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2016 REVIEW

Solidarity at the heart of initiatives, as the reason for getting together and the ethos underpinning our open door policy

A look at the Europe of Emmaus...

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Solidarity, the Emmaus Movement's core value, is an integral part of life in the Europe Region and provides a good illustration of the groups' day-to-day struggles.

The annual European solidarity programme reflects the ethos of sharing resources with those who suffer most in various European countries.

The work forums that are the collectives bring together Emmaus partners in order to draw on each and every member's experiences and differences to build something together.

The regional transport programme recycles and reuses the goods donated by our customers, thus acting for the sustainable development and helping other groups to generate an income.

Our work camps open the doors of Emmaus to volunteers willing to give their time and also spread the Emmaus Movement's ideals beyond borders so that borders remain open.

The regional sales reflect our members' ability and desire to roll up their sleeves in pursuit of a worthy objective and to join forces in order to have a stronger voice.

We know that the solidarity-based Europe of Emmaus really works, so let's continue to promote our initiatives and spread solidarity.

THE 2016 EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME

Initiative location Groups	Title of the initiative	Total cost of the initiative	Support validated by the RCEE* on 13/02/16
UKRAINE Community of Mutual Aid Emmaus Oselya.	Purchase of the furniture workshop building	€49 000	€20,000
UKRAINE Nasha Khata.	Supporting the activities of the Nasha Khata community, by covering salaries.	€8,750	€7,750
	Supporting the agricultural activities of the Nasha Khata community.	€3,349	€2,900
	Supporting the textile activities of the Nasha Khata Community	€1,275	€1,200
ROMANIA Amicii Emmaus.	Economic and cultural exchanges.	€70,000	€15,000
FRANCE La Halte-Saint-Jean.	Pay a family of undocumented migrants' rent for 12 months.		€4,063
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA International Forum of Solidarity – Emmaus.	Emmaus Resource Centre for the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Other Forms of Exploitation.	€70,700	€28,180
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA Nova Generacija.	Continuity of the community creation and building its own production capacities for food.	€26,500	€24,000
TOTAL			€103,093

*Regional Council of Emmaus Europe (Board equivalent).

Financial support

The 2016 European solidarity programme approved by the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe on 13/2/16 contains **eight initiatives run by six groups in four European countries**. The approved projected budget for the programme was €103,093.

As of 31 December 2016:

- €69,386 had been transferred to five groups for their initiatives under the 2016 programme.
- One initiative had been shelved because of internal change within the group.
- A request had been made to one group to make changes to its initiative so that it could be implemented in 2017.
- Another initiative had reduced the amount of funding required.
- Four initiatives had received the necessary funding and were completed.
- Another initiative had received the necessary funding and was still underway.

One reminder about the solidarity programme was sent out in May 2016 to the European groups in order to receive and transfer on time the funding needed to roll out the initiatives before the summer began.

The Emmaus groups therefore generously responded to the appeal for solidarity. A big 'thank you' to everyone!

Moreover, several groups received one-off support for **non-programme initiatives to meet needs that emerged over the course of the year**. In these cases, the Regional Executive of Emmaus Europe can decide to utilize allocated funds from previous years allotted to the group in question or non-allocated solidarity funds donated by groups and therefore offering flexibility based on the urgent nature of the requirements.

UKRAINE Emmaus Oselya is still active, particularly during the coldest months of the year.

Emmaus Oselya had wanted to purchase a building to house the furniture repair workshop but finally decided to take more time to think over this decision.

In 2016, the group had to cope **with the death of its co-founder and director, Olesia Sanotska.** The Emmaus Movement wishes to take this opportunity to pay tribute to her once again for the work done during her lifetime. The members of Oselya have now taken over the reins of the group and a working group has been formed to provide management continuity, share out responsibilities and manage the day-to-day affairs. **Natalya Mysula and Natalya Sanotska are now co-leaders.**

This year the group therefore focused on ensuring the continuity of its work and stability. 17 companions lived in the community in 2016.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative: €20,000
Amount transferred as one-off support for the group's work during the coldest months: €3,000



- The community's heating system was improved.
- **Companion shelter and support** Counselling and support for those with addictions were both stepped up.
- **The income-generating activities are continuing** in the two shops, two recycling facilities, and the carpentry and furniture restoration workshops. The textile business is developing because the group now has 20 textile collection containers in the city.
- **The group's shelter and support and solidarity work continues**, including a soup run for the homeless, the shelter providing showers, changing rooms and washing machines, and supporting the residential shelter's residents, publishing a street newspaper, and offering support to refugees from Eastern Ukraine.

