

# European Conference



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When the „Verband der Deutschen Altpfadfindergilden“ prepared the 10. European Regional Conference, arised the question to find a Conference logo and a Conference motto.

The city of Bremen has two symbols, the **Bremer Roland** and the „Bremer Stadtmusikanten“

The **Bremer Roland** is a statue erected on the market place in front of the Town Hall. He is the guard of liberty and also of the market and citizen rights of Bremen .

The name of this statue goes back on a saga dated in the time of Charlemagne. Roland statues have had already a long tradition in the Middle Ages. They were erected in many cities, to demonstrate, that those cities were independent with own marketrights.

The Roland of Bremen was created 1404 . The present statue is made of limestone and has a height of nearly 10 meters.

The Bremen Roland and the Town Hall (erected 1405 – 1409) were declared as UNESCO world cultural heritage sites in 2004.

The name of our Bremen Guild is „Roland“

## **Bremen Town Musicians**

Already in the year 1339 city – and council – musicians were well known in Bremen . They blowed trumpets from the church towers. To be a city – musicien in that time stands for a safe income. City – musiciens played on political events, on mariages and represented the city beyond her limits.

Regarding the Grimm brothers famous fairytale exist a lot of illustrations.

Among others exist a drawing from the british cartoonist George Crinkshank, showing the heighligh of the fairytale : the moment where the animals shocked the robbers in the forest and take the hut of them as new home.

The german sculptor Gerhard Marks created 1951 the most popular statue of neglected and chased away animals. This bronze statue was erected 1953. Today this monument , standing also on the Market place, marks the end of the 600 km long „Deutsche Märchenstrasse“, which run from the Grimm Brothers hessian home town Hanau to the north of Germany.

This animal foursome in front of the city hall of Bremen meantime is listed as historic monument.

The fairytale „Die Bremer Stadtmusikanten“ is an example of search for a dignified life. Each animal escaped from getting killed by his owner allone to an unsafe life in the future . That needs a lot of courage.

They met compagnions in distress, being in the same situation and discover solidarity.

This fairytale deal with social – political subjects as poverty and excluding, homeless and outcasting, migration and rebel against injustices.

We, as the preparation team, have condensed those social – political questionnaire under the subject „diversity“

The chairman of the „Verband Deutscher Altpfadfinder Gilden“ Helmut Reitberger will (Wednesday, the 21 August 2019 after the opening ceremony) introduce in the subject under the title „Diversity in the society“.

On Thursday , 22. 8. 2019 at 9.30 am you will get informations about the futher work on this subject. There will be a steeplechase. On different stations you will find impulses to more subjects in the social relationship as : communication, inclusion, integration, religion, gender.

All Conference participants can participate on this steeplechase.

