



EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK

Application form for European Organisations interested to become members of EAPN

1) General Information

Name of organisation

Emmaus Europe

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2) Members:

Please indicate the EU countries in which your organisation operates:

Albania / Austria / Belgium / Bosnia / Bulgaria/ Cyprus / Croatia / Czech Republic / Denmark / Estonia / Eire / Germany / Greece / Hungary / Finland / France / Italy / Latvia / Lithuania / Luxembourg / Malta / Netherlands/ Poland / Portugal / Romania / Spain / Slovakia / Slovenia / Sweden / Switzerland / UK / Ukraine

Please indicate the type of members (organisations, individuals, national NGOs etc.) which make up your membership:

Emmaus Europe is a Civil Society membership organisation representing 309 local groups in 17 European countries

Please attach a list of your members and the country where they are based:

Belgium / Bosnia / Denmark / Germany / Finland / France / Greece / Italy / Netherlands / Poland / Portugal / Romania / Spain / Sweden / Switzerland / UK / Ukraine

3) Objectives of your Organisation

Main objectives

The Emmaus movement was founded by Abbé Pierre in 1949. Emmaus Europe is a federation of Emmaus organisations in Europe. Its objectives are to reinforce and safeguard Emmaus' identity in Europe in order to combat all forms of exclusion, social, racial, political, economic, religious, philosophical, ethnic and other types of discrimination, and in order to ensure that the rights of the poorest people in Europe and worldwide are recognised and exercised. Emmaus Europe also aims to act as a liaison and mutual support body for the members of Emmaus in Europe, while respecting their individual characteristics and independence, contribute to and ensure that the work of our members complies with Emmaus International policy and specifically with its fundamental texts and General Assembly decisions.

Outline of interest in and work on anti-poverty issues

Emmaus Europe undertakes the following tasks: lead the region's member organisations; organise policy-related, economic and social training for Emmaus stakeholders in the region in order to equip them to play their advocacy role at local, national and regional level; gather all the information needed to develop the movement's campaigning stance so that it can be conveyed to the region's member organisations and contribute the ideas needed to ensure that the Emmaus International working groups function properly.

Emmaus Europe also lobbies the public authorities and European political authorities, forms alliances with other European organisations which share the same aim in order to fight together against extreme poverty and its causes in all parts of the world and particularly in Europe. And examines, adopts and monitors regional solidarity initiatives put forward by members of the region.

4) Publications

Reports published? If yes, please indicate on which subject

A range of publications on the following topics:

- Migration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5d2SBkuBsl&feature=youtu.be>

- Human trafficking:

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/FR_ZOOM_Traite_0312013.pdf

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/FR_outil-pratique-traite-PDF-r%C3%A9duit.pdf

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/FR_TRAITE_2013.pdf

- Environment:

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/FR_Guide-technique-2012.pdf

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/FR_Etat_des_lieux_intgral.pdf

Research carried out? If yes, please indicate in what area

Some booklets published as :

<http://emmaus-europe.org/emmaus-groups-championing-alternatives-for-a-circular-economy-21762.html>

<http://emmaus-europe.org/790-environment/emmaus-and-the-environment>

Do you issue a newsletter on a regular basis? If so, how often and in which languages?

Emmaus Europe does not produce a regular newsletter as such but creates policy briefings, ad hoc reports and maintains an up-to-date website for its members.

The organisation's three key languages are: French, English and Spanish

5) Relationships with EU institutions

European Commission: which directorates (s)

DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Unit F2 "Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship"

European Parliament: at what level (contact with individual MEPs inter groups, others?)
We hold regular meetings with MEPs from different political groups on a range of topics. Enriching each other's thinking and mutual invitations.

<http://emmaus-europe.org/retour-sur-la-rencontre-du-26-novembre-2014-entre-les-acteurs-emmaus-en-europe-et-les-eurodeputes-17590.html>

<http://emmaus-europe.org/retour-sur-la-rencontre-au-parlement-europeen-paix-et-vivre-ensemble-en-europe-19469.html>

Inviting MEPs to Emmaus Europe's own meetings e.g. Commissioner Human Rights, Dunja Mijatović to the European migration / human trafficking collective meeting in Osijek, Croatia on 22 June 2018 (to be confirmed).

Economic and Social Committee (specify what type of contact)

Esporadics ones, trough the Gotenberg evenement in 2017. Specially on the role of Social Economy and the future of work

Council of Europe (NGO status, others)

Special links within the Migrations and trafficking topics experts.

Administrator at The Council of Europe Convention on Action on Trafficking in Human Beings Secretariat.

Head of the Council of Europe Migration Observatory. Michaël Guet, head of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers' Issues (CAHROM) and a member of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues' support team.

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/FR_Compte-rendu-Collectif-Migrations-Traite_0513.pdf

Council of Ministers (what type of contacts?)

- Martin Schulz (president of the European Parliament).

<http://emmaus-europe.org/rencontre-avec-martin-schulz-president-du-parlement-europeen-19547.html> and <http://emmaus-europe.org/retour-sur-la-rencontre-entre-martin-schulz-president-du-parlement-europeen-et-les-responsables-demmaus-europe-12345.html>

- Marianne Thyssen (European commissioner for employment, social affairs, skills and labour mobility)

<http://emmaus-europe.org/rencontre-avec-la-commissaire-europeenne-marianne-thyssen-20302.html>

- Jacques Barrot (former home affairs and justice commissioner).

