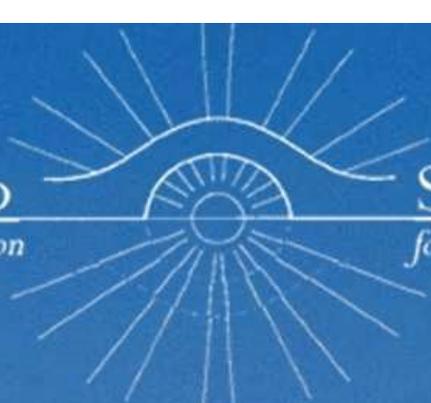


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Second Meeting  
Friends of Europe  
in

**SLOVENIA – Ljubljana**

11 – 17 August 2017

**THREEFOLD SOCIAL ORGANISM TODAY**

*going a third way – overcoming opposites*

Summer 2017



## **THREEFOLD SOCIAL ORGANISM TODAY** **overcoming opposites – going a third way**

*How can we liberate the cultural sphere?  
How can we achieve a straightforward democracy?  
How can we develop brotherhood?*

During this second meeting of the Friends of Europe in Ljubljana we want to deepen our understanding of the threefold social organism and go further into the possibilities for its realisation. The threefold order was discovered by Rudolf Steiner. We can look into many approaches where the threefold order wants to develop further as it corresponds to the features of the social organism itself.

*What obstacles do we have to overcome?  
What new initiatives are called for?  
Why has Europe a special task in the realisation of the threefold order?*

We live in times where the connection to the spirit gets lost. Good becomes “useful”, beautiful “pleasant”, and the media want to tell us what is true, or the computer will calculate it for us. This is not enough for a new way. Ideals and warmth towards our fellow humans cannot be conveyed to us by an authority. We have to find them ourselves, and warm up to them through action.

As soon as we enter the world, we are confronted with opposites, poor and rich, East and West, rejecting or accommodating refugees, welfare state or neoliberalism. Within the realm of nature we alternate between the heedless exploitation of resources and the over-protection of areas designated as a park or museum.

Only when we set ourselves goals out of a self-achieved spiritual insight can we handle the polarities and go a third way, which is practical as well as viable.

The seed of the European Union was sown 25 March 1957 by the Treaty of Rome.

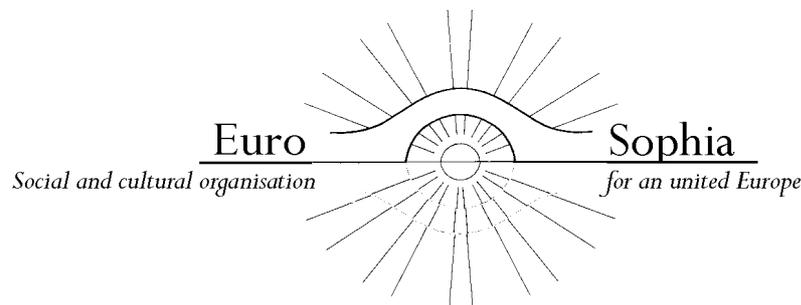
At the start, this Europe was defined as the EEC (The European Economic Community), then as it grew wider, it became known for being a model of democracy and human dignity. Nowadays these ideals have become simply words:

Where then is what makes Europe into Europe? What ought to define her is her cultural dimension, her ideal of liberty and humanity. That is why we want, in this meeting, to work on what Europe really is, on her mission in connection with the threefold social order, a Europe entire, with all the people of which she is made, in the east, the west, and the centre.

We look forward to meeting once again in Slovenia, and to working with you on a better understanding of the threefold social organism. We hope to form together a golden cup to receive impulses for the realisation of a new Europe.

