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PRESS RELEASE

THE NATIONAL MINORITIES HAVE THE BALL ...

EUROPEADA 2008 FESTA FOOTBALL MINORITADS LINGUISTICAS EUROPEANAS

From 31st May – 7th June 2008

GRAUBÜNDEN - SWITZERLAND
SURSELVA

Disentis/Sedrun, Trun, Tavanasa, Trin, Vella, Ilanz/Glion/ Schluen, Domat/Ems, Chur

Organizer and responsible body

**SEDRUN DISENTIS TOURISMUS
INTERNATIONAL CULTUR FORUM DISENTIS (ICF)
LIA RUMANTSCHA
FUEN
(Federal Union of European Nationalities)**

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Together with the International Cultur Forum Disentis (ICF), Sedrun Disentis Tourismus (SDT) has won an idea competition of the Schweiz Tourismus (ST) with the idea „European Soccer Championship for National Minorities“. This success and the topic were subsequently taken over with enthusiasm by the Lia Rumantscha and the FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities).

The project is founded on the basic objectives of the collaboration of minorities. This task is performed by the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN).

THE NATIONAL MINORITIES HAVE THE BALL ... - THE EUROPEAN SOCCER FESTIVAL 2008 – EUROPEADA 2008 – FESTA FOOTBALL MINORITADS LINGUISTICAS EUROPEANAS – This tournament will be performed in Switzerland, namely in Graubünden (Surselva to Chur), shortly before the European Championship. 16 teams are expected to participate.

The following teams are considered to participate for sure already: Denmark (German minority), Germany (Danish minority), Germany (Sorbian minority), Italy (Ladinian minority), Italy (Slovenian minority), France (Occitanian minority) as well as the Raetoromanian /+Italian speaking valley inhabitants in Graubünden.

Shortly before sending in their registrations are: Belgium (German minority), Poland (German minority), Poland (Ukrainian – Lemkian – minority), Austria (Croatian minority), Austria (Slovenian minority), Rumania (Aromunian minority), Great Britain (Cornish minority)

Still open is the registration of the candidate preferences Wales/Great Britain and Spain with Catalans and Baskish people as well as the German-speaking people from the province of South Tyrol. The deadline for registrations is end of December 2007.



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Two final games of the four best teams from the qualification (four groups with four teams each) are supposed to take place: the large and the small final.

The OBJECTIVES of the EUROPEADA 2008 are:

- to offer a platform to the national minorities in Europe
- to present Switzerland and particularly Graubünden with the Surselva as a culturally varied, open-minded and innovative country
- to integrate the mountain area in the EURO 08
- to incorporate the economic importance of the EURO 08 into the project of the EUROmin2008 as well
- to gain a noticeable added value for the Surselva

VIPs of the sport and culture sector support the occasion and take a place in the honorary committee. Those are, as of 11/14/07:

Adolf Ogi, former member of the Bundesrat and special adviser to the UNO
on sport for development and peace

Theo Maissen, member of the Council of States and CH delegate of the Council of Europe

Ralph Max Zloczower, president of the Swiss Soccer Association

Dr. Leon Schlumpf, former member of the Bundesrat and honorary member of the Swiss Soccer Association

With the persons and organizations Gion Schwarz as a president (also chairman of the International Cultur Forum Disentis), Christian Durisch as project manager, with Markus Schenk of the DISENTIS SEDRUN Tourismus as well as Andrea L. Rassel of the Lia Rumantscha (Romansh Language Organization of Graubünden) also being vice president of the FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities) a core organization committee and, with even more persons, an extended OC was formed.

During the the 1st week in June 2008 in Surselva, of course a dialogue between the individual languages is supposed to be cultivated. A large cultural event will take place within the frame of the EUROPEADA 2008 in Disentis.

***A sporting and cultural TOP EVENT of the special kind,
the EUROPEADA 2008 will take place in Graubünden.***

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