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European neighbours' day

tuesday may 30th 2006

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**LET'S LIVE TOGETHER BETTER
TO DEVELOP A REAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY
TO PROMOTE A EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP**



HISTORY OF THE EVENT

1999 : Creation of 'Immeubles en fête', the neighbours party, in Paris.

2000 : Launch of the event throughout France.

2003 : The event becomes European with the launch of the Neighbours' Day in Belgium.

2004 : Launch of the European Neighbours' Day, the European party of the neighbours.

2005 : European Neighbours' Day is celebrated in more than 450 cities and 16 countries.



TO FAVOUR THE 'BETTER LIVE TOGETHER' AND TO DEVELOP LOCAL SOLIDARITIES

In all Europe, the individualism, the withdrawal into oneself and the loneliness increase. Everywhere the social bond distends. Each resident is invited to make a simple gesture at the same time throughout Europe. To invite your neighbours to share a nice time around a buffet or a lunch, favours social cohesion and creates new solidarities.

THE FIRST MEETING OF EUROPEAN CITIZENS

European Neighbours' Day, the European party of neighbours, is an event which occurs every year on the last Tuesday of May. The cities and partner organisms receive a communication kit to promote the party and rouse people's interest. Then, it is up to each group of citizens to act and organize their own party.

Through the exchanges among European residents, the sharing of experiences and good practices, this event gives to citizens the opportunity to interact and to join in the construction of a Europe ever closer and more human. It enables to give a feeling of common membership and to forge a European identity based on socializing and solidarity.

IN 2005, 4.5 MILLIONS OF CITIZENS
GATHERED FOR THE EVENT.

THE PARTY IN SOME WORDS...

A PRINCIPLE

To urge people to meet together

THE ACTORS

The citizens of all Europe

A MEAN

To gather around a cocktail, a buffet around neighbours, every one bringing something

RELAYS

The city/town councils, the social housing organisms, the local associations, the public and private partners

A DATE

On Tuesday, May, 30th, 2006

A PLACE

A street, a garden, a hall, a building courtyard, a house, an apartment: many places to meet up with your neighbours.

A STATE OF MIND

Simplicity and socializing
Proximity and solidarity

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1 district of Paris	France 0.5 million	France 1,2 million	France 2,1 millions	+ Belgium 3 millions	7 countries 3.4 millions	16 countries 4.5 millions

THE EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION

"We must weave all these links if we want a city with a bound together community, a serene city which enhances friendship..."
Walter VELTRONI, mayor of Roma

"This contributes to build a sense of membership of the European Union"
Danica SIMSIC, mayor of Ljubljana

"The neighbours' day is a very strong symbolic act, a call for the citizens not to consider as a fate the fact of never meeting."
Lydia MUTSCH, mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette

"I am a living witness since in my own street we organized the event and I could see what it really represented. I saw people who never spoke to each other starting to talk".
Freddy THIELEMANS, mayor of Brussels

"This is what must be developed, that in all European cities occurs the same thing, the same sharing..."
Bertrand DELANOË, mayor of Paris

"TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD A MORE HUMAN AND MORE FRATERNAL EUROPE, WITH MORE SOCIALIZING AND MORE SOLIDARITY."

Atanase PERIFAN
 Founder of the
 European Neighbours' Day.



Our partners in 2005

377 cities and social housing organization partners

In Europe...

- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Holland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Spain
- United Kingdom

And beyond...

- Canada
- Switzerland
- Turkey

CECODHAS supports the European Neighbours' Day

Created in 1988, CECODHAS, European Liaison Committee for Social Housing, is a non-profit making organization. It aims at representing its members which are the social housing organizations next to the European and international institutions. Together, the members of CECODHAS provide 22 millions of housings to European citizens.

The goals of CECODHAS are:

- To represent and negotiate the defence of common strategic interests in the European politics.
- Associated with our partners, to increase the visibility of the housing problems to the European agenda, to elaborate plans and to organize seminars to exchange the best practices.
- To inform the partners and housing actors in Europe on the housing politics in each country on the European politics.

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IN 2005, MEDIA INTENSIFY THEIR MOBILIZATION

**2000 press articles and press quotations,
 70 television visits and 300 radio visits**



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN ?

- 1) To benefit from a European initiative and from a citizen movement to rouse people's interest in your city. You sign the planning permission for a more brotherly and socializing city where solidarity still means something.
- 2) To gather the main personalities of the city around a same plan enhancing positive values (elected members, residents, associations, institutions, local stores, media...).
- 3) To join in a European plan which will enable you to share experiences as well as good citizen practices.
- 4) To be honoured with your citizens: a European Neighbours' Day diploma will reward the best initiatives.

HOW SHOULD YOU JOIN?

European Neighbours' Day is coordinated by the 'Immeubles en fête' Association, whose registered office is located in France, in Paris.

To join in, you simply need to register with our association which will supply you with all the logistics for the mobilization (communication kit, methodical guide book, press releases, video clip ,etc.) as well as a permanent assistance to help you to well organize the event.

The financial participation requested from the social housing organization depends on the number of housings, i.e.:

- < 15 000 housings : 1000 €.
- > 15 000 housings : 2000 €.

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The partners are honoured: presentation of a diploma to the mayor of Roma, Mr. Walter Veltroni by Mr. Atanase Périfan, president of the European Federation of Local Solidarity

NEWS IN 2006

European Neighbours' Day is an initiative of the European Federation of Local Solidarity.



Created in 2005, the European Federation of Local Solidarity has a vocation for promoting solidarities of proximity of all kinds, at a European level.

Its main role is to develop the European Neighbours' Day and to create networks of exchanges on practices of good neighbourly terms and proximity.

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