

# Press Release

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## **Eurodiaconia calls for peace in Ukraine and support for those displaced**

**Eurodiaconia deplores the aggression and conflict in Ukraine and calls for all national and international institutions to find a peaceful end to the war. Furthermore, Eurodiaconia calls on the international community and the European Institutions to quickly mobilize funds to prevent a large-scale humanitarian disaster.**

The invasion of Ukraine on the 24 February has rocked Europe and the world to its core. It goes against all notions of fairness and justice and such violence is never a solution. Peaceful actions must be pursued to bring this conflict to an end as soon as possible by all those with influence.

Eurodiaconia brings together 55 members in 32 countries representing over 30 000 organisations across Europe including Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Founded in the Christian faith our network of churches and Christian organisations work across Europe to ensure that each person can live their life in dignity and with safety.

The human cost is already evident. Displaced and fearful Ukrainians are already leaving the country and the countries that border Ukraine are having to provide immediate assistance. The European Union must mobilize resources to ensure that victims of war do not face further trauma due to unmet social, health or economic needs. All refugees and displaced persons must be afforded dignity and wellbeing at this time of crisis.

However, the most vulnerable are often those who cannot leave as they lack the means to do so. People who experience poverty and their families cannot be forgotten as this crisis unfolds. Humanitarian assistance must also be provided to those organisations who work in Ukraine to ensure that their social situation does not decrease. Our member in Odessa, Living Hope, continues to work to support vulnerable children at this frightening time.

Heather Roy, Secretary General of Eurodiaconia, stated *“The members of Eurodiaconia are already gathering support from across Europe and will do all that they can to mitigate the humanitarian impact of this conflict but our commitment needs to be matched by the European Institutions – in the coming days we must see concrete support going to those on the move and those left in Ukraine to ensure their survival with dignity and hope.”*

For further information on how Eurodiaconia and its members are responding to the war in Ukraine please visit [www.eurodiaconia.org](http://www.eurodiaconia.org) and/or contact [Alastair.Cooper@eurodiaconia.org](mailto:Alastair.Cooper@eurodiaconia.org)

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