UKRAINE Nasha Khata reports promising progress on its farm

European solidarity funded the wages of the three members of the group's management team, enabling the group to be managed and the admin tasks relating to the community's life and income-generating activities to be done.

Nasha Khata housed an average of 23 people in 2016.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative: €7,250



Seven textile containers have been put in place, three of which were funded by Emmaus Europe. Nasha Khata used to sell textiles twice a week on the streets. However, the weather was a problem. The group is now renting a shop in the centre.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative: €1,200

As for the group's agricultural activities, support from the region enabled the group to cut the cost of fodder and increase income from its farming work and supply the community with food.

A total of 7ha of land was ploughed and sown enabling wheat, peas, rye, barley, vegetables and potatoes to be harvested.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative: €2,900



In addition to developing its textile and farming activities, the group has set up a furniture repair workshop.

Nasha Khata continues to undertake community solidarity work, such as a soup run on Thursdays and providing meals at Christmas and Easter.

ROMANIA Amicii d'Emmaus used culture to bring together young people.



This year's Summer Event was the third ever dance camp. The Sinti Roma – Europe's biggest minority-themed dance camp ran from 17-30 July and attracted 60 young people aged 12-21. Young Germans, Bosnians, French and Romanians created a contemporary dance show. They performed their show on the evening of 30 July at the Targu Jiu Scoala Populara de Arta's outdoor theatre event.

One-off support was also given to Targu Jiu's children's home, Amicii's partner since the group's early days. The big regional sale held in September 2015 in Reims provided this funding. Some of the profits received in 2016 were therefore allocated to supporting the educational activities run for the children.

In August, two companions from Emmaus Gloucestershire (UK) came to share the group's day-to-day life.

They worked with the group's friends to assemble an outdoor play area for children donated by the fire service and also helped to load a truck in France for Targu Jiu. Amicii d'Emmaus wanted to water down the second half of the summer event as the first half used up a lot of energy and human resources.

Total amount allocated by
Emmaus Europe to this initiative:
€5,293



Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe
to this initiative: €5,250

FRANCE La Halte-Saint-Jean helps families of undocumented migrants to have a home of their own.

Emmaus Europe covered the annual rent of an apartment used to house a family of undocumented migrants.

Since January 2015, La Halte-Saint-Jean, supported by Emmaus Nord Pas de Calais Picardy, has been trialing an initiative with the aim of safeguarding the ethos of unconditional shelter and support and ensuring that the books remain balanced.



The bedroom of the two eldest children, who have created their own study/reading area.

The H family with three children live in the 54m² apartment funded by Emmaus Europe.

The Valls circular (named after the French Prime Minister in 2016) using work to grant residency to undocumented foreign nationals, has enabled progress to be made on their residency application. Mr H has received a job offer and their residency application was submitted in December 2016.

The initiative involves a third party (non-profits and individuals) paying the rent of people and families ineligible for housing benefit.

La-Halte-Saint-Jean funds one-third, housing benefit funds one-third and outside support funds the other third of the amount needed to pay for 29 apartments.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative: €4,063

Group's core activities

- Prioritize families with children when providing housing.
- Help people with administrative formalities, accessing employment and housing and with obtaining residency papers.
- The group collects, recycles and upcycles goods.
- It has three charity shops.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA Emmaus-ISF continues to combat human trafficking.

The European Resource Centre for Preventing Human Trafficking and All Forms of Exploitation in Sarajevo,

is continuing the work started in 2013.

The first four months of project implementation (September – December 2016) primarily revolved around improving and updating the specialized website www.eurcenter.net.