*On behalf of association Eurosophia and our Slovenian hosts,*

**Michael Kärcher, Marija Jesenšek; Slovenia**  
**Michel Joseph, France; Vanessa Underwood, England,**  
**Ursula Herzig, Germany; Sylvie Richterova, Czech Republic/Italy**  
**Wim and Marianne Veltman, Eva Ruesen, Christian ter Veer,**  
**Netherlands**



*This meeting is organized by Eurosophia, an Association striving for a European Union of peoples in which individual people can meet each other and live together in brotherhood and mutual understanding.*

*To this aim Eurosophia organises meetings of Friends of Europe and supports the realisation of Europe- Houses in which people can meet in an open atmosphere, study the cultural backgrounds of different cultures of Europe and try to live in the sense of the Eurosophia ideal.*

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## LECTURES

Every morning there will be lectures that deepen our insight into the development of humanity and society from a spiritual point of view

***Threefoldness – in man and in society***

Willem Veltman

***Threefoldness – in the spiritual world, in man and in society***

Heidjer Reetz

***Transformation of evil – Mani, Love and Parzival***

Michel Joseph

***Freedom of the Individual – Culture, Ego and the higher I***

Sylvie Richterova

***The Archetypal Social Phenomenon***

*Social and anti-social forces – In the age of the consciousness soul people are becoming self-assertive. The social forms of society can counterbalance this independence of the individual.*

Michael Tsigotsides

In the afternoon lectures we will go into specific subjects related to the threefold social organism.

***The ideals of men – their source in the three hierarchies of the spiritual world***

Heidjer Reetz

***The silent message of refugees: Right through stable relationships, work for the needs of others, development of abilities independent of traditions***

Volker Mastalier

***What is the role of biodynamic farmers in the society of today and the future?***

*Views from the biodynamic way of agriculture on society and economy out of practical experience and studies.*

Matjaž Turinek

***The economy of today as a permanent financial crisis and an organic financial system for the future***

Heidjer Reetz

## WORKSHOPS

During the whole conference we can exchange our ideas and experiences in morning workshops about the three spheres in society: the cultural, legal and economic. At the appearance of this folder following workshops are planned, others may follow.

Michel Joseph, *The social art as method to realise the threefold social order*

Heidjer Reetz, *The anthroposophic social science as mediator between East and West*

Enikö Hernandez, *The Grail of the Individuality*

## ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

Singing - Slovenian songs, Igor Velepčić

Eurythmy, Jean-Luc Hernandez, Neva Zupan / Natalija Petrovič

Bothmer Gymnastics, Michael Kärcher, Marija Jesenšek

Social Painting, Michel Joseph

## PERFORMANCES

### **PARZIVAL** *Ljuba Jenče*

Special attention will be given in our meeting to the story of Parzival in relation to Slovenia and its specific European task. During the excursion we will visit different places in the north of Slovenia that are closely connected to Parzival.

On this first evening we will hear parts of the story that can guide us through our meeting and hear some old Slovenian songs.

### **THE MESSAGE** *Nova Hiža*

As a celebration of the 100 birth anniversary of the Bosnian poet Mak Dizdar, the International Art Collective '*Nova Hiža*' presents a program with eurythmy, speech and music which aim to reveal the powerful prophecy that springs from the poems collected in his well known book '*Stony Sleeper*'. Friends of Europe often quoted Mak Dizdar's poem '*Hiza of Mile*' as the Bosnian example for a real European House.

*Danijel Grčević, Alfiya Baykova, Maja Batljan, Ailin Heuer, Franka Henn, Lana Kostić and Stav Szir*

### **THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE** *Lightweight Theatre*

A play for two actors written by Michael Hedley Burton and performed by Lightweight Theatre

Rudolf Steiner's *Threefold Social Organism* was an attempt to make war impossible. 100 years later, could its time be now?

*With Michael Burton and Ryan Kouroukis*

### **EURYTHMY Performance from the themes of the meeting**

by IONA ansambl, from Zagreb, with Mario and Vida Čuletić

### **FOLK DANCES**

Like last year we will do together Slovenian Folk dances, from Reza. Under the inspiring leadership of *Klemen Frank*. With live music! *Katarina Šetinc* Violin

## EXCURSION

One whole day we will visit interesting places in Slovenia, connected to Parzival, the mission of Slovenia and Rudolf Steiner. Discourses, presentations on the spot.

With Davorin Peršič and evt. Miha Pogačnik

The themes and stops of the excursion range from the clergy (monastery) to the secular (castle of Borl-Ankenstein), Mithras cult, Greek-Roman-Celtic history, sites of Parzival story. Žička kartuzija; Studenice: monastery, castle and two caves (Trevrizen); Borl; Ptuj: church, castle, Mithraeum

Changes in the program reserved – if you want latest information please contact us

## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

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1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia  
+386 1 234 88 40, <http://hostel.ddt.si/>

### **Accommodation**

Please book your rooms at the Youth hostel Dom Tabor up to 30th of June 2017, or choose any other accommodation you prefer.

