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2018 REVIEW

Solidarity is one of Emmaus' founding values and is put into practice in myriad ways in the movement in Europe

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	Fundraising sales are a major showcase for the movement, although first and foremost they are a chance for Emmaus groups to meet and build something together.
	Let's carry on making solidarity happen on a daily basis to show that the Europe Region of Emmaus is working!

THE 2018 EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME

COUNTRY Group	Title	Total cost of the ini- tiative	Support validated by the RCEE* on 3/9/2018
ROMANIA Iasi	Set up an educational farm in the Belvedere farmland.	€ 108 711	€ 49 360
UKRAINE Nasha Khata	Supporting the agricultural activities.	€ 1 990	€ 1 150
	Purchase of a second hand minibus.	€ 12 000	€ 8 000
	Supporting the activities by covering salaries.	€ 9 000	€ 9 000
UKRAINE Oselya	Expanding of sorting and storing activities.	€ 130 000	€ 74 000
TOTAL			€ 141 510

**Regional Council of Emmaus Europe, equivalent to a board*

Financial support

The 2018 European solidarity programme approved by the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe on 9 March 2018 comprises **five initiatives developed by three groups in two European countries**. The total projected programme amount was €141,510.

As of 31 December 2018:

- **128,340 of donations were received** from the European groups.
- Combined with the donations received in 2017, **the total funding needed to roll out the five initiatives was raised**.
- **€56,150 was paid out** to the three groups for their initiatives run under the framework of the programme.
- Three initiatives were fully funded and were completed.
- Two initiatives received some of the funding required and will continue to be rolled out in 2019.

The solidarity programme appeal was made in March 2018 and two reminders about the solidarity programme were sent out in June and August 2018 to the European groups in order to receive and transfer on time the funding needed to roll out the initiatives.

Emmaus Europe's accounts give details of the flows of funding if you are looking for further information.

Romania - Un coup de main d'Emmaus Iasi will launch its educational farm in 2019



The project started in 2017 by Emmaus Iasi and is continuing. The intention is to develop an educational farm on the Belvédère plot located on the outskirts of Iasi. This farm will be the group's third premises. In addition to supplying some of the group's food, the farm will host students, families and other inhabitants from the surrounding area for visits and stays lasting a few days, in order to raise their awareness about organic farming. Development work needs to be undertaken to the plot so that a shop and a limited amount of accommodation can be built in order to get the project started.

Slow administrative procedures and mistakes made by the architect contracted to undertake the formalities meant that no progress could be made with the building work in 2018.

However, a new architect has been hired and all the administrative restrictions have been lifted. In theory, the work should start in spring 2019!

Once the metal structure (already in the group's possession) has been erected, two timber houses have been built and they have been connected to the grid, the premises will be operational, in theory during 2019. In the meantime, the 20 hectares of farmland are already under cultivation!



Amount transferred by Emmaus Europe to roll out this initiative:

€31,000.

Ukraine - New vehicles to enable Nasha Khata to reach more socially-excluded people

In 2018, European solidarity enabled Nasha Khata to obtain two new vehicles. The vehicles have greatly facilitated the group's various activities. The group can more easily help the most socially-excluded people at its street sales and its income-generating activities have been facilitated, such as its attendance at markets and household collections.

Amount transferred by Emmaus Europe to roll out this initiative:
€8,000.



Markets are a particularly important outlet as they enable the group to showcase its (organic) farming activities. This year Nasha Khata once again received a small amount of funding to help with this work. They bought 200 chickens and seeds.



The harvest was delayed by a very dry spring but in total 25 tonnes of cereal crops were harvested, as well as several tonnes of vegetables and 15 tonnes of hay, a marked increase on 2017.

Amount transferred by Emmaus Europe to roll out this initiative:
€1,150.

Finally, just like in previous years, solidarity was used to pay the wages of the community's three leaders. This enables the group to roll out its activities in a more tranquil and sustainable manner.

Amount transferred by Emmaus Europe to roll out this initiative:
€9,000.

Ukraine - Oselya Mutual Aid Community is purchasing land for its new warehouse

Several years ago, Oselya Mutual Aid Community identified the need for a new warehouse in which the group could store and sort the textiles that it collects. The current warehouse is too small and dingy and does not provide adequate working conditions for the group's members.

The group had been looking for a plot of land that meets its price, area, location and building requirements for a long time. A satisfactory plot was finally identified in summer 2018 and was purchased in December.

This purchase is important as it renders concrete the group's efforts and is very positive as the plot is bigger (3,000m²) and less expensive than expected.

The project is doubly important for Emmaus Oselya as the group is a



circular economy pioneer in the country and its social and environmental work is recognized by the local authorities.

Moreover, this project will enable Oselya to become more self-sufficient as sales figures are generally closely linked to the size of a group's sorting and storage warehouse.

The next phases are finalising the plans with the architects and starting the building work - the work is scheduled to take place in 2019. In the meantime, the group will have to face the challenge of the cost of the building work, as the price of building materials has shot up over the past few years in the country.

Amount transferred by Emmaus Europe to roll out this initiative:
€10,000.



Other international funding

Apart from the European solidarity programme, the European groups can access two other Emmaus Movement funding programmes.

The annual international solidarity programme is run by Emmaus International. The programme is funded by solidarity sales held by groups around the world and enables the movement's initiatives to be supported.

Every year the Fondation Abbé Pierre (FAP) allocates a budget to Emmaus International. The budget is used to support housing and accommodation initiatives developed by the movement's member groups.

