

PROVINCIAL REPORT OF DIOECESIS EUROPAE CELTICAE ET GERMANICAE BY DUX CN. CORNELIUS LENTULUS

Reporting period of Kal. Apr. Sex. Lucilio (II) A. Tullia (II) cos. – Kal. Apr. C. Cethego Q. Arrio (IV) cos.
(1 Apr. 2022 – 1 Apr. 2023)

1. Number of current Nova Roman citizens in your provinces:

160 (estimated number, calculated retrospectively)

2. Web addresses of the main internet forum of the province, and all additional provincial forums that are public:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/britannia.novaroma.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gallia.novaroma>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/germania.novaroma.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thule.novaroma.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hispania.novaroma.org>

Besides these, all of the subprovinces have a Discord channel each.

2.1. Monthly average number of messages in the main provincial forum:

90 (combined number)

2.2. Average number of Nova Roman citizens posting per month:

8 (combined number)

2.3. Total number of members (citizens and peregrini combined) in the provincial forum:

220 (combined number)

3. Number of those real life gatherings in the reported period in which at least 5 citizens of the province participated:

3

Natale di Roma, April, 2022

Carnuntum Late Antiquity Festival, August, 2022

Carnuntum Römerfest, September, 2022

There were probably more, but at the moment I am unable to go through the archives. There were several gatherings with less than 5 citizens which are not listed now, an example is the January 8, 2023 meeting in Hannover with 3 citizens.

4. **Reenactment groups** that officially cooperate with the province:

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Legio XIV Comitatensis (Project Quartodecimani), allied legion

Legio XX Valeria Victrix (Deva Victrix, Roman Tours Ltd), allied legion

5. **Names of all candidates for the governorship:**

Cn. Cornelius Lentulus

COMMENTARIUM CN. CORNELII LENTULI DUCIS ET LEGATI PRO PRAETORE

In the period to be reported, the Dioecesis of Europa Celtica et Germanica continued to develop with big steps. It is my great joy to report to the senate that in this period, I established our second allied legion in the Dioecesis, the Legio XX Valeria Victrix, maintained by the Deva Victrix and Roman Tours Ltd community, under the direct command of praefectus cohortis A. Ocratius Maximus Gittus, centurio. The Legio XX Valeria Victrix is building a reconstructed Roman fortress, into which Nova Roma is planned to be involved, and which will become a wonderful international center for Roman revivalism. I continue my report with presenting the state of development in the constituent subprovinces of the dioecesis, into which Provincia Hispania has been added in this reporting period. I am proud to report that the Dioecesis Europae Celticae et Germanicae was one of the most active and productive territorial units of Nova Roma.

Germania

The subprovince of Provincia Germania is **one of the most developed parts of the dioecesis**, and it is very close to be released from the dioecesis. For a long time, I worked with **my legatus and proquaestor C. Artorius Praeconinus** on this, but lately he was incapacitated in his activities due to his other obligations, and **proquaestor C. Flavius Stilicho** took on a more active role in developing Germania, especially by making the Carnuntum Late Antiquity Festival one of the most important events of Nova Roma in Provincia Germania and a main event of Nova Roma. I commend both proquaestors for their significant efforts and achievements.

The province lacks a really active online forum: the one we currently have is too silent and there is no real sense of community or comradeship among the forum members.

Real life meetings are very frequent but they have only a small number of Nova Roman citizens, except a few large scale events, such as the Carnuntum festivals. Our Legio XIV Comitatensis – Quartodecimani makes a really big difference in comparison to the previous reporting period, and this shows that independent province status is now almost complete. I will continue to work on recruiting other legions and more active citizens in this subprovince.

We continue to rely on such important citizens of the province as **D. Gratus Ludovicus** and **Albia Corvina** who run the **Mos Maiorum blog**, the largest Roman religion blog in German language. They regularly reference Nova Roma and advise their readers to connect with us, doing great service to our work of rebuilding the province. Similar cultural mission is done by another resident of the province, **D. Claudius Aquilius**, who runs the **“Decimus Claudius” Roman archaeology**

Instagram channel with several dozens of thousands of followers and contributes to the civic life of Germania.

