

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES:  
EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**2001-2002 REPORT**

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## **PREFACE BY THE CHAIR**

The past year has been a busy one for the European and External Affairs Committee. Last May it completed a lengthy review of its role and work programme. This has resulted in a fresh approach to its work and some changes to standing orders.

One of the priorities identified was to improve the co-ordination of European matters between the subject committees and ensure that effective processes were in place for their consideration by policy divisions. As a result, annual meetings are held with each subject committee chair and a system of rapporteurs for each subject committee has been established although this needs to be developed. The committee also makes time available at each meeting for brief reports from members of the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, the Economic and Social Committee and the European Commission Representation in Wales and ensures that at least one meeting a year is held in Brussels so that MEPs can attend. The committee will keep these arrangements under review.

The committee adopted a comprehensive approach to its consideration of the White Paper on Governance that could provide a model for the future. The committee devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to this process. It met key figures from the European Commission, ensured that the White Paper was widely disseminated and that all sectors of society in Wales had the opportunity to consider it. The committee also invited contributions from public and private sector bodies in Wales. I was pleased that the committee was able to endorse the response I submitted on behalf of the Assembly.

The committee has taken a close interest in the Welsh Assembly Government's engagement with the European Union candidate countries. I was pleased to welcome Jan Olbrycht, Marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship, to the committee's meeting in May. There are many similarities between Wales and Silesia and I hope we can build on the relationship to our mutual benefit.

Over the coming year the committee will need to contribute to the important debate on the Future of Europe. Peter Hain MP, the Minister for Europe and the UK Government's representative on the convention will attend the committee's meeting in July. This will give the committee an opportunity to explore ways in which it can influence the debate.

Standing orders were amended in October 2001 to extend the committee's remit to nations outside the European Union. This is an area that the committee will wish to develop over the coming year.

The committee will also have an important role in the coming years in developing thinking on the medium to longer-term future of Wales in Europe. Future structural changes such as enlargement will affect the structure of the European Union and the United Kingdom's and Wales' relative representation. It will also move the European centre of gravity further away from Wales and change the future shape of, and Wales' access to, structural funds. Preparing

for these changes in future years requires public consideration and debate now so we can determine where Wales' interests lie and think about maximising the opportunities they provide. The Committee is uniquely placed to advance this debate and help steer Wales to a prosperous future as a European region.

**Rhodri Morgan AM**  
**Chair, European and External Affairs Committee**  
**June 2002**

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**

### **EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 2001-2002 REPORT**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1. The remit of the Committee on European and External Affairs is set out in Standing Order 15 (Annex A). A list of its members is at Annex B. This report is made under Standing Order 15.5 and is intended to inform the Assembly's annual debate on matters related to the European Union under Standing Order 6.5.

1.2. In broad terms, the purpose of the Committee on European and External Affairs is to ensure that a coherent strategic approach is adopted by the National Assembly in relation to Europe. During the year, the remit of the committee was extended to keep under review the Assembly's relations with nations external to the European Union. The committee is intended to ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to the Assembly's responsibilities in relation to the European Union in each of the subject committees. However, its role is not to take the place of subject committees but to support them and ensure they are not operating in isolation from each other.

1.3. In order to facilitate a free and continuous exchange of information between Assembly members and Welsh representatives in the various European institutions, the Standing Orders allow the participation at the committee's meetings of Welsh Members of the European Parliament and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions. The committee has extended this invitation to Welsh representatives on the Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC), the Wales European Centre and the European Commission Representation in Wales.

#### **2. A SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES**

2.1. Standing Orders require the committee to keep under review:

- (i) the Assembly's relations with the institutions of the European Union, and its methods for informing and advising those institutions of the needs of Wales;
- (ii) the Assembly's liaison arrangements with UKRep, and with United Kingdom government departments on European issues;
- (iii) the Assembly's methods and procedures for the consideration of documents, issues and questions emanating from European institutions, having particular regard to the need for liaison with Members of Parliament responsible for scrutiny of European matters of particular relevance to Wales;
- (iv) the Assembly's relations with nations external to the European Union.

