



THE EUROPEAN FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

An association for what kind of Festivals?

In Hamburg (January 1998) the Yourope working committee discussed how to make sure that the right kind of festivals become members of the Association (indoor / outdoor, one day / more days, one stage / more stages, entrance fee / no entrance fee, music festivals only / all kind of festivals, rock festivals only / jazz, folk, classical etc.).

Very strict rules would exclude a lot of festivals for one single reason while the very same festivals might have a lot of good reasons to be a member to no use.

During spring 2001 the elected board members of YOUROPE looked over the criterias in order to make it possible for more festivals to become members according to the wishes of the General Assembly.

A – BASIC CRITERIAS

These basic criterias must be fulfilled by the festival:

1. The Festival must in the view of the leading board of Yourope and the public be a live music festival
2. The Festival must be one event under one name.
3. The Festival must be at least two years old – and the latest edition not more than one year ago.
4. Festival must have no less than 3.000 visitors per qualifying day.
5. Festival must have no less than 5 band per qualifying day.
6. The main reason for the festival has to be the presentation of live music. The festival should not be in support of one specific political or one specific religious aim.
7. The festival has to be publicly open to all kinds of audiences.

B – FLEXIBLE CRITERIAS

At least 6 points must be scored from at least three categories from the questions below:

1. Indoor festival : 1 point – Outdoor festival : 3 points
2. Days of music : 1 point per day – max 3 points
3. Number of Stages : 1 point per stage – max 3 points
4. No camping facilities : 0 point – camping facilities 3 points

C – JUDGEMENT OF THE BOARD

The applicant, according to the judgement of the board, may or may not become a «qualified» member of the association, even if it scores the needed 6 points in three different B categories