Resolution 862 (1986)[1]

Thirty years of the Europe Prize

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having regard to the Europe Prize, instituted according to Recommendation 53 (1953) of the Assembly and endorsed by the Committee of Ministers on 20 June 1955, awarded each year to the European municipality which has done most to propagate the ideal of European unity ;

2. Also having regard to the Council of Europe Flags of Honour, awarded each year to European municipalities for their commitment to European co-operation ;

3. Believing that the Europe Prize and the Flags of Honour are an outstanding means of propagating the European ideal, and that they constitute excellent publicity for the Council of Europe as a whole by obtaining considerable coverage in the media in a particular region of a member state ;

4. Welcoming the creation of the ‘‘Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize", operating under the auspices of the Council of Europe, which aims at achieving greater unity among its members by exchanging information and discussing topics of common interest such as twinnings, exchanges, European events, European solidarity ;

5. Noting that, by 1986, 40 cities have obtained the Europe Prize and 550 local authorities the Flag of Honour, but that another 300 candidates for the Prize and 200 candidates for the Flag constitute a considerable potential for promoting better relations amongst people in Europe ;

6. Calls on its members from the more peripheral regions of Europe to give wide publicity to the institution of the Europe Prize and the Flags of Honour in their respective countries, and to this end invites the President of the Assembly to write to the heads of relevant national delegations drawing their attention to this resolution.

1. See Doc. 5586, report of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 3 July 1986.