2.2. The committee is also required to:

- (i) monitor the general impact and consequences for Wales of policies pursued by institutions of the European Union, and
- (ii) ensure that there is adequate liaison with Members of the European Parliament representing Wales and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions.

2.3. The committee may assess and where necessary report on the significance of proposed European legislation affecting Wales that falls within the remit of more than one subject committee.

2.4. The committee's activity in each of these fields is considered below.

#### **a) The Assembly's relations with the institutions of the European Union**

2.5. The committee has continued to review the Assembly's relations with European Union institutions through the participation of representatives of those institutions in committee proceedings and giving detailed consideration to particular issues as they arise. The committee has reviewed the Welsh Assembly Government's relationship with European institutions through the First Minister's reporting of events and consequent round table discussion on the Assembly's activity.

#### Committee of the Regions and other organisations

2.6. The National Assembly has one full member of the Committee of the Regions who is also a member of the European and External Affairs Committee, Rosemary Butler AM, and one alternate representative, Janet Davies AM. The National Assembly also has one full member on the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, Gwenda Thomas AM. Following a recommendation of the committee, the Assembly has become a member of the Conference of the Peripheral and Maritime Regions and Xavier Gizard, the Secretary General attended the committee's meeting in December 2001. The National Assembly was also a member of the European Regions with Legislative Power group, which has been pressing for greater recognition of the regions within the workings of the European Union.

#### Presidency Priorities

2.7. In June 2001, the committee heard from His Excellency Lode Willems, the Belgian Ambassador on the priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. This was a valuable forum for informing the committee of how Belgium hoped to take the European Union forward during their Presidency and was of particular interest to Wales because of the unique nature of the federal Belgian constitution which provides a balance between the responsibilities of central and regional government. The committee has

arranged for a similar presentation in July 2002 from a representative from the Danish Embassy.

### Tele Regions Network

2.8. Andrew Davies AM, President of the Tele Regions Network, reported to the committee on the work of the network in October 2001. The network disseminates best practice information, establishes links between regions on the use of information and communication technology and provides a voice for regions in exchanges with the European Commission. The committee considered that the development of a system of rapporteurs between the network, the Committee of the Regions, and the Wales European Centre would be a positive method of sharing expertise between organisations.

### Brussels Meeting

2.9. On 5 December 2001 the committee held a meeting in Brussels so that Welsh MEPs could attend. The meeting was also attended by Jerome Vignon, the President of the European Commission's Governance Team and Xavier Gizard, Secretary General of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions. As part of a series of meetings also held that day, the committee met with Commissioner Michel Barnier and the Deputy Head of the Regional Policy Cabinet, Ronnie Hall and representatives from the European Commission including, Corrado Pirzio-Biroli, the Head of the Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries Cabinet and Adriaan Van Der Meer, from the Enlargement Directorate-General.

### Secondments to the European Union

2.10. The Assembly launched the 'Secondments to the European Union Institutions Scheme' in October 2001, which aims to increase the number of people from Wales seconded to European Union institutions. The scheme will be a useful means of enlarging the pool of people from Wales seconded to Europe and is developed as part of the Assembly's European Strategy to secure greater influence in Europe.

### **b) The Assembly's liaison arrangements with UKRep and the UK Government**

2.11. The Committee has been kept informed of the Assembly's liaison arrangements with UKRep and the UK Government through reports by the First Minister and the Head of the Brussels Office, who has UKRep accreditation.

### Council of Ministers

2.12. The committee has welcomed the participation of Assembly Ministers in representing Wales and the UK within the European Union at Council of Ministers meetings. This participation has helped to raise the profile of Wales within Europe and increase the Assembly's understanding of the operation of

Council meetings. The Minister for Education and Life-Long Learning attended the European Council meetings on Education and Youth in May and November 2001 as part of UK ministerial delegations. The Minister for Culture, Sport and the Welsh language attended a meeting of the European Culture Council to discuss European Community policy developments and to consider their relevance to the Assembly and Wales in June 2001. The Minister for Rural Affairs attended Agricultural Council meetings in Brussels as part of UK ministerial delegations in July, November and December 2001. The Minister for the Environment attended the Environment Council meeting as part of the UK delegation in March 2002.

