

INVITATION TO 2025 FUNDING NETWORK MEETING

*Brussels, Belgium
24 September 2025*

Dear members,

Warmest greetings!

We are delighted to invite you to Eurodiaconia's 2025 Funding Network Meeting.

This year is a crucial year for funding social services in Europe. The European Commission will release its proposal for the next EU long-term budget (Multiannual Financial Framework or MFF), part of which are programmes that are important for diaconia (both at the European and national levels in the case of shared management funds). We are also at a time of great political shifts and uncertainty, with substantial challenges in public funding for social services and inclusion.

This network meeting will bring together members interested in funding, projects, and grants for social inclusion to explore collaboration and to exchange good practices in successful grant applications and lessons learnt in applying for funding in the field of education, training, youth, sport, culture and volunteering. We will also learn about EU work programmes and funding opportunities in these fields. Finally, we will preliminarily discuss the implications of the next MFF on funding for social inclusion projects and services.

The funding network meeting is being organised back-to-back with the joint Eurodiaconia-Caritas Europa event *Shaping the future of social and health care services in Europe* within the context of the next EU long-term budget (Multiannual Financial Framework) at the European Parliament on 23 September. We hope that you will attend this event as well.

Thank you very much and we hope to see you in Brussels.

Best regards,

Glenis

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Schedule	Programme	In-charge/speaker
8:45-9:15	Registration and morning coffee	
9:15-9:20	Devotion	Member
9:20-9:40	Introduction to the event, introduction of participants, run through of agenda, house rules	
9:40-10:25	Session 1 ERASMUS+ and ESC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inputs - Q&A and discussion 	Members, tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diaconia Latvia - Apostoli - Oulu Deaconess Institute (ODL) - Diaconia Valdese
10:25-10:35	Comfort break	
10:35-11:25	Session 2 CERV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inputs - Q&A and discussion 	Members, tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hungarian Interchurch Aid - tbd
11:25-12:15	Breakout sessions on project ideas	
12:15-12:30	Plenary reporting	
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-13:40	Introduction to afternoon session and ice breaker	
13:40-14:25	Session 3 <p>Work programme, funding opportunities and what to expect in CERV, Erasmus+ and ESC in 2025-2026</p> <p>Lessons learned from transnational projects</p> <p>Q&A</p>	European Education and Culture Agency, tbc Tbd
14:25-14:35	Comfort break	
14:35-15:05	Session 4 <p>Discussion on the new MFF draft and implications on funding for diaconia</p>	Tbd
15:05-15:15	Synthesis and closing	
15:15-16:00	Networking opportunity	

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participation

The meeting is open to anyone working in Diaconia who is part of a network or an organisation that is a member of Eurodiaconia. Staff/officers of Eurodiaconia member organisations in charge of funding, grants, projects and partnerships will find this meeting interesting and relevant.

Registration

Please register via [this link](#) as soon as possible. We process registrations on a rolling basis. The registration to participate is open until 10 September 2025. For members requesting financial support to attend the event, please register by 4 September 2025. Please read the Eurodiaconia rules for financial support: <https://www.eurodiaconia.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2024-Reimbursement-form-Eurodiaconia.pdf> The Secretariat will process registrations and confirm participants on a rolling basis. We will contact you within a few days after your registration.

Financial information

Eurodiaconia members from Central and Eastern Europe and from minority churches are eligible to apply for financial support via the registration form (ex-post compensation; read carefully the financial aid guidelines). If you would like to request financial support, we kindly ask you to let us know by registering as soon as possible, but no later than the 4th of September. Our general rule is that a maximum of 2 participants per organisation can attend the network meeting, and due to financial restrictions, only 1 of them can be financially supported if eligible. If you have a particular situation, please contact the Secretariat.

Full sponsorship will only be granted if you attend the entire meeting (full day of the 24th). The Secretariat reserves the right to only reimburse your stay partially, should you not follow the whole programme. In case of conflicting travel schedules and emergencies, please contact the Secretariat.

Venue:

The venue of the meeting will be at: Rue Joseph II 166, 1000 Brussels. We will release a travel note at a later date.

Travel

Participants are asked to book their own travel tickets, following confirmation of their

participation. Those who are requesting financial support are kindly asked to communicate to the Secretariat the cost of the flight tickets. If it exceeds 350 euros, please hold off from the purchase until getting confirmation from the Secretariat.

Accommodation

Eurodiaconia will book and pay for the accommodation of participants who ask for and are granted financial support in a hotel close to the venue. Please do not book your own accommodation if you request financial support.

Other (non-sponsored) participants are asked to book and pay for their own accommodation. If you wish to stay at the same hotel where the sponsored participants are staying, please get in touch with us.

Inclusive and respectful network meetings

We are committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful space for dialogue. We recognise that diversity strengthens our work, and we encourage open discussions where diverse perspectives are shared with respect and mutual understanding. We expect all participants to contribute to an environment where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

By participating in our Network Meeting, you agree to comply with [Eurodiaconia's Code of Conduct](#) during this event.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the content and the programme, please contact Glenis at glenis.balanguie-dalkiran@eurodiaconia.org and if you have questions about logistics and financial support, please get in touch with Konstantina (Nantia) at konstantina.kinikli@eurodiaconia.org.