

The 1st Meeting of The Network of Culture Routes of the Council of Europe - Strasbourg on October 2, 2008

The *Association Internationale Via Francigena* (AIVF) was invited to the meeting by the Council of Europe with the *Associazione Europea delle Vie Francigene* (AEVF), with the aim of **reinforcing the bonds** between the various routes and especially of **encouraging the joining of forces of parties involved in the same route**.

18 representatives of all organizations within the network presented **their initiatives and their problems** to the Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage of the Council of Europe.

The president of the AIVF, **Adelaide Trezzini**, expressed the wish that the **VF European logo**, accepted by the Council of Europe in **2001**, would be associated with that of the Italian Ministry of Culture and has proposed to the AEVF, **achieving collaboration in publishing jointly a definitive VF route map**, in order to reassure the pilgrims.

The Association Internationale Via Francigena (AIVF) has presented all the documents necessary to obtain the **new approval** for the Via Francigena network requested by the Council of Europe, which will be evaluated by the Advisory Committee of the Cultural Routes Programme.