



The Cultural Villages of Europe network met in Wijk aan Zee from 12th to 16th of June 2014. Palkonya, Mellionnec, Porrúa, Ströbeck, Paxos, Tommerup, and Kirchheim was represented by representatives of their local organisations. The Deuch villages was organising the 15 years of the network. The cultural villages of Europe shared by turn why they have been involved in the project, and what are the benefits, 15 years later. Many villages came with funding members of the network.

All along the week-end was organised events designed to Wijk aan Zee inhabitants: opening of the exhibition Dvorjak in Bevenrvijk, and concert of the jazz arrangement of the New Wold 9<sup>th</sup> symphony of Antonin Dvorjak, the première of the film Europa Ludens, by Jan Van Der Lan, and a music festival in Wijk aan Zee inhabitants' houses and gardens.

The coordination group of Cultural Villages of Europe also met several times during this week end. Composed by at least one person per village, the *Task Force* is in charge of the agenda, the communication and the common UE funding. They talk about the network communication, and planed to work more with social Medias and having new European website. Each member is ambassador of Cultural Villages of Europe network.

They also worked on the future activities of the network with a plan for 2015-2016, and ideas for 2017-2018. In 2015-2016, several events will be organising around the topic "Let's make society together". The village games will be the main tool to better understand and cooperate each others. In 2015, Paxos will host an intercultural meeting in collaboration with youth. It is the first time since 2000 that the youth camp will not be organised, but that the young people will have the opportunity to especially take part into the organisation/participation of the big European meeting. Also in 2015, Mellionnec will organise a tool box conference and in 2016 Tommerup will invite all villages for a Village Games international event.

Find the Cultural Villages of Europe again in its new Facebook page.