I have also personally visited the province twice, participated as one of the assistant organizers of the **Carnuntum Late Antiquity Festival in August and the Carnuntum Römerfest in September**, and offered sacrifices for obtaining the favor of the gods on the province, its citizens and for its continued development. These two were the main provincial events in the reported period. In this same period, legatus C. Artorius worked on a **Roman villa building project** and on **establishing a new Roman reenactment team**.

As a summary, I can state that Germania is firmly advancing to full province status, but a **sense of community and pulling together is still missing**, an **online activity also needs to be established**, and more active citizens are to be recruited. At this moment, **I am not sure if next year will see the detachment of Germania from the Dioecesis Europae Celticae et Germanicae**, although most of the components are present. The harmonious constellation of these components is what is missing.

Britannia

Britannia has made significant progress thanks to my right hand, the **provincial proquaestor C. Petronius Stephanus Turpilianus** who has been recruiting citizens for the province and establishing good relations with all Romanists in Britain. It is thanks to his work under my guidance that I can make the long expected big announcement, Nova Roma has recruited its first allied legion in Provincia Britannia, the Legio XX Valeria Victrix (maintained by the Deva Victrix, Roman Tours Ltd). Under the direct command of praefectus cohortis A. Ocratius Maximus Gittus, centurio, the Legio XX Valeria Victrix is building a reconstructed Roman fortress, into which Nova Roma is planned to be involved, and which will become a wonderful international center for Roman revivalism.

We have a very active forum for Britannia on Facebook, with informative and often engaging posts, and Provincia Britannia has participated in several events in the reported period which will not be enumerated in this report in full, but there has been a provincial event in about every month, but these normally saw less than 5 citizens. Our most important events in Britannia were:

- July 2022 - weekend “Colchester Roman festival”
- September 2022 - weekend “Pageant in the Park” festival at Park in the Past.

My **proquaestor Petronius** has continued in his role as roving Roman ambassador, trying to bring together various Romanist groups in mutual cooperation, specifically by encouraging their participation in each other’s events, in Britain and all over Europe.

With the new legion, I am convinced that Britannia will reach the status of a **real province next year**. My recommendation is that proquaestor C. Petronius Stephanus should become the first new governor after Britannia is restored to full province status when it has recruited its first legion and some more active citizens to participate in the government and live events.

Thule

My work for the reorganization of Provincia Thule continued with **proquaestor Ap. Curius Rullus, however, he met a series of obstacles, and progress has been slowed.** The **provincial Facebook group** serves as the main channel of communication between citizens, but its degree of activity continues to be low.

Our **attempt to recruit our unofficial partner legion** has not yet brought fruit. Our current policy is changed to try to build the legion from within, and not with the involvement of an already existing one.

We had several events in Provincia Thule but almost all of these were attended by less than 5 citizens, and all of them are connected to the work of Ap. Curius, proquaestor.

Overall, the current goal is to develop our own legion in Thule, and this project is assigned to the proquaestor.

Gallia

The least developed part of our dioecesis continues to be Gallia. Perhaps the biggest success of the region in this reporting period has been my recruitment of **Ti. Antonius Serenus**, president of the **Ave Bagacum** reenactment group, which is one of the finest Roman groups of the world. We intend to deepen our cooperation with him and his group. Our local partner group, the AGORA has become less active unfortunately due to internal problems.

The main forum of Gallia is **its Facebook group which is very passive.** Gallia remains to be a difficult case, and I have to find new ways to restore this province.

Hispania

Hispania has been added to the Dioecesis due to its abandoned status on 19 November 2022, only a few months before the deadline of this reporting period. During this period, I was not able to cause any changes to the status quo, but I have recruited a number of active and dedicated Romans for the province: working with them, I believe our next provincial report will be a cause of joy.

To conclude my dioecesis report, I confirm the original hypothesis of the most august Senate that the creation of the dioecesis was a good idea, and these provinces combined mutually help each other to function and to develop. The dioecesis has doubled the number of its legions and events. Two subprovinces, Germania and Britannia are particularly close to what a fully functioning province should look like, but I cannot confidently state they would be successful without my supervision as of yet. More work is to be done.

Cn. Cornelius Lentulus
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