Dear Karen,

Many thanks for your very in depth answer.

I salute the incredible work that the European Commission has done in these years to achieve the goals you listed in your answer: this is not something you can achieve from one day to another, but with years of dedicated work! Many thanks for this.

But the point I'm making is that with all these efforts, it seems even more extraordinary that 2017 is not allowed to be recognised and listed as an official European Year. Considering that over half the Members of the European Parliament asked for this year from 2010, some reason has intervened to stop the initiative. Can I read the minutes of the last meeting when this matter was in the agenda? I would like to read what has been the reason for putting a veto on it. That is my question - why isn't it?

If you are unable to answer, please can you direct me towards someone who can?

Many thanks. Regards Lidia