

Report on the Getafe Presidency of the Edge Cities Network

Activities:

Organisation of meetings and videoconferences:

The Getafe Presidency took part 23 October 2008 – 28 January 2010.

General Meetings:

- The ECN meeting in Getafe, 22 – 24 October 2008 with 48 participants and the change of Presidency from Nacka to Getafe and working Groups at the meeting such as steering Group and Politicians, education, innovation group/ Interreg application, politician forum and seminar “Local Development: responsibilities and financing”
- The ECN meeting in Getafe, 6-8 May 2009, 27 participants, participation of Harku Working Groups at the meeting: Steering Group and Politicians, Education Group, Politician Forum and Steering Group

Triumvirate meetings:

- Brussels, 9 December 2008,
- Getafe, 23- 24 April 2009,
- Ballerup, 11 — 12 November 2009

Videoconferences:

- Steering Group videoconference, 11 March 2009
- Triumvirate videoconference, 14 April 2009
- Triumvirate videoconference, 20 January 2010

MEMBERS

Current Members:

Grodzisk: Letter 25 March 2009, signed by the Mayor of Getafe, offering Grodzisk two years without paying the fees of the ECN, after having received their resignation due to economic reasons. Letter 3 July 2009, signed by the Mayor of Getafe, congratulating them on their better economic situation and inviting them to participate in the meeting in January 2010.

New Members:

Letter 13 May 2009, signed by the Mayor of Getafe, offering Harku membership and informing them that the Official Act to join the ECN could take place at the next meeting. Unfortunately, due to a new political government Harku after the Estonian election in November 2010, they cannot come to the meeting and sign for a membership this time.

Search of new members:

Letter 4 May 2009 signed by the Mayor of Getafe informing about the ECN to search for new members. This letter was given to Committee of Regions and Municipalities, so that they could send it all their contacts. Information also to the Office of Madrid in Brussels

Life Style project

This project is being developed by schools from Dublin, Ballerup and Getafe. At the latest ECN meeting in Getafe in May 2009, the coordinators of this project in Getafe were invited to present the project at a meeting between the politicians and the Steering Group. The main objectives of the project are to introduce a healthy lifestyle to promote physical exercise and to involve the students in a European Project. The project goes from 2008 to 2009.

Thing's Talk is a school project where children learn about climate change and the environment by collecting garbage and using it to create so-called ‘trash art.’ It was developed from August to November 2009. It was promoted by Ballerup. Getafe participates with the school Aristos.