- This website shares news and information about initiatives to combat human trafficking and all forms of exploitation at the national, regional and global levels.
- Over 500 titles in different languages were added to the website's multimedia library in cooperation with governmental institutions and partner NGOs.
- Six newsletters were published. The aim was to provide infor-



mation about how to recognize trafficking, how to avoid it and what to do if you encounter victims of trafficking.

- The centre now intends to develop training resources that could be used by the Emmaus groups.

The centre is also continuing to run trafficking prevention activities, including taking part in working groups and seminars, and to work actively with national and international bodies with the aim of continuing its advocacy, planning activities and making Emmaus a key anti-trafficking player.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this initiative:
€28,180.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA Moving towards a fresh start for Nova Generacija.



Nova Generacija is an association founded in 2004 bringing together social workers, psychologists, educational support workers and other professionals involved in child and youth protection.

The association has been a trial member of the Emmaus Movement since October 2012.

Firma social enterprise was created in May 2015 by NG. As a non-profit association, NG is not authorized to run an income-generating activity in Bosnia. NG then bought a plot of land and installed containers on the plot to provide accommodation, all with the support of European solidarity. The group started selling goods, in particular because it was receiving lorry loads of goods from other European Emmaus groups.

NG's goal in 2016 was to continue setting up an Emmaus community. However, the initiative has been shelved, as NG has faced internal difficulties.

NG is currently rethinking its priorities with the core aim being to ensure that the association is stable. In the meantime, the donations collected for this initiative are being kept by Emmaus Europe and are classed as 'allocated funds.'

The organisation's work continued

The day centre runs fun and leisure activities for children and puts on creative, prevention and awareness-raising workshops.

The telephone helpline
Psychologists and social workers answer the helpline and report cases to the police and social services.

Support centre for children
who roam the streets and beg and children who are victims of physical or emotional abuse or neglect. The children are fed and receive counselling and items that they need.

The big brother / big sister programme
20-40 children are mentored annually by an adult.

Non-programme activity

ROMANIA Frères Europa is getting involved in micro-credit to facilitate access to housing.

Frères Europa is an Emmaus community whose stated aim is to integrate into society young homeless people and care system leavers. The group offers them housing, a job and individual support.

Building housing: a gateway to independence :

The organisation aims to be a place of transit where the young person (re)builds their life and achieves a level of independence that enables them to implement their plans for the future. Indeed, each young person embarks upon a process of gradually leaving the organisation.

The young people supported by Frères Europa are not eligible for mortgages. In fact, mortgages in Romania are only offered to people able to afford a 40-45% deposit, which excludes the young people.

The idea therefore is to help them build their own home by being actively involved in its design, construction and payment.

Emmaus Europe has been supporting the launch of the pilot initiative to build individual housing for the young people on the Satu Mare inclusion scheme since October 2016.

The young people are helped to manage their budget and to save the money they need for their new homes. A loan fund will be created to enable several young people to benefit from this new initiative.

Total amount allocated by Emmaus Europe to this non-solidarity programme initiative: €4,019



In 2016, Frères Europa became the owners of new premises where the shop and fast food outlet are now located, enabling the companions to work together on the same site.

Loan POLAND Emmaus Rzeszów is working hard to overcome its difficulties

The group spoke about its **difficult financial situation** at the European Poland-Ukraine Collective in May 2016.

Subsequent first analysis of the accounts revealed a complex administrative situation. The community was given visits enabling appropriate measures to be taken and a process of reflection to get underway on ideas for increasing turnover.

An accurate review of the situation was presented at the last collective meeting in October 2016, highlighting the urgent need for €25,000 by the end of December, in order to pay off a debt owed to the building company.



The Regional Executive of Emmaus Europe therefore decided to loan Emmaus Rzeszów the amount it needed (€25,000).

Repayments will start in October 2017. An independent external audit will also be launched by Emmaus Europe in 2017 to ensure complete transparency.

In the meantime, the community is focusing on increasing its sales revenue, as it has finished building the community house.



LITHUANIA 2015 initiative outcomes.

The charity shop is open and its first results are now in.

