



ACTIVITIES OF DOUZELAGE MEERSSEN AFTER GM IN BAD KÖTZTING IN MAY 2017.

6 – 13 August 2017: Youth Exchange Project, Agros (Cyprus). From Douzelage Meerssen 7 students + 1 Mentor. Other participating towns : Holstebro/Denmark, Köszeg/Hungary, Chojna/Poland and Agros/Cyprus

[31/8 – 4/9 2017: Presidency Meeting in Skofja Loka. Visit of Annigje Kruytbosch to Slovenian Partnertown.](#)

9/9-2017: Delegation of Douzelage Meerssen visits members of Douzelage Houffalize for a further preparation of the bike track Via Douzelage.

29/09-2017: Evaluation Project 'Hobby and Education' (Agros) with Municipal Administration of Meerssen (counselor Barry van Rijswijk). Participants: students of Stella Maris College and members of Douzelage Meerssen.

4/10-8/10 2017: Participation Project Non Formal Learning - The Danish Model, organised by partnertown Holstebro/Denmark. Participants of Meerssen: 2 teachers of Stella Maris College and 1 student.

8/10-2017: Marathon Meerssen. Contribution of Douzelage members Meerssen and 5 runners from Houffalize/Belgium.

[16-10-2017: Event of Aiccre, Rome. Conference Town Twinning: virtuous models of solidarity, inclusion and decentralized cooperation. Participant: Annigje Kruytbosch \(with Tibi Rotaru\).](#)

21 + 22/10-2017: 2 Members of Douzelage Meerssen are present at Bellagio Sky Race in Bellagio/Italy.

7/12-2017: Closing Event "Europe Calling" in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Treaty of Maastricht. Dialogues between members of the EU parliament and the audience about results and possibilities for the European Union. Two boardmembers of Douzelage Meerssen participated.

11-12-2017: White paper on the future of Europe. Discussion between members of the Dutch parliament and leading members of the EU (a.o. Frans Timmermans). In the audience two members of Douzelage-Meerssen.

2017/Generally: The game Saint Nicholas in Europe was released (500 copies) and the pilot of the VIA DOUZELAGE project was completed. Furthermore two stories of the book Historical Highlights of Douzelage were translated into Dutch by a student of Stella Maris College and published in our local Newspaper "Geulbode". Several contacts for an exchange of scouting groups between Scouting Meerssen and Douzelage Bad Kötzing.

2018.

13/01-2018: Benelux-Meeting in Niederanven/Luxemburg. Douzelage members of the Benelux Douzelage towns Meerssen, Houffalize and Niederanven discussed mutual projects.

30/01-2/02 2018: Visit of Douzelage-members Mario Calleja and Sandro Gatt to Meerssen. Meetings at Town Council Meerssen and the Province Government in Maastricht. Visit to European Parliament in Brussels to discuss refugee crisis in the Mediterranean.

[29/03-30/03 2018: Visit to Rokiskis \(Lithuania\) of Annigje Kruytbosch \(and Miha Jese from Skofja Loka\) to negotiate membership of Douzelage Europe.](#)

13/04-2018: Lecture of Leon Speetjens (Dutch immigrant in France) about his ideas about the immigration developments in France and Europe.

13-20 April 2018: For the first time 6 members of Douzelage Meerssen will try out the first bike track of VIA DOUZELAGE (viz. Niederanven-Houffalize-Meerssen). Partly they will be accompanied by bikers from Niederanven (Luxemburg).

21/04-2018: Discussion about the future of the EU at the Town Government, Maastricht. Speakers a.o. Herman van Rompuy (former president of the EU). Occasion: Granting of the emperor Charlemagne Prize to president Macron of France. Members of Douzelage Meerssen were invited to the audience.

10/5 – 13/05 2018: GM in Oxelösund/Sweden. 20 Delegates of Meerssen.

Provisional planned activities in 2018:

[9 June 2018: Visit to Bad Kötzing \(Germany\) for the festive \(re\)opening of the Boundary Stones Monument by Annigje Kruytbosch.](#)

1 – 6 of July 2018: Granville Competition Young Musicians. 2 participants of Meerssen.

2nd weekend July 2018: Choir (24 ladies) from Niederanven/Luxemburg will be welcomed in Meerssen. A Douzelage committee from Meerssen has worked out a programme.

22-28 July 2018: Youth Exchange in Houffalize. 6 students + 1 mentor from Meerssen will participate as well as 12 other Douzelage towns.

16-20 August 2018: Visit of 4 Douzelage members of Meerssen to Marsaskala/Malta.

7/10 2018: Marathon of Meerssen.