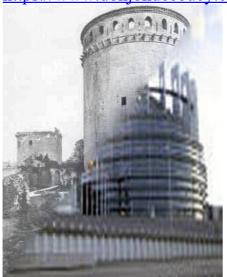
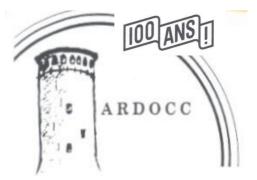
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Obj: Coucy-Le-Château, request from ARDOCC, association for the restoration of the Coucy dungeon , as a monument symbol of peace between the French and German peoples and as a symbol of European construction.

Madam, Sir, leader, president of the movement,

The A.R.D.O.C.C, Association for the restoration of the dungeon of

Coucy-Le-Château, has already expressed itself to the candidate movements for the

European elections during the previous campaign and is returning to challenge each list

of candidates without political consideration in the 2024 elections.

Expiatory victim of the First World War, destroyed on March 20, 1917 by

theGerman army while several authorities of this country were opposed to it, the

dungeon of Coucy-le-château, the strongest dungeon in the world, is kept in ruins by a

prefectural order, respecting a deliberation of the departmental council, inspired by M Paul Doumer, who a few years later would become President of the French Republic. These decisions have never been invalidated or rendered obsolete even if the French Ministry of Culture declares that the reconstruction of the dungeon would be "<u>of</u> <u>undeniable interest and magnitude in terms of heritage, history, architecture and even</u> <u>diplomacy"</u>.

It is necessary to remember that the text justifies the maintenance in ruin by the need

to "show future generations the barbarity of the German people",

This monument which was, before its destruction, the third most visited monument in France, bore witness since its construction at the beginning of the thirteenth century to a very open European civilization and protector of peoples.

For seven centuries it was home to several important lineages and all the ruling families of Europe are descendants of the lords of Coucy.

The destruction of the fortress and its keep is at the heart of the First World War during the emergence of secret, total war, without any consultation of the peoples and rejection of any diplomatic negotiation,

It expresses the choice of a symbolic act, without human loss, as a desperate "ultima ratio régis" due to the end of the diplomacy which reigned in Europe for more than a millennium.

The economic loss for the neighboring region is absolutely considerable.

Appropriation by the French State means that residents, or even all citizens, do not have access to decisions and that concealment is the rule on all levels. No discussions about the cost of reconstruction have been publicly opened.

Faced with this situation, it is important to confront the representatives of the peoples of Europe with their responsibilities.

The UN and UNESCO have already proclaimed the obligation of all States to restore all monuments destroyed by war or terrorism having cultural or even religious value.

Certainly treaties promise agreements and peace, but ruin admits no remission of the assertion of barbarism, which is always inherent in all wars, latent or affirmed, and therefore collective and common, almost never unilateral.

The results of the referendum on the European constitution, known as Maastricht, through the rejection of France and Holland, invalidate today's Europe and the current administration by the European Commission does not arouse much enthusiasm.

It is not up to the Ardocc to intervene in the texts and management of Europe.

However, it must know the position of all the candidate European movements with regard to one of these fundamental monuments and today a martyr It is important for her and her many members and supporters to know the position of

your movement on the following points.

We would therefore be grateful if you could answer the following questions.

A response before April 15, 2024 would oblige us.

a) Europe is symbolized by a flag, an anthem of German origin, a language: English. Do you believe that a symbol brought by France and Germany as a symbol of peace between these two nations and built under the patronage of all united European nations could be the monument symbol of European construction?

YES NO

b) Having learned about the history of Coucy-Le-Château and the splendor of the ancient monument, do you consider that this destruction and its maintenance in ruins is an affront to European civilization?

YES NO

c) Do you consider that the French State must work with complete clarity and with the cooperation of other States?

YES NO

d) Do you consider that Otto of Habsburg, who was one of the pillars of the European Parliament and who supported our associative action, was right?

YES NO

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Your responses, suggestions, opinions and advice are expected by mail or email

Non-responses will be considered as favorable consent to the action of the Ardocc but it requests, for clarity, convincing answers and opinions and advice.

Please receive, Madam or Mr. President, the expression of our high consideration and our wishes for a fruitful commitment of your movement in a project where Europe will act concretely for peace, culture and even economic development.

On behalf of ARDOCC

Pour l'ARDOCC Louis Trémolières



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Les moellons du donjonà remonter sur la base du donjon qui est saine en dessous jusqu'à 3 M. C'est actuellement le plus gros amoncellement en ruine par fait de guerre au monde !