The Missing Persons' Families Support Centre (MPFSC) in Lithuania opened its charity shop on 12 March 2016, stocking it with goods received in two lorry loads sent by other European Emmaus groups. The local community is gradually getting used to donating and purchasing goods.



Having generated €3,509 by selling these goods, the organisation **was able to repair the house's chimney.**

The building is located in Verkiai Regional Park and has been made available by Vilnius Council **for human trafficking prevention and awareness raising work aimed at children and young people.**

Preventing children from going missing. A statue reminds us of the need to pay attention to at-risk children and commemorates missing people.

The sculpture was officially unveiled on 22 September 2016.

Emmaus Europe's president and coordinator travelled to Lithuania to accompany the MPFSC's leader to a meeting with the mayor and deputy mayor of Vilnius.

The aim was to demonstrate the Emmaus Movement's international reach and to confirm the council's support for the activities run by the organisation.



The European collectives

The Collectives were launched shortly after Emmaus Europe was created and provide a regional coordination framework for solidarity links that had been in existence for a long time between groups in the region. The aim is to facilitate joint working between grassroots stakeholders and their partner groups in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland-Ukraine and Romania. Transparency, fairness, a balanced allocation of support and proper management of solidarity underpin this approach.

These three working groups generate ideas while also implementing the initiatives chosen by Emmaus Europe. They are open to all activists in the Emmaus Movement from across the region.

Collective	Two meetings per year	Number of participants	Number of groups represented	Number of countries represented
Romania	First meeting: March 2016	29	11	5
	Second meeting: Sept 2016	30	14	4
Poland-Ukraine	First meeting: May 2016	26	14	9
	Second meeting: Oct 2016	26	12	6
Bosnia Herzegovina	First meeting: July 2016	18	5	4
	Second meeting: Dec 2016	16	10	4

Minutes from the Collectives' meetings can be found in the members' area.
<http://emmaus-europe.org/669-members-area/collective-working-group>

The Romania Collective

March 2016 in Satu Mare, Romania.

September 2016 in Sion, Switzerland

In Romania, the three Emmaus groups work with young adults, so discussions at the Collective meetings revolve around the activities carried out and to be implemented in the future in order to help these young people to integrate society and find work. The Romanian groups also had to contend with changes to legislation this year. These changes set new requirements for residential community organisations. The groups still host volunteers, both in the summer, throughout the year (on community service schemes) and to lend a hand with setting up activities.



The Collective at Satu Mare was the opportunity for the local press to interview Romanian Emmaus stakeholders and for representatives of Satu Mare Council invited to the meeting to underscore the importance of direct beneficiary involvement in the initiatives.

Other topics discussed included the first steps towards creating a national organisation (Emmaus Romania), enabling the Romanian groups to discuss issues and share their experiences, creating shared communications resources, the possibility of a protected status for welcomed persons in Romania and the steps for the creation of a national organisation.

The meeting was also the chance to talk about a new initiative planned at Ludus Mures in Romania and how joint work should be developed.



Emmaus Sion.

Poland / Ukraine Collective.
May 2016 in Rzeszów, Poland.
October 2016 in Lublin, Poland.



This year, the Collective particularly focused on gaining an understanding and finding possibilities to face the difficulties being experienced by Emmaus Rzeszów and Emmaus Oselya.

The Collective was the chance to remember the important people who have shaped the Emmaus groups in the region and the first challenges faced, notably providing proper housing for the companions, with this still being an issue.

Progress reports on the solidarity initiatives and the next steps to be taken following the regional and world assemblies were also discussion topics.



The first of the year's meetings was the chance to inaugurate Emmaus Rzeszów's community house, supported by solidarity from the whole Emmaus Movement. The presidents of Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International cut the ribbon after the meeting, at an event attended by the group's friends, volunteers and companions.



A tour of the community was followed by a group meal at which the discussions and joint working continued. Thanks to the chefs at Emmaus Lublin's new pizza restaurant!

Bosnia-Herzegovina Collective.
July 2016 in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
December 2016 in Montreuil, France.



The Collective visited the European Resource Centre for Preventing Human Trafficking and All Forms of Exploitation in Sarajevo and discussed the activities run by the Emmaus-IFS on its various sites. The Bosnian

Ministry of Security's anti-trafficking coordinator reaffirmed at the meeting her support for the activities being undertaken. She feels that they should have a higher profile.

