

The work of Eurodiaconia in 2017

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Who we are

Eurodiaconia is an organisation that tries to help people in need to be included in the community and to have the chance to live a good life.

Here you can see our logo:



This is the symbol we use when we talk about Eurodiaconia.

In Eurodiaconia:

- we care for all people,
- we try to make things fairer for all people,
- we think that all people are equal and they should have the same chances in life,
- we hope and work for a better and fairer world,
- we love and care for people around us,
- we stand close to each other.



Our members

We have 46 members from many countries in Europe.



These are churches or organisations that try to make things better for people in need. We are all Christians. That means that we believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. We try to follow his words and to be close to people in need.

You can find all members of Eurodiaconia on our website by [clicking here](#).

Our Board

Our members come together and talk about important things. They also choose the Board of Eurodiaconia. The **Board** is a group of people who can take decisions for Eurodiaconia. Here you can see the people who are part of our Board:



The people from the Board live in different countries in Europe but they meet often to talk and take important decisions for Eurodiaconia.

Our office

Also, Eurodiaconia has an office in Brussels.
Here you can see the people who work at our office in Brussels:



All together, we work to help people in need to have better lives.

To contact people from Eurodiaconia,
you can send an email at: office@eurodiaconia.org.

Good services for people

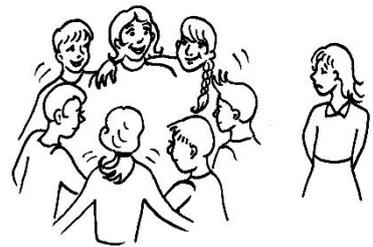
We think that countries in Europe should give people good social services. That means that countries should give people help and support to have a good life.

For example, all people should have the chance to:

- study,
- go to the hospital,
- use other things and services freely or without paying too much.

If countries give the right support to people, all people will have the same chances in life and nobody will be left out.

People who have mental health problems should also get the support they need to have a good and independent life. They should not be left out of the community or not be able to find a job just because they have a mental health problem.



In 2017, we met and talked about that with people who make decisions and laws in Europe. We told them how important it is to give good social services and support to all people.



Having a job

Having a job helps to be independent and have a good life. It also helps to be part of the community. All people should have the chance to study, learn new skills and get a job.



Sadly, many people in Europe do not have the chance to study or get a job. Without a job, they may not have enough money to buy the things they need in their life. They may be left out of the community.



In Eurodiaconia, we believe that all people should be able to get a job and have the same chances in life. With our members, we talk to people who make decisions in Europe about how important this is. We ask them to make sure that all people in Europe have the chance to study, learn new skills, get a job and be part of the community.



Roma people

Roma people are a group of people who in the past used to live in India and other places. Today many Roma people live in Europe. Some of them live in one place and others may travel from place to place.

Sadly, too many Roma people in Europe are very poor

and left out of the community.



Roma people often face **discrimination**.

That means they are treated unfairly.

They do not have the same chances in life like other people.

They are often left out of the community.

At Eurodiaconia, we want this to stop.

People may have different cultures, languages or habits

but we are all equal and we should all be treated with respect.

We believe that Roma people should be part of the community and have the same chances in life like all other people.



Migrants

Migrants are people who left their countries and their homes because it was not good or safe for them there anymore.

For example, maybe there was war in their country and their life was in danger.

Or maybe their country was very poor and they couldn't find a job there.



In recent years, many migrants have come to Europe seeking a better life.

At Eurodiaconia, we believe that countries in Europe should help migrants to have a better chance in life.

For that to happen, migrants should have the chance to get a job and to be part of the community.

We try to make sure that migrants who come to Europe get the support they need to do that.

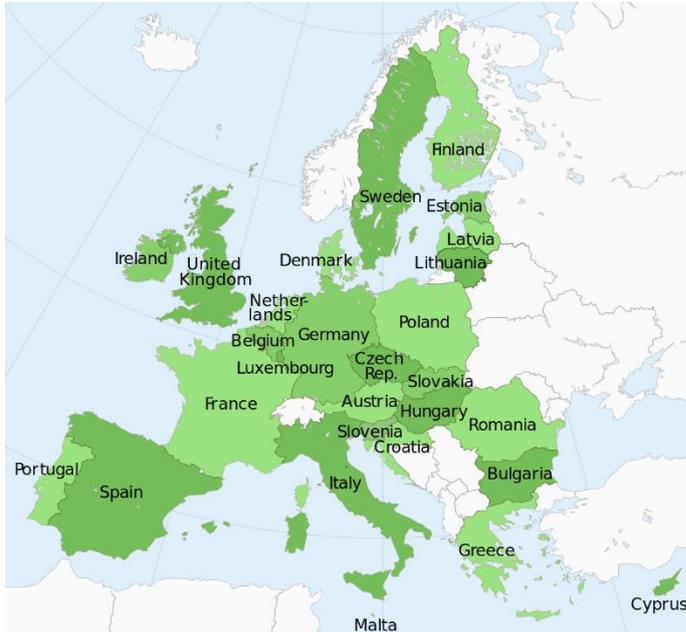
The Social Pillar

Some things in Europe are still not fair.

For example, many people do not have the chance to get a job

or be part of the community like other people.

The **European Union** is a group of 28 countries in Europe.