#### UKRep and UK Government

2.13. Relations are constructive and UKRep's awareness of the Assembly's needs is increasing. The relationship has been cemented by a series of senior visits to Cardiff by the British Ambassador to the European Union and the Head of the UK representation, Nigel Sheinwald, and senior members of UK Rep staff, Giles Paxman, Antony Vinnall and, most recently, Shan Morgan, who have responsibility for many of the policy areas devolved to Wales. The committee met His Excellency Gavin Hewitt, the British Ambassador to Belgium following the committee meeting in December 2001.

#### Chairs of European Committees of UK parliaments

2.14. The First Minister represented the committee at the meetings of the Chairs of European Committees of United Kingdom Parliaments on 29 October 2002 in Brussels and in London on 22 April 2002. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to share experience in dealing with European issues and to facilitate ongoing co-operation between the committees. The National Assembly hosted the meeting in Brussels to enable the Chairs to meet with UKRep officials and visit the offices of the devolved administrations. The Chairs met the House of Commons representatives (and the Lords alternate member) on the Future of Europe Convention at the London meeting.

#### **c) The Assembly's procedures for the scrutiny of European matters**

2.15. The committee noted that the information provided to it by the First Minister, the Head of the Brussels Office, Welsh Members of the European Parliament, the Commission's Representation in Wales, the Wales European Centre and representatives of the Committee of the Regions and ECOSOC was invaluable in keeping it informed of forthcoming proposals. Similarly, the committee's own examination of the Commission's annual work programme and Presidency priorities helped alert the committee to strategic priorities. The Committee undertook examination of the Commission's work programme in February 2002 in order to highlight issues of importance to Wales for consideration by the appropriate committees and bodies.

#### Subject Committees

2.16. The committee has worked to improve communications across the Assembly by inviting the chairs of subject committees to attend meetings of the European and External Affairs Committee on a rotating basis. The Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee attended a meeting in October 2001 and the Chair of the Culture Committee attended a meeting in March 2002. The committee will continue this programme and look to meet the chair of each subject committee on an annual basis.

#### White Paper on Governance

2.17. The committee devoted a considerable amount of time preparing a response to the European Commission's White Paper on Governance during this reporting period. The committee discussed the Assembly's response at four meetings and received presentations from Jerome Vignon, the Leader of the Commission's Governance team, and Xavier Gizard, the Secretary General of the Conference of the Peripheral and Maritime Regions on the White Paper. The committee also invited contributions from public and private sector bodies in Wales and Jerome Vignon attended a European Forum meeting in Llandudno to discuss the White Paper. The Welsh Assembly Government submitted the final response on behalf of the Assembly, which was endorsed by the committee. The First Minister also signed a joint declaration on governance with nine other regions of the European Union which the committee welcomed as a positive step forward.

#### Future of Europe Convention

2.18. Following on from the White Paper on Governance, the committee has begun to look at the parameters of the Future of Europe Convention. The committee will give further consideration to the role of the regional tier of government in the future of Europe and may seek to influence the debate by submitting contributions to Convention members.

#### Scrutiny of European Legislation

2.19 Members continued to seek the correct balance between detailed scrutiny of the European Legislative Programme, which would be a major undertaking, and the other extreme where new legislation can catch Members and Committees of the National Assembly unaware. Members referred to the paper EUR-02-01 (p3b) "Lobbying Strategy 2001" from the Wales European Centre, which had been presented in April 2001. This had given a short description on 29 priority items relevant to the work of the National Assembly and had been warmly welcomed at the time. It was hoped that a similar document would be available for 2002: members felt that the much shorter list of 7 items in EUR-01-02(p4) was not adequate to meet the need.

#### **d) The Assembly's relations with nations external to the European Union**



2.20 The remit of the committee was extended to include nations external to the European Union in October 2001. The committee considered the international agenda of the Welsh Assembly Government during a meeting in March 2002 and agreed that it would be important for the Assembly to monitor the effectiveness of links being developed with countries outside the European Union.