The day after the meeting, Emmaus-IFS invited the Collective members to Srebrenica to take part in the launch of the international youth camp attended by around 100 partici-



pants and the annual commemoration of the Srebrenica massacre at the Potocari Memorial.



The second meeting of the year was held in Montreuil. Progress reports and news were provided by the two groups and the meeting particularly focused on Nova Generacija's action plan for the future of the social enter-

prise, as the internal conflicts had been pacified.

European transport programme

2016 saw 74 lorry loads of donated goods cross Europe.

These loads continue to be an important source of income for the beneficiary groups and a solidarity initiative enabling sending groups to refresh their shops.

Country	Receiving group	Number of loads received in 2016	Number of sending groups	Number of sending groups per country	Total number of sending groups
Romania	Emmaus Iasi	18	6	14	20
	Amicii d’Emmaüs	16	5		
	Frères Europa	13	6		
Poland	Brat Albert	6	4	6	
	Emmaus Lublin	7	4		
	Emmaus Rzeszow	10	4		
Bosnia	Nova Generacija	3	3	3	
Lithuania	Missing Persons’ Families Support Centre (MPFSC)	1	1	1	
Total		74			

The transport programme comes together over the course of the year. The Emmaus Europe Secretariat receives offers and requests and links up the partner groups if necessary with the aim of being fair and transparent. The Collectives also discuss this matter.



Emmaus Cologne in Germany loading a container to be sent to Emmaus Lublin in Poland.

Lorry load sent by Emmaus Westervik and Emmaus Helsinki (Finland) being unloaded in Lithuania.



Emmaus Porto can now collect and deliver larger furniture thanks to the truck donated and brought to the group by Emmaüs Bougival.

Emmaus Europe had invited the groups via the national delegates to express their interest in receiving this truck.

Good road to the new truck of Emmaus Porto!

A load sent to a number of organisations in Albania

This Emmaüs Solidarité, Paris, France initiative was supported practically or financially by Emmaus groups from the Paris Region and by various partner associations.

The seven tonnes of goods collected were distributed to seven Albanian organisations. The load contained medical equipment for the hospital and IT equipment and books for a sixth form college and an orphanage.

Also, a plastic shredder was assembled in Emmaus Vlora, and is facilitating the work of the local group.



The summer 2016 work camps in Europe

10 - 26 July 2016
Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Take part in building and renovating housing for the returnee families. Working in farm and jam factory.
sabiha.mujkic@mfs-emmaus.ba

11- 24 July 2016
Murcia, Spain



Take part in the group's traditional activities and community life, gardening, fun and leisure activities.
www.emmausmurcia.com

16 July - 13 August 2016
Åland, Finland



Sort goods and load a container, and organize cultural events. Discover Emmaus, discuss human rights and play music.
robert@emmaus.ax

17 July- 14 August (4 periods)
Palermo, Italy.

17-31 July
Fiesso Umbertiano, Italy.

31 July - 14 August
Aselogna, Italy.

14-28 August (2 periods)
Arezzo, Italy.



Take part in meetings and social and cultural events, champion the rights of the weakest members of society, and work together to develop a positive, plural and inclusive social model.

Take part in community life, self-funding initiatives by collecting and recycling used goods, and solidarity initiatives.

<http://www.emmaus.it/campi-2016/>

31 July - 13 August 2016
Péruwelz, Belgium



Maintain the community's buildings, take part in collection, recycling and environmental protection work on the community's site.
juliodelagranja@hotmail.com

4-12 September
Cambridge, United Kingdom



Help prepare for the big sale, hand out flyers, get the goods ready, put up the stands and take part in the community's everyday activities.
mark.boden@emmauscambriage.org

1-25 August 2016
Târgu Jiu, Romania



Develop the community's income-generating activities, set up a dress-making and clothing customisation workshop. Check out at first hand the design of the storage space.
jean-luc.ferstler@orange.fr
rodica_ong@yahoo.fr

France,
All summer within groups



www.volontariat-emmaus.com

For more information:
<http://emmaus-europe.org>
> New generations
> Summer volunteer programme.

