

Dear all,

as announced in the previous news-**letter**, the **next international event "Together for Europe 2016" has been set to take place in Munich (Germany) from June 30 to July 2, 2016.**

The first two days: 30 June - 1 July, will be dedicated to the Congress, which will be held in the structure of *Zirkus Krone*, containing 2500 seats.

On July 2, there will be a large outdoor rally in a central square of the city.

Munich



The Communities and Movements of various Churches (**C+M**)¹ of Munich, with the YMCA community, have offered to take care of the organization. We are grateful to them and invite all right now to support them with our collaboration.

Every contribution is precious

This newsletter and the following ones are available for all to share and submit suggestions, ideas, contributions and reflections on the content and form of the congress, the outdoor rally and the events that will take place simultaneously in the cities of Europe. Every contribution is valuable and will be taken into consideration.

¹ Henceforth the acronym (**C+M**)¹ will be used

Four reasons

The Steering Committee met from 1 to 3 May in Ottmaring (Germany), on the occasion of the award of the European prize of Saint-Ulrich. On this occasion, encouraged by people of the religious and political world, the Committee summed up in four points the reasons for "Together for Europe 2016":

1. We have something to offer: **C+M** of various Churches have experienced **reconciliation** among themselves and have thus found a key to unity.
2. A **culture** based on the "Seven Yeses" is sprouting roots. Committing ourselves together for these purposes is in itself culture, the result of the relationship between **C+M**.
3. The **Gospel** is the foundation from which we start and what we want to share with the men and women of our time. We witness and proclaim it with our *Together*.
4. The **Pact of mutual love** leads us to experience the presence of Jesus among us (Mt 18:20). He is our unity.

It's a step further after what was expressed in the message of



Brussels 2012: "Europe needs unity." Europe needs the witness of united Christians. Moreover, the unity lived together according to the Gospel grows.

In the meeting of the "Friends" in November 2013 in Paris, it was hoped that the **C+M** would commit themselves, along with their gifts, to open outwards and build bridges on the path towards unity. We agreed that it would be a great sign of hope if we, **C+M** of different Churches, could offer to the people of God the fruits of our common path well before 2017, the year in which we will remember the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation.

We hope to be instruments of God through which He can realize Jesus's prayer "that all may be one" (Jn 17:21)

Gathering in Slovenia

The main theme of the next meeting of the "Friends of Together for Europe" scheduled for November 13 – 15, 2014, in Planina, Slovenia, will therefore be "Together for Europe 2016".

Gabri Fallacara and Severin Schmid

A moment, when the pact of mutual love was declared for the first time: December 8, 2001, in the church of St. Matthäus lute-frog, Munich (seat of the bishop).