trieste). A special calling to service of the disabled marginalized people will take place in Vittoria (RG) and Padua. Here the protagonists of the **“Olympics of Fraternity”** will be the teens who are differently able, coming from the *Ali della Gioia* (Wings of Joy) and *Cielo Blu* (Blue Sky) associations, together with the youth of the Moroccan Association and the Teens for Unity;
- **for peace and reconciliation in situations of conflict**, underlying theme of many of the initiatives being prepared (among which the cities of Caserta, Viterbo, Roseto). Rich in meaning is the event that will be held in Wroclaw (Poland), with the title **“Reconciliation, encounter, dialogue. Christians of Germany and Poland together for Europe.”** In Brussels a project, **Together4peace**, will be presented with two musicals. **Peace will be the main theme of the activities promoted by the teens** in nearly all the cities that will be linked-up, with the title **“Run4Unity”**. Therefore, a 10km **“Multicultural Rally”** will take place in Schengen;
- **responsibility towards society** in its entirety until the cities become places of solidarity and welcome for people of diverse origins (in cities such as Paris, Strasbourg, Tirana, Rome, Palermo, Cosenza, Caserta);
- in **defence of nature and the environment**, to protect them for the future generations like in Lüdenscheid (Germany). Really meaningful is the initiative **“Let’s embrace our island”** promoted by Ischia (NA).

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