### **e) Monitoring the general impact and consequences for Wales of policies pursued by institutions of the European Union**

#### Trans-European Programmes

2.21 The committee considered an update on Trans-European co-operation programmes. The European Commission had approved the three programmes affecting Wales but the programmes were at different stages of implementation. John Griffiths, AM, represented the devolved administrations on the Programme Monitoring Committee for the North West Europe Programme.

#### The European Single Currency

2.22 The committee has considered the implications for Wales arising from the introduction of the single currency in twelve of the fifteen European Union member states. The committee has received presentations from the Euro Task force in Wales, the Federation of Small Businesses in Wales and CBI Cymru. The committee heard little evidence that businesses in Wales were encountering problems associated with the introduction of the single currency although the impact of the Euro would become clearer following the main tourist season. Some members felt that it was difficult to discuss the impact of the Euro on Wales without any reference to the advantages and disadvantages of future UK membership of the Euro on Wales and the Welsh economy. Without such a discussion there was a danger that the specific needs of Wales would not receive sufficient attention.

#### Enlargement and Twinning

2.23 The committee has monitored with interest the work that the Welsh Assembly Government was undertaking on enlargement and twinning projects. The committee receives regular reports from the working group on enlargement, which was established to advise the committee on Wales's response to the opportunities presented by the enlargement of the European Union. The First Minister chairs the group, which includes representatives of the four Assembly political parties and of the public, private and voluntary sectors. The committee has also taken an interest in twinning opportunities that may arise from the enlargement of the European Union. The First Minister regularly updates the committee on the Assembly's work in creating links with accession states and regions and the committee received a presentation from the Marshal (First Minister equivalent) of the of the Silesian Voivodeship at its meeting in May 2002.

## Sustainable Development

2.24 The committee has welcomed the progress that the Welsh Assembly Government has made on a proposed pan-European sustainable development network and recognised the significance of linking with other regions at the European level. The committee looks forward to further updates on the sustainable development network that is being developed.

## Cohesion

2.25 The committee has received regular progress reports on European Union economic and social cohesion through this reporting period. The committee was informed in February 2002 that the latest progress report was the first of two interim stages before the publication of the third report on cohesion in late 2003 or early 2004. The committee looks forward to giving further consideration to this important aspect of their work in the coming year.

### **f) Ensure that there is adequate liaison with Members of the European Parliament representing Wales and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions**

2.26 The committee provides an opportunity to improve liaison between Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) representing Wales and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions by bringing them together at its meetings. In order to address practical problems, the committee held a full meeting in Brussels to improve communication with MEPs in December 2001. The committee intends to visit Brussels on an annual basis to continue with this valuable dialogue. The committee also scheduled a meeting for the MEPs' constituency week in February 2002 to make attendance easier.

### **g) Assess the significance of proposed European legislation affecting Wales that falls within the remit of more than one subject committee**

2.27 The committee considered proposed European legislation on the Liberalisation of Postal Services and on the Directive on Information and Consultation of Employees. The members present indicated support for the implementation of the Directive on Information and Consultation of Employees because it would encourage good business practice in the treatment of employees. Announcements by Ofcom and Consignia overtook the committee's consideration of the liberalisation of the postal services market.

## **3. PARTICIPATION BY STANDING INVITEES**

3.1 Under standing order 15.4, Members of the European Parliament representing Wales and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions may attend meetings of the European and External Affairs Committee. The committee has extended this invitation to Welsh representatives on the Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC), the

Wales European Centre and the European Commission Representation in Wales. Standing invitees attendance is shown in annex C.

#### **4. FORWARD LOOK**

4.1 The committee will take a close interest in the debate on the Future of Europe. The committee feels that the regional tier of government has a significant role to play and will give further consideration to how it might be developed. There is no formal machinery for contributing to the Convention, but the committee can seek to influence the debate by submitting contributions to Convention members. The House of Commons representatives on the Convention, Gisela Stuart and David Heathcoat-Amory, have indicated their willingness to assist the committee. The Assembly could also seek to influence the debate through the Committee of the Regions. It will be important for the committee and the Assembly to utilise all available channels to influence the UK government to ensure that Wales' interests are met.

