Dear members of European parliament, colleagues and painting friends!

In the name of Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia our professional organization of Slovene painters I would like to send you our greetings and congratulations on today's celebration of the 65th anniversary of the founding of European association of painters UNIEP.

We are honored to be active members of European family of painters. We are happy to be able to coordinate the development of our profession and contribute to a quality exchange of knowledge and good practices in Europe.

Unfortunately, we can't attend celebration, because we are at the final stage of preparations for our great international humanitarian event and national competition of painters next week, which celebrates 20th anniversary this year and I am sure, many of you, already know it.

With our humanitarian event, our painters want to repaint different places of organizations which working with young people. During our event we build up connections between our painters, promote the skill and have a national competition too.

Our event also has an international character. Painters from many European countries take part for several years now. High international participation is undoubtedly the result of our international networking and membership in UNIEP.

We are very proud that European organization recognize our event as an example of good practice and help to promote it. We are also very happy that our model of event has already been followed some other countries.

Generally, we will continue to be an active member of our European professional integration UNIEP. We will continue to support all tasks of UNIEP. We want to expose professionalism, integration and unique European professional standard. We will continue to promote our profession among young people. We also want that the painter in Europe become recognize as a profession with a good knowledge and international experiences, what we momently follow in two European projects In Paint and Europa Maister.

Thanks a lot to everyone for wonderful cooperation in the past!

We are looking forward to work together in the future and hope that European parliament will support us!

Have a nice day of celebration, we hope to meet you soon, some of you already next week at our international painting event in Ljubljana.