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## EUROPEAN YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN DOUZELAGE, SIRET 16-19 of April 2015

*There is an old saying that God had a bag full of Beauty when He created world, but the bag crashed just when He was above Bukovina. Come and see it for yourself!!!*

### Good news to start with! 😊

Siret Town filed under the "Europe for Citizens" programme a project entitled "European Year of Sustainable Development in Douzelage". This project has received funding of 107,500 euros, out of which 45,000 euros is the budget of Siret Town for the organization of the 40th Douzelage General Assembly and 62,500 euros represent the budget of other five cities that will hold a series of preparatory activities.

This project involves 16 partners from all Douzelage Association. Five partner cities will hold a series of preparatory activities at which some Douzelage cities will attend and Siret Town will hold the final action in 2015.

### Delegations

Siret City Council is pleased to invite five people from each Douzelage town as official delegation:

- Two people for the General Meeting, preferably at least one of them should be a representative of the local government.
- One person for the Education Workshop (Teacher, someone working with extra-curricular or interest education, community outreach, youth activities manager or similar position)
- Two youth delegates for the Youth workshops, ages 18 - 30

All accommodations will be provided in the beautiful village of Sucevita home of the UNESCO heritage monastery bearing the same name ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sucevi%C8%9Ba\\_Monastery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sucevi%C8%9Ba_Monastery)).

Unfortunately we cannot currently offer accommodations with local host families. Other guests are very welcome to visit Bukowina, but they will have to pay for their own accommodations and meals. The cost for non-delegates will not exceed 200EUR, and it is likely to be less than that.



### **Activities within the project**

The Douzelage General Assembly agenda – Siret 2015 will include an extra day then the usual GM's and the following activities financed by the project in the period 16-19 of April 2015:

- Bucovina Study Tour – trip to the monasteries in Bukovina and other touristic attractions that are examples of good practice in the field of sustainable development – on Thursday;
- 1 workshop for pupils and 1 workshop for teachers;
- 1 contest for pupils and 1 contest for teachers. The theme of the contest: Being a Member of European Parliament for a day – policies for sustainable development;
- Photo exhibition on the theme of sustainable development. Examples of sustainable development are: environment protection, historic monuments or places that are sustainable protect for present and future generation

Activities will be themed "European Year of Development – 2015". The central issue is sustainable development at the local level and how to engage citizens in the protection and preservation of local values. Douzelage General Meeting will be held in three sections: public administration, education and youth.

### **Estimated results**

This project aims primarily to draw attention to the need to protect natural and cultural resources for future generations in Europe. The cities involved in the project will be invited to present good practices in sustainable development, so that at the end all to be included in a Douzelage Guide for Sustainable Development which will be available to all partner cities and will be forwarded to the European Parliament.



## How to get to Siret

There are 2 airports that are easily accessible for Siret:

- **Bacău Airport** (BCM) (<http://www.bacauairport.ro>) that is using mainly Blue Air Airways Company



- **Iasi Airport** (IAS) (<http://www.aeroport.ro/index.php/en/plecari>) that is using Romanian Airways Company TAROM for destinations like: Rome, Bergamo or Bucharest Otopeni (OTP) and Viena by Austrian Airlines. Blue Air Airways is also operating flights here from London (Luton).

The biggest Romanian Airport is Bucharest Otopeni (OTP) (<http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en>) that is flying to and from all important European destinations. From Otopeni still is important to find a connection to Bacău or to Iasi. We will be available for advices if needed. Please take into consideration that flights schedule change at the very beginning of 2015, so is better to book tickets then.



Transportation from Bacau or Iasi to Siret it will be provided, free of charge.

Information we definitely need:

- please confirm your coming and the number of participants by the 1st of December 2014
- please confirm the name of participants by the 15 of February 2015
- please let us know if you come by plane or by minibus by 1st of December 2014

Thank you very much.

More information to come at the beginning of January.

Welcome to the beautiful Bukovina!

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