Over the February-April period, the Secretariat collects information from Emmaus groups in Europe (excluding France) planning to hold a summer camp so that a schedule can be put together. In mid-April 2016, the European work camp schedule was sent to all the European Emmaus groups and was publicized outside the Emmaus Movement via the EE website (http://emmaus-europe.org/?lang=en_us, new generations tab) and to anyone requesting information from the secretariat.

Srebrenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina

10-26 July 2016

- Sixty participants aged 16-50.
- Twelve countries were represented: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Belgium, Italy, France, Austria, UK, Poland, Netherlands, Turkey and Pakistan.



Work camp activities

- Cleaning up the Potocari commemorative centre.
- Farming: digging the water supply channel and building the new town.
- Rebuilding a family house.
- Cleaning up the local football stadium.
- Painting the exterior of the European centre (Potocari, Srebrenica).
- Painting the inside of Zvornik children's centre.
- Jam-making in the MFS agricultural co-op.
- Helping the local community with their daily activities (livestock breeding and growing crops). Leisure activities.



Murcia, Spain

11-24 July 2016

- Fourteen participants, average age 24. Half of the participants were under 20.
- Five countries were represented: Spain, France, UK, Brazil and Italy.

Collection and recycling work The participants were involved in collecting second-hand goods and furniture, waste management, refurbishment and sale.

Education and training activities Organisation of lessons and training and information workshops for the companions (creativity workshop, laughter therapy etc). Cultural visits to Murcia and Cartagena.

Leisure activities Rock climbing and a visit to San Pedro salt marshes nature reserve. Took part in Cartagena music festival and spent days at the beach and swimming pool.

Åland, Finland

16 July – 13 August 2016

- **Nineteen participants** from Italy, France, Taiwan, Turkey, Lithuania, Western Sahara and Sweden.
- **Age:** 16-55 (average age of 25, the majority were aged 22).
- **Activities:** Sorting, baling clothing, collecting goods, loading the container, gardening...
- Building teams and developing information about Åland and Emmaus Åland.
- Working at the Emmaus premises.
- Creative body and consumption workshop. Urban gardening workshop.
- Workshops on the Western Sahara.
- Collection of products in Hammarland.
- Workshop on carbon footprints.
- Workshop on the Western Sahara and the media.
- Free time and trips.
- Loading the container with humanitarian aid.
- Preparing for 6 August, Hiroshima Commemoration Day).
- Preparing for the cultural evening.



Fiesso Umbertiano, Italy

17 – 31 July 2016

Six volunteers involved. Four co-operatives participated. Six hours of training delivered on the Emmaus Movement and creative reuse. Eight outside people involved in the camp.

Aselogna, Italy

31 July – 14 August 2016

Traditional Emmaus activities.

Four volunteers involved who are continuing to volunteer at the Aselogna community.





Arezzo, Italy 14-28 August 2016

33 volunteers took part.

Three associations involved:
Legambiente, Oxfam and the Agazzi
Institute (working on disability
issues). Laterina Council provided
the field and the stage, lighting, chairs and other equipment for the 25
August concert/event.

Palermo, Italy (four periods) 17 July – 14 August 2016

- **220 young participants** over the four-week period.
- The work was done with 16 associations, two schools and two parishes.
- Five volunteers managed the admin.
- 120 children and 20 asylum seekers were involved in the activities.



600 hours of social activities, awareness raising, migrant reception services at the port, Italian lessons for the migrants, and soup runs in seven districts.

Seven cultural events organized about combating the mafia and poverty, a flash mob to raise awareness about deaths at sea and the

new missing people, concerts to protest against social injustice and in support of solidarity.

32 hours of training for volunteers about assets confiscated from the mafia, combating poverty, migration and hospitality, gender violence, ecology and environmental sustainability

Péruwelz, Belgium

31 July – 13 August 2016

Nine participants (five women and four men)

Age: 20-30 years old

Five countries were represented: Turkey, France, Ukraine, Portugal and Rwanda (but resident in Belgium).