The European Union made a plan to make things better and fairer. We call this plan **'the Social Pillar'**. With this plan, the European Union is trying to help all people to have the same chances to:

- get a job,
- have fair conditions in this job,
- be part of the community.



At Eurodiaconia, we want to make sure that this plan will come true and will help as many people as possible.

We also believe that people and organisations like us should take part in this plan.

The European Union should listen to what we think and work with us to make this plan happen for the good of all people in Europe.



The European Semester

In recent years, Europe has an economic crisis. That means that countries in Europe have problems with money. Some countries are poorer than before and their people don't have enough money to have a good life. It may also be hard for people to find a job.

The European Union made a plan to make things in Europe better and more stable. We call this plan '**the European Semester**'. The European Semester helps countries in Europe to work together to go out of the economic crisis and grow stronger.

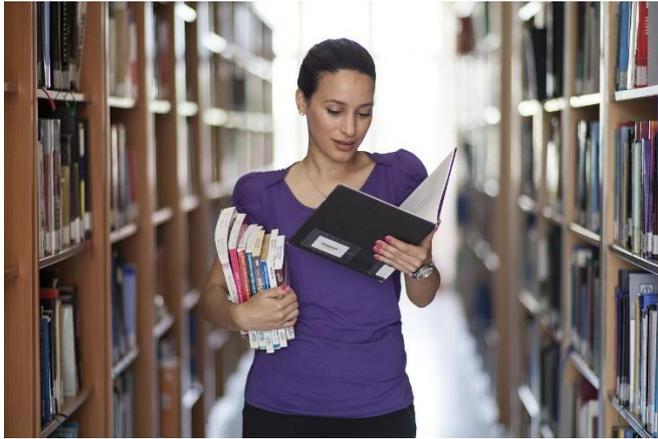


At Eurodiaconia, we think that the European Union can make things better and we want to take part in this. Europe and its countries should listen to organisations like us. We tell people who make decisions in Europe what we expect from the European Semester and how we think it can work for the good of people in Europe.



Young people

At Eurodiaconia, we think that young people should have the chance to study, work and be part of the community.



There are still many young people in Europe who do not have a job. Through our work, we try to help young people. For example, we made a project to help young workers have good skills and knowledge and prepare them to get a job.



We also talked to people who make decisions in Europe. We asked them to make sure that young people have the chance to study, work and be part of the community.

Poverty

Sadly, there is much **poverty** in Europe.

That means that there are many people who are poor and they do not have the things they need to have a good life.

For example, there are many people who:

- do not have a house to live in,
- do not have a job,
- do not have enough money to buy the things they need.



We think that all countries in Europe should protect their people from poverty.

They should also pay attention to children and young people and make sure they have the things they need in life.

For example, all children and young people should have the chance to:

- have a home,
- go to the hospital when they are sick,
- go to school with other children.



European money

The European Union gives money to its countries.

This money is called **'Funds'**.

The countries use this money for many things and services for their people.

Many organisations get money from the European Union to be able to do their work.

Eurodiaconia and its members need this money to do their work too.

So it is very important for us and our members to know how this works.

We often help our members to apply to get this money.

Organisations who apply have to explain to the European Union why they need this money and how they will use it to do something good and useful in Europe.

Then the European Union decides if they will give this money to them or not.

We make sure our members have the information and the knowledge



to apply for this money and be able to do their work well.
This money is very important for organisations like us and our members.
Without this money, we won't be able to do our work
and help many people be part of the community.

Working together

Eurodiaconia has 46 members all around Europe.
These are churches and organisations
that try to make things better for people in need.
It is very important that we meet all together often
to talk about our work and learn from each other.



We often meet with other people and organisations
that also work to make things better for people in Europe.
This way, we understand each other's work,
we share our knowledge and learn from each other.

For example, we work closely with the European Anti-Poverty Network.
This is an organisation that tries to protect people who are poor
and left out of the community.

Also, we often meet people who make decisions and laws in Europe.
We tell them how important it is to protect people in need.

For example:

- people who do not have a job or a house to live in,
- people who are poor,
- young people who do not have the chance to study,
- people who are treated unfairly or are left out of the community.



Research

Eurodiaconia's work depends a lot on research.

Research is when experts look into different things.

They try to find out how things are and how things could be better.

Research has helped us understand:

- how and with whom we should work in the future,
- how to work better and more efficiently,
- what our role should be in society today.



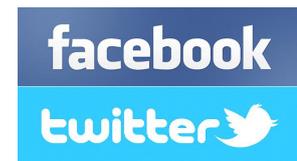
Speaking about our work

We want people to know about our work and to understand how important it is to care for all people and mostly for people in need. That's why we use all opportunities to talk about our work.



For example:

- we send our news to our members, the media and other people who are interested to hear from us,
- we meet and talk to different people who make decisions in Europe,
- we publish our news on social media like facebook and twitter.



Our money

Eurodiaconia needs money to make its work happen.

In 2017, we got most of our money from the European Union. We also got money from our members and people who paid to take part in our events.

We used this money:

- to pay the people who work for us,
- to travel for important meetings,



- for other things that are important for our work.

More information

If you want to find more information about Eurodiaconia and our work, you can visit our website at www.eurodiaconia.org. You can also send us an email at office@eurodiaconia.org.

