

<b>COMITE ANDORRAN RAPPORT d'ACTIVITÉ 2007</b>
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During '07 our section has organized only one major gathering, in the wake of ELEC'S China meet in Brussels. Aside, it staged several discussion group meetings.

The gathering, resulted in a highly interesting meeting, structured around the expertise of the Spanish ambassador to Andorra, E. Bregulat, whose exceptional repeated posting to China, has given rise to his 2<sup>nd</sup> book on China. A highly spirited debate followed, which I headed.

The discussion groups, amongst other themes, highlighted one, around the sections role as a catalyst and promoter of Europe for the Andorran youth. There is indeed concern on the subdued image Brussels casts on such issues as: benefits of the Euro, of the job and housing markets. The additional layer of "bureaucracy" and implied spending by Brussels which comes on top of the local funds allocation process and local administration levels; "top heavy" in this generations' eyes. Which by the way, we understand is not very different from the views held by the Spanish and other European youth.

This generation is acceding to their first voting opportunities and are likely to express themselves negatively, when asked, in large part because of their ignorance - lack of Brussels PR and publicity on "the facts". The presently staged "Brussels Expo" show which is to tour Europe is certainly one way to alter their views and we hope that we will be able to attract part of the expo to Andorra. With or without the expo our section must work on inciting our youth to retain the proper image of Brussels, as one of our goals.

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