



Motion nr. 6

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Motion: Games of the Stateless Nations of Europe

A. Taking into account the fact that many historical nations and their nationals are subject to centralization pressures, ranging from deleting stateless nations from the central states administrative structures, to banning and prosecuting independence referenda, to not fulfilling its historical promises, to gerry-mandering electoral regions to suppress stateless nations.

B. Stateless nations and nations searching for autonomy and self-governance have been struggling for decades to achieve their goals, while fighting for their visibility, acknowledgement, appreciation, within traditional and non-traditional media.

C. Long-term suppression of national identity by the centralizing majority represents a daily challenge, especially with respect to the education of the young people, who often do not know their own national / regional identity, having been indoctrinated by the centralized state.

D. A young generation of stateless nations, therefore, needs new impulses, attractive models, and new ways of appreciation of their national identity.

F. Taking into account that similar non-mainstream sporting events already exist, e.g. Academic Olympics, Para-Olympics, Games of Small Nations of Europe, etc.

The European Free Alliance:

1. Acknowledges with satisfaction the fact that, currently, there are several non-mainstream international sporting events that encourage inclusion of nations.
2. Calls on the EU Institutions in general, and on the Committee of Regions in particular, to encourage and support holding bi-annual Games for Stateless Nations of Europe, which do not have their own National Olympic Committees or are not members of international sports associations [except Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland being UEFA/FIFA Members].
3. Ask that the EU Institutions in general, and the Committee of Regions in particular should, in this regard, to play their role and encourage and facilitate the concept of Europe of Regions, to improve the general situation of neglected, marginalized and disadvantaged regions, especially historical regions and nations, that are non-recognized parts of heavily centralized state, and to increase their national awareness.

Explanatory note :

Our parties representing Stateless nations need to increase their visibility, raise national awareness of its people, and be encouraging, especially among young people.

This bi-annual event could contribute to solidarity, mutual recognition, good spirit, and could raise Stateless nations' visibility, awareness of its nationals, and strengthen attractiveness of the European Free Alliance.

It could also show the audiences, the general public and the media that Stateless nations are alive and exist.