

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIC TOWNS AND REGIONS

Report of Bureau Meeting 24th March 2000

Council of Europe – Paris

Present: Mr Louis Roppe, President
Mr Richard Hartley, Council of Europe
Mr Joseph Attard, Malta
Mr Per-Håkan Slotte, Finland
Mr Mikhail Stoliarov representing Mr Kamil Iskhakov, Russian Federation

In attendance: Brian Smith, Secretary General
Natalia Shymanska, Executive Director, Deputy of Kyiv City Council, Ukraine

Apologies: Mr Calin Catalin Chirita, Romania, Mr Andrew Farrell, UK, Mr Jan Jansen, Netherlands

1. Minutes of meeting on 17th December 1999

Bureau agreed the minutes as a true record.

2. Council of Europe support

Mr Hartley explained the current position and after discussion it was agreed that the Secretary General would write to CLRAE setting out the case for continued support.

3. Paper on future of historic towns in Europe

The Bureau supported the proposed policy on historic towns to be considered by CLRAE and noted the reference to future collaboration with the European Association of Historic Towns and Regions.

4. European funding – 5th Framework application

The Secretary General reported on the application that had been submitted on 15th February 2000.

5. Culture 2000

The Secretary General reported on the call for applications under the Culture 2000 programme. The criteria for the new programme were noted as not favouring the built heritage on this occasion. The Bureau agreed to continue to seek a meeting with the European Commission but not to submit a proposal at this round.

6. Sponsorship

The Secretary General reported on a meeting being organised by Oracle to consider sponsorship. The Bureau agreed a draft text for inclusion in a leaflet on partnership. The Secretary General undertook to produce the leaflet.

7. Membership

The Secretary General reported on progress on attracting membership.

8. Historic Towns Website

The Secretary General reported on progress and demonstrated the site. The Bureau congratulated Oracle and Norwich City Council for the technical and financial support that had been provided.

9. Logo

The Secretary General presented further options for the Bureau's consideration and after discussion the Bureau agreed on a design.

10. Constitution

The Bureau considered and agreed final amendments to the constitution.

11. Next steps

The Bureau agreed to revise its earlier priorities on working groups to reflect the European Union's 5th Framework application. This work would begin once a decision had been made on the application.

12. Date and place of next meeting

The Bureau agreed that this would await the decisions on further support by the Council of Europe and on the outcome of the 5th Framework application.