Prices for one person in a double bed room at Dom Tabor 19€ + tourist tax (*prices of 2016*) per night, breakfast included. Prices for single staying at request.

If you want to join the Lunch at Celica Hostel (7,50€ each) and Supper (6€ each) at Dom Tabor organised by Eurosophia please tell us when you apply.

Self catering kitchen is available on the premises.

If you look for alternative accommodation please contact Michael Kärcher

### **Meeting Fee**

The Meeting Fee for all lectures, workshops and artistic presentations is 160€ - 90€.

This amount is to be paid in cash at the beginning of the meeting. The lower amount covers only the minimum costs of the meeting. If possible please pay the higher amount, as the surplus will make it possible for people in different circumstances to participate. Price for accommodation is not included in the Meeting Fee!

Donations are most welcome, also if you want to attend just some of the activities. The organisation and contributions are mainly a gift from the people involved.

### **Excursion**

Separate costs for Excursion on 15th of August: 40€.

Please take suitable clothes and shoes for walking

***Please apply by 30th June 2017 latest,  
By sending an email to [eurosophia@gmail.com](mailto:eurosophia@gmail.com)***

Include the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone and email
2. Which language(s) do you speak?
3. Indication of the fee you can pay
4. You want to join the excursion?
5. You need financial help to come to the meeting?
6. You want to join lunches and suppers organised by Eurosophia? Do you want vegetarian food?

**If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:**

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	<b>Friday 11</b>	<b>Saturday 12</b>	<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>Tuesday 15</b>	<b>Wednesday 16</b>	<b>Thursday 17</b>					
7:15-8:15	<b>ARRIVAL</b>					<i>Excursion a.o. Castle Borl, Ptuj Parzival, Mission of Slovenia with Davorin Persič / Miha Pogačnik</i>						
8:15-9:00												
9:00-10:30		Singing – Foundation Stone	<i>Breakfast</i>		Singing – Foundation Stone	<i>Breakfast</i>						
Lecture			<b>Threefoldness – In the spiritual world, in man and in society</b> Willem Veltman – Heidler Reetz	<b>Transformation of evil - Mani, Love and Parzival</b> Michel Joseph				<b>Freedom of the Individual - Culture, Ego and the higher I</b> Sylvie Richterova				
10:30-11:00			<i>Coffee / tea break</i>					<i>Coffee / tea break</i>				
11:00-11:45			Eurhythmy	Eurhythmy				Eurhythmy	Eurhythmy	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>		
11:45-13:00			Work in groups Culture, law, economy	Work in groups Culture, law, economy				Work in groups Culture, law, economy	Work in groups Culture, law, economy			
13:00-14:00			<i>Lunch</i>					<i>Lunch</i>				
14:00-15:15			<i>Break</i>									
15:15-16:00			Bothmer	Social Painting <i>(starts 15:00)</i>				Bothmer	Bothmer	<i>Break</i>		
16:00-16:45			Plenum	Plenum				Plenum	Plenum			
16:45-17:00			<i>Coffee / tea break</i>					<i>Coffee / tea break</i>				
17:00-18:30	<b>Music Presentation Friends of Europe</b>	<b>The ideals of men – their source in the spiritual world</b> Heidler Reetz	<b>The silent message of refugees for threefold social order</b> Volker Mastalier	<b>Biodynamic farmers in the society of today and the future</b> Matjaž Turinek								
18:45-19:45:	<i>Dinner</i>											
20:00-20:30	<b>Introduction</b>	Presentation of Projects in Slovenia	<b>This War Is Not Inevitable</b> Leight Weight Theatre	Presentation of Projects in Slovenia	<i>Dinner</i>							
20:30-22:00	<b>Parzival in Slovenia</b> Ljuba Jenče	<b>The Message</b> Nova Hiza	<b>Folk Dances</b> with Klemen Frank and Katarina Šetinc									
	<b>DEPARTURE</b>											

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Equality – Law

Fraternity – Economy

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