4.2 A continuing priority for the Committee is improving the co-ordination of European issues between subject committees and policy divisions. It is important that there are adequate processes within the Assembly to call to attention European issues of interest to Wales in time for the Assembly to have an input at the policy development stage. Wales can then take maximum advantage of the opportunities which Europe offers.

4.3 Improving communication with the subject committees is an important part of this. The committee will meet the chair of each subject committee on an annual basis to discuss issues of mutual concern. A system of rapporteurs has been established but needs to be developed so that the committee can be kept up to date on European issues within each subject committee. Rapporteurs should also inform the subject committees on emerging European issues and their wider strategic context. The committee has requested that subject committees report specifically on European issues within their progress reports.

4.4 The committee will continue to receive a report from the First Minister on each European Commission work programme outlining issues of potential significance within the portfolio of each Assembly Minister. This will ensure that policy divisions are aware of relevant upcoming European work and highlight for the committee issues which may need to be raised with the responsible subject committee.

4.5 The committee has taken a close interest in the work that the Welsh Assembly Government is undertaking on enlargement and twinning projects. As enlargement draws nearer the committee will want to ensure that Wales makes the most of the opportunities available.

4.6 The committee will maintain its role of being the central point within the Assembly for Wales' European representatives to publicly discuss issues of

importance and inform the Assembly of recent developments. To this end, the committee has undertaken to ensure that at least one meeting a year is held at a time and place convenient for Wales' Members of the European Parliament as MEPs' attendance has been frustrated due to the committee's sitting times clashing with European parliamentary duties.

4.7 The Welsh Assembly Government has served 12 months notice of withdrawal of its membership of the Wales European Centre and has stated its intention to strengthen its direct presence in Brussels. There is a general consensus that arrangements need to be agreed by all of the relevant Welsh interests to maintain a strong overall Welsh presence in Brussels and discussions are continuing with other stakeholders on that basis. Members felt that as WEC had been central to the relationship between the National Assembly and the European Union - and hence central to the work of the Committee - the Committee should have the chance to discuss fully the future of WEC before any irreversible decisions were made.

4.8 The committee has also noted that in the longer term the Assembly needs to address the issues of the future of the structural funds post 2006, the reform of the common agricultural policy and sustainable development. The committee has an important strategic role and will continue to monitor developments in these areas and ensure that appropriate, timely action is taken by the Assembly.

## **ANNEX A**

### **STANDING ORDER 15 - COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

#### **Title and Terms of Reference**

15.1 There shall be a Committee on European and External Affairs, which shall keep under review

(i) the Assembly's relations with the institutions of the European Union, and its methods for informing and advising those institutions of the needs of Wales;

(ii) the Assembly's liaison arrangements with UKREP, and with United Kingdom government departments on European issues;

(iii) the Assembly's methods and procedures for the consideration of documents, issues and questions emanating from European institutions, having particular regard to the need for liaison with Members of Parliament responsible for scrutiny of European matters of particular relevance to Wales.

(iv) the Assembly's relations with nations external to the European Union.

15.2. The Committee shall monitor the general impact and consequences for Wales of policies pursued by institutions of the European Union, and ensure that there is adequate liaison with the Members of the European Parliament representing Wales and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions.

15.3. The Committee shall avoid duplicating the work of subject committees, but may draw particular issues to the attention of relevant subject committees and, with the agreement of the relevant subject committee, may consider any matter falling within paragraphs 15.1 or 15.2 which is otherwise wholly within the remit of that subject committee. The Committee may assess and where necessary report on the significance of proposed European legislation affecting Wales which falls within the remit of more than one subject committee.

