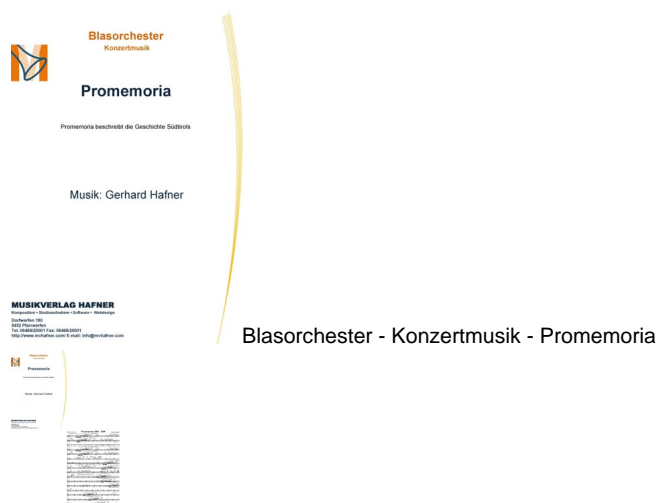


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Tyrol, the autonomous province of South Tyrol and the province of Trentino preside over a Three Provinces' Parliament at regular intervals. Since then, the work of the Euroregion has strengthened the common cultural identity of the region and has promoted economic and political cooperation within this region.