UKRAINE - FRANCE

Through a few articles in a local newspaper

Just our little point of view



On the 26th of february 2022

- On that Saturday, like everywhere in the world, demonstrations of solidarity with Ukraine against the Russian invasion
- A big emotional chock
- We were about 300 in Vannes, many in Brittany, France and other countries.
- The solidarity movement was starting...



In touch with our "sister city" CASTELU near Constanta

- Convergences and similar reactions with stronger fears, linked to the closer danger in Romania.
- "Interethnic and inter-religion solidarity in Romania
- •They feel protected by their belonging to the European Union and NATO
- *Just one example: Metin, originally from Crimea, head of the Tatare community relays the call of United Cities to support Ukraine and mobilize town halls and twinning. With the Imam of Castelu, they chartered six cars for Turkey and called the Orthodox Pope to participate ... " Journal Le Télégramme

On Saturday march 2th

 In Vannes, 400 people gathered in support of the Ukrainian people



« In Vannes Anastasiia, so close and so far from Ukraine at the same time" the telegramme March 15, 2022



- •In my French lessons I met Anastasia a young ukrainian woman..

 And I asked her to speak during our demonstration the 15th of march and she spoke with emotion about her family, about the situation, about her parents living with the daily sound of the sirens' alarm.
- « What is new is that the conflict may last...
- You must not be indifferent or get used to what is happening there. You must not stay in your bubble, you must continue to talk about it. »
- Today Anastasia has obtained her residence permit and she works in the structure Le Cleas where she had language lessons.

Le télégramme 15 mars

Aids and a welcome for accommodation

- The agglomeration of the country of Vannes stands in solidarity with Ukraine: it voted for aid of €25,000 and the issuance for refugees of free monthly subscriptions on the bus network. »
- □ The Brittany regional councilor had released €100,000 to support refugees and declared free transport for these families. »
- Families accommodated in Vannes, Plescop...
- Clothing drives with La Croix Rouge and chartered trucks
- Ukrainian flag everywhere, and Ukrainian anthem learnt and song
- Like in other countries

Individual involment is weakening

- Every week, every Saturday, a demonstration on the port of Vannes
- But now, after being 400, 300, and then 50, we are around 30, with as many Ukrainians as French
- At the call of the European movement and the House of Europe...

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OUR CONCERNS, our questions

- Since September, fewer articles, fewer demonstrators, greater indifference, disinterest.
- The conflict settles in the long term, and no prospect of exit appears...
- Prospects for peace receded, military investments have resumed
- Democracies in danger and the values of the EU threatened.
- We know that we have to support the defenders of liberty