#### **Membership**

15.4 The Assembly shall elect an Assembly Secretary to chair the Committee, together with other Members elected so far as practicable to reflect the balance of political groups in the Assembly and having regard to the desirability of each subject committee being represented on the Committee. Members of the European Parliament representing Wales, and Welsh representatives on the Committee of the Regions, may attend and, with the permission of the chair, speak at the Committee's meetings

when these are in public, but they may not vote. Assembly Members who have specific constituency or regional interests to pursue in relation to the work of the Committee may in advance of any meeting seek the chair's permission to make representations to the Committee at that meeting, but they may not vote. Members may also write to the chair requesting that their observations on any aspect of the Committee's work be tabled for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting, and the chair shall arrange for such tabling to take place.

## **Reports**

15.5 The Committee shall report to the Assembly from time to time

## **ANNEX B**

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The membership of the Committee as at June 2002 is:

Rhodri Morgan (Chair)	Labour	Cardiff West
Nicholas Bourne	Conservative	Mid & West
Rosemary Butler	Labour	Newport West
Christine Chapman	Labour	Cynon Valley
Mike German	Liberal Democrat	South Wales East
John Griffiths	Labour	Newport East
Ieuan Wyn Jones	Plaid Cymru	Ynys Mon
Tom Middlehurst	Labour	Alyn and Deeside
Jonathan Morgan	Conservative	South Wales Central
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr
Phil Williams	Plaid Cymru	South Wales East

Tom Middlehurst joined the committee in November 2001 following the resignation of Val Feld due to ill health.

## **ANNEX C**

### **MEETINGS AND AGENDAS OF THE COMMITTEE**

28 June 2001

- Belgian Presidency of the European Union
- Chair's Report
- Working group on enlargement
- Meeting in Brussels
- Wales' official representation on European fora
- Twinning programme
- Reports from Standing Invitees

17 October 2001

- Chair's Report
- Tele Regions Network
- Discussion with Chair of Agriculture and Rural Development Committee
- Report on the first meeting of the Working Group on Enlargement Sustainable Development in the European Context
- Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions
- Cohesion in the Enlargement Context
- Proposed Directive on Information and Consultation of Employees
- Inquiry into democracy and accountability in the EU and the role of national parliaments
- Handling Procedures for the White Paper on Governance
- Reports from Standing Invitees
- Brussels Meeting
- Paper to note - Directive on Large Combustion Plants

5 December 2001

- Chair's Report
- Discussion with Members of the European Parliament
- Governance presentations - Jerome Vignon and Xavier Gizard

13 February 2002

- Chair's Report
- White Paper on Governance
- The European Commissions Work programme - 2002
- Update on the Progress Report on Cohesion
- Report on the second meeting of the Working Group on Enlargement
- Reports from Standing Invitees
- Liberalisation of Postal Services in the European Union

20 March 2002

- Chair's Report



- Discussion with the Chair of the Culture Committee
- White Paper on Governance
- Implications of the Euro for Wales
- Extended remit of the committee
- European Regions with Legislative Powers
- Reports from Standing Invitees

8 May 2002

- Chair's Report
- Discussion with the Marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship
- Discussion with a Member of the Economic Development Committee
- The Future of Europe Convention
- The European Single Currency
- European Transnational Programmes
- Sustainable Development
- Reports from Standing Invitees
- Paper to note - EU Structural and Cohesion Policy

## **Annex D**

### **STANDING INVITEES ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The names of the standing invitees are listed below with the dates of the meetings that they attended.

#### **Members of the European Parliament**

Jill Evans - 5 December 2001, 13 February 2002

Jonathan Evans - 5 December 2001

Glenys Kinnock - 5 December 2001, 13 February 2002,

Eluned Morgan - 28 June 2001

Eurig Wyn - 5 December 2001, 13 February 2002

#### **Economic and Social Committee**

Rose D'Sa - 5 December 2001

George Wright - 13 February 2002, 8 May 2002

#### **Committee of the Regions**

Janet Davies (from May 2002) - 8 May 2002

Brian Smith

Councillor Jon Huish - 8 May 2002

#### **European Commission Representation in Wales**

Catherine Eva - 13 February 2002, 8 May 2002

#### **Wales European Centre**

Jos Gallagher - 28 June 2001, 17 October 2001, 5 December 2001, 13 February 2002, 8 May 2002