

IVV – Europe

16 member countries have joined the IVV – Europe up to now.

The aim is to gain all countries to join the EVV. IVV member countries who are non-members yet are Iceland, Greece, Finland, Estonia, France. The member status of Greece and Iceland is considered to be questionable.

The following IVV-Europe activities have been done or planned:

1. EUROPIADE

- This event takes place in a 2 years rhythm in turns with the Olympiad and is to be organized border-crossing. An own emblem “Europa wandert” will be designed that is to be adopted by future organizers for money.
- The first Europiade takes place from 4 -7 September in the German-Luxembourgian border area in Echternach and Irrel. IML awards will be given as well. A President’s walk will be on 4 September.
On Saturday the walks will be in Echternach/Irrel. In Irrel a marathon is offered as well as swimming. In Echternach also cycling. On Sunday, walks of 5,10, 20 and 42 km are offered in Echternach. There will be an opening and closing ceremony.
- Marostica/Italy was chosen at the Congress in Antalya for the second Europiade. The event takes place from 20 – 22 June 2014.

2. New Cup

- The IVV Europe Board refuses the transfer of the old Europe Cup I + II.
- A new Cup „Der Europawanderer“ will be introduced in September 2012. 10 events have to be done for a successful participation, which are:
 - 2 participations at Europiads
 - 8 participations in 8 different IVV Europe member countries , 4 of these have to be walking events and 4 have to be permanent trails.

The cup will be 15 €, starting at the Europiade 2012. After a successful participation, the walker will receive a badge and a certificate.

3. Contacting the European Union to present the association and activities for a possible aid money and/or grants for certain projects.

4. Homepage

- The homepage for the first Europiade is to be taken over afterwards by the IVV Europe.

5. Sponsoring

- Finding Europe-wide sponsors is not easy. The Board will conduct negotiations soon and contact walking magazines published Europe-wide.
- Additionally to the homepage it is also considered to offer clothing with the print „Europa wandert“.

6. Supervision of single member clubs in Europe and searching for IVV Europe countries

- The IVV Europe can only supervise the single member clubs if it can take over the stamps.
A regulation has to be found with IVV. This is also for giving stamps to travel agencies etc. that offer walks with stamps in Europe.
- All single member clubs in Europe have to be contacted either in writing or by meeting them. Friedel Ploner tries to do so with clubs in Slovenia.
- All single member clubs are to be invited to the next Congress 2013 in Hungary.
- There is need for action in Spain to found an official member association finally.
- There is a special situation in the Eastern bloc countries that has started with the fall of the Berlin Wall. A lot of old associations in the former DDR who offered walks don't exist anymore. It is very difficult to find contact persons due to the economic and political situation. The proceeding has to be gently.

7. Dates

- The EVV Congress of Delegates 2013 in Hungary will be on the 2nd or 4th weekend in September.
- During the IVV Olympiad in Wolkenstein a brainstorming is planned with all European associations to discuss the country compensation and changing increments.

8. Merchandising Products

- A IVV Europe sticker has been printed. It can be bought for 1 €.
- The IVV Europe Board will decide about introducing further products after the first Europiade. Clothing like caps/polo-shirts/badges/pins are to be considered.

9. Miscellaneous

- The official IVV Europe Logo is to be made available to all member countries with the request to print it on all announcements.

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