<http://emmaus-europe.org/663-lassemblee-regionale-demmaus-europe-envahit-bruxelles-570.html> and <http://emmaus-europe.org/919-emmaus-europe-ses-actes-et-ses-orientations-702.html>

Others: please specify

- Louis Michel (MEP and former European development and humanitarian aid commissioner).

<http://emmaus-europe.org/663-lassemblee-regionale-demmaus-europe-envahit-bruxelles-570.html>

Do you have NGO consultative status with any EU institution?

None. Emmaus Europe is member of the transparency directory of the European Union.

6) Expectations of the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)

Why do you want to join EAPN? What's your organisations motivation?

Emmaus Europe recognises that joining forces with Networks of organisations who share similar values to ours can enhance our ability to achieve on our organisational objectives and support the work that we do.

One recent example of this would be the EU's planned Circular Economy Directive. Our concern with this legislation was that it risks favouring commercial operators in arenas of resale and reuse of furniture and other items that brings income to our communities and provides meaningful activities for the people these communities support.

By joining and collaborating with the European [RReuse Network](#) our collective efforts have secured amendments to the Directive that we hope will protect the Social and Solidarity elements of a proposed Circular Economy.

Emmaus Europe is also working in partnership with [Migreurop](#) to address issues that arise from the EU Migration Policies that impact on our work.

We feel that similar opportunities can exist with our joining the EAPN to address the wider roots of poverty and the associated social exclusion that can result.

7) What can you bring to EAPN?

Emmaus Europe represents a pan-European secular, socially responsible and non-violent movement which is independent from any form of power. The movement aims to defend the most destitute members of society and we hold a wealth of good practice and examples of grassroots solutions to some of society's most pressing issues.

Emmaus Europe, in its current form, was created on 21st May 2005. A not-for-profit organisation, it brings together all the Emmaus structures in Europe and is one of the four continental regions of the Emmaus Movement (Africa, America, Asia and Europe).

Today, 309 groups in 17 European countries are members of Emmaus Europe and we feel adding these voices those of the EAPN will create a power force for change.

8) Has your organisation expertise in any of these areas:

Advocacy

Examples of our advocacy work on the asylum package, beginning in 2010:

<http://emmaus-europe.org/994-11-mars-2011-partout-les-etats-forteresses-seffondrent-quadviendra-t-il-de-notre-europe-si-elle-sobstine-dans-son-enfermement-866.html>

<http://emmaus-europe.org/993-7-juin-2011-zoom-sur-levolution-du-paquet-asile-865.html>

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/fr_cp_ee_dec11.pdf

Example of our two-phase advocacy work on the circular economy (2016):

Submission of amendments at the European level to the Circular Economy Package - two directives in particular affect Emmaus' interests:

- Directive 2008/98/EC on waste
- Directive 2012/19/EU on WEEE

The whole production on Circular Economy is accessible through our member's area. This includes position paper, posters, template letters...

<http://emmaus-europe.org/espace-membre/les-axes-de-travail/developpement-durable-environnement>

Emmaus Europe is linking the Fondation Abbe Pierre report each year.

This can be downloaded through the member's area « Working guidelines » Housing exclusion.

<http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Full-Report-2018.pdf>

Fundraising

The members of Emmaus Europe mainly operate under the Social Enterprise model. The aim is that each Community is self-sufficient and not dependent on funding.

That said, each Community is free to raise funds from a variety of sources and our members have skills and experience of generating income.

We are aware of the EAPN Fundraising and Financial Diversification Team and have members who have expressed interest in helping with this initiative, if required.

Communications

The family of the Emmaus Federation use a range of media channels to spread the message for social inclusion and giving a voice to the voiceless.

Campaigning

Examples of our campaign to coincide with the 2014 European Parliament elections:

<http://emmaus-europe.org/nous-sommes-une-europe-accueillante-laissez-nous-agir-23917.html>

<http://emmaus-europe.org/actions-citoyennes/les-campagnes>

<http://emmaus-europe.org/kit-elections-europeennes-2014-14979.html>

http://emmaus-europe.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/FR_CR_-Table-Ronde_060514.pdf

Campaigning for and championing the rights of 'those who suffer most' in society form the foundation of the Emmaus Movement.

Since the beginnings, the Movement founded by Abbé Pierre has challenged injustice and inequalities in society. This has been grounded by practical actions not just rhetoric and 'good intentions'.

Financial management

Financial management expertise that exists within Emmaus Europe can be made available to EAPN if requested.

Strategic planning and thinking

The Regional Council is Emmaus Europe's political decision-making body.

The Regional Council is tasked with boosting and monitoring all the organisation's decision-making bodies, including the Regional Executive, with Emmaus Europe's work being placed under the direct responsibility of the Regional Council.

The Regional Council implements the strategic areas, proposals and decisions approved at the World and Regional Assemblies.

In Europe, the Regional Council provides a concrete scope for the values advocated by Emmaus:

- fighting for the rights of the poorest members of society.
- solidarity initiatives and initiatives to combat exclusion.
- fighting extreme poverty and the causes of extreme poverty.

The Regional Council also organises Emmaus Europe's communications policy targeting the general public and the public authorities in order to more successfully defend the principles of the Emmaus Movement.

Finally, the Regional Council promotes the development of the Emmaus Movement in Europe.