Two French business school students also attended as they were undertaking a two-month placement at La Poudrière.



Activities Community building maintenance, typical Emmaus recycling work, collection, preparing the charity shop and getting involved in selling goods.

17-31 July 2016 Targu-Jiu, Romania

Sinti Roma – Europe's biggest minority-themed dance camp.



Sixty young people aged 12-21 of 12 different nationalities, including

Germans, Romanians, Bosnians and French, put together a modern dance show on this theme. They performed their show on the evening of 30 July at the Targu Jiu Scoala Populara de Arta's outdoor theatre event.

In August, two companions from Emmaus Gloucestershire (UK) came to spend time with the Targu Jiu group. They worked with friends of the group to assemble an outdoor play area.

54 jeunes dansent contre l'exclusion en Roumanie



Les jeunes de l'association Emmaus France ont participé à un stage de danse à Targu Jiu, en Roumanie, du 17 au 31 juillet. 54 jeunes de 12 à 21 ans, issus de 12 nationalités différentes, ont participé à ce stage.

Artistes en cours
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4 - 12 September, Cambridge - UK

Eight participants from five communities in three countries: Iasi and Satu Mare in Romania, Emmaus Albi in France, and Emmaus Leeds and Cambridge in the UK.

Activities Tour of the community and shop with Mark and tour of Cambridge with Sean.

Handing out flyers about Emmaus Cambridge's 25th anniversary. Preparing the market stall for Ely. Taking part in community life.



Emmaus Cambridge's 25th anniversary. Selwyn Image, the founder of Emmaus Cambridge, his wife Jane, and Terry Waite, the Emmaus UK president, told the story of how Emmaus came to the UK 25 years ago. Other Emmaus communities joined in the celebrations: St Albans, Haarzuilens, Mossley, South Wales, Krefeld, Colchester, Merseyside, Hastings and Rother.

**France, throughout the summer,
in 25 communities and one committee of
friends.**

215 participants and 70 scouts.

53% women and 47% men, average age of 26,

Coming from France, Turkey, Taiwan, Algeria, Morocco, Poland, China, Nigeria, Italy, Spain,

UK (the most heavily represented countries but not an exhaustive list).

Two types of work camps *Flexible* camps - young people arrive and leave when they want over a long period of time. *Fixed period* camps - shorter period, the young people arrive at the same time, several groups rotate.

Examples of projects

- Launch of a new community (Saint-Girons).
- Restoring a house to make it habitable (Saint-Gaudens)
- Lock-up garage shop reserved for the young people (Saint-Gaudens)
- Helping in the Calais migrant camp: handing out meals (Dunkirk).



Regional sales with a European slant

The Nord Pas de Calais and Picardy Region Salon in France took place on 2 April 2016 in Lille. €54,000 was raised for solidarity, of which €18,000 was for European solidarity, thanks to over 20 Emmaus groups getting involved.

Groups from Belgium, Germany, Romania and the UK had stands alongside the French Emmaus groups. Emmaus Europe also had a stand at the event.

The Salon in support of international solidarity took place in Paris on 5 June 2016. 120 European groups took part of which 14 were European groups from outside France, representing Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK and Romania. 16,680 people visited the big sale, generating takings of €470,000. The profits were transferred to Emmaus International.



The Franche-Comté and Burgundy Region Salon in France took place on 1 October 2016 in Vesoul. The President of Emmaus Europe delivered a speech on current affairs in Europe. A stand shared by Emmaus France, Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International enabled us to inform the sale's 4,700 visitors about the work of the Emmaus Movement. The €28,740 profit generated was shared between Emmaus International (Asian mutual health fund) and Emmaus Vesoul.

Thank you to everyone - friends, volunteers, companions and employees - for their efforts at these solidarity events.





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For further information about solidarity in Europe, how it is organized, the decisions taken and initiatives rolled out, please check out:

- The solidarity reports from previous years.
- Minutes from the collective meetings.
- Transport programme guide and work camp schedules.
- Emmaus Europe's website, where the aforementioned documents can be found.

Please feel free to contact the Emmaus Europe Secretariat if you would like posters or information resources about solidarity initiatives to display in your shop or around your group's premises.