Annual international solidarity programme

Emmaus Lublin, Poland

Because of its peripheral location and the closure of the access road by the Polish Railway Company, customers of the Emmaus Lublin shop are finding it very hard to access. For this reason, the group would like to build a new

shop, which will enable it to carry on its activities and retain its independence. The land has already been purchased thanks to a loan, and construction work is scheduled for 2019.



Funding provided by Emmaus International: **€73,290.**

Abbé Pierre Foundation programme

Frères Europa, Romania



A micro-credit system, designed to improve companions' access to accommodation and give them greater self-sufficiency, has been planned by Frères Europa since the end of 2016 and is still an on-going issue. Following a delay due to a mistake on the part of the local council in relation to the Local Development Plan, construction work on the first house could begin in spring 2019 thanks to additional support provided by the Foundation.

Funding provided by Emmaus Europe : **€5,000 paid / €2,500 available.**

Funding provided by the Abbé Pierre Foundation: **€24,500.**

Emmaus Quarrata, Italy

The Emmaus Quarrata community has been hosting and supporting companions in a large house close to Florence, Italy for over 20 years. The heating system has been defective for nearly two years now, meaning that companions cannot be hosted in acceptable conditions and potentially endangering their health in winter. For this reason, the group wishes to repair its heating, with the help of a specialist energy cooperative. Work is scheduled to take place in 2019.

Funding provided by the Abbé Pierre Foundation: **€25,000.**



The European collectives

The European geographical collectives were created shortly after the European Region came into being. The collectives organise solidarity in the region. The collectives are forums for meeting up, working together and sharing, but they do not hold any decision-making powers. Their role is key to the movement dynamic in Europe because they are one of the main forums in which the groups can interact directly and they represent the best way of developing partnerships and friendships between the groups and members.

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

Collective	Meeting date and venue	Number of participants	Number of groups represented	Number of countries represented
Bosnia-Herzegovina then South-East Europe	3-4 May 2018, Bosnia-Herzegovina	20	9	5
	23-24 November 2018, France	22	12	6
Poland-Ukraine	25-26 April 2018, Ukraine	41	19	9
	13-14 November 2018, Poland	35	17	9
Romania	11-12 April 2018, Romania	19	7	4
	23-24 October 2018, UK	21	10	5

European collective meeting reports are available in the members' area:
<http://emmaus-europe.org/669-members-area/collective-working-group>

Bosnia-Herzegovina / South-East Europe Collective



The Bosnia-Herzegovina Collective met twice in 2018 in May and then in November.

The first meeting took place in Banja Luka in North-West Bosnia-Herzegovina and was hosted by Nova Generacija. Two themed sessions were delivered, one on the movement's history and Abbé Pierre's life story, and the other on preventing human trafficking, with the International Solidarity Forum's European Resource Centre being presented.

Moreover, the participants discussed the issue of containers being sent to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Currently, very few loads are sent. Finally, a discussion got underway about how the working group operates and its new objectives a decade after it was created.

This item was regarded as being par-

amount and made up most of the agenda of the next meeting.

The next meeting took place in Villiers-sur-Marne near Paris in France and was hosted by Emmaüs Synergie and Val de Brie-Emmaüs. The collective reset its objectives based on the following three areas:

- Solidarity and support for new groups,
- Communication and publicizing initiatives,
- Seeking to make a political impact.

Finally, following the involvement of two Croatian groups in the last few meetings and with a view to the possible incorporation of the Albanian group and also other groups from the region, the collective chose to rename itself the *South-East Europe Collective* in order to be more inclusive.



Poland-Ukraine Collective



The Poland-Ukraine Collective works with groups in these two countries, and with Georgia, Latvia and Lithuania. It met twice in 2018 in April and November, with participants from all Europe.

The first meeting took place in Drohobych close to Lviv in Ukraine and was hosted by Nasha Khata. The meeting participants were able to visit the group's various premises and notably the new building loaned by the council so that the group can open a new social centre.

The second meeting took place in Lublin (hosted by Emmaus Lublin) in Eastern Poland. The participants were able to see the community members' workplaces and the new plot purchased by the group with the aim of building a new shop that is more accessible to customers.

The 2018 meetings were partly devoted to reviewing the collective so that the members work together more effectively in the future. Several issues were highlighted: firstly, a discussion needs to take place on how to facilitate a large group in the most collective manner possible, secondly, it was stated that our modus operandi is not yet really horizontal and efforts need to be made in this area, finally, our numbers and the range of languages spoken should not prevent us from taking the time to delve deeply into key topics.

In this context, long sessions will be devoted to issues such as container loads and solidarity as a value.

Finally, the collective's support is rendered concrete by the trial membership applications made by the Nasha Khata and Georgian groups.



Romania Collective

The Romania Collective brings together the Emmaus groups in the country and the European groups involved or interested in the development of the Romanian groups. Aims and objectives of the collective: foster group self-sufficiency (avoiding the different types of dependency), encourage new groups to join due to the collective being a relatively informal space, foster knowledge of each other so that we can work together.

Two meetings were held in 2018 - one in Iasi (Romania) in April and the other in Cambridge in the UK in October. The following topics were tackled at these meetings:

- News from the groups in attendance with a focus on the issue of the Romanian groups' financial self-sufficiency and on the root causes of the poverty which the groups seek to address;
- Monitoring solidarity projects and discussion about the new international solidarity criteria;
- Emmaus' development prospects in Bucharest: the possibility of setting up a community with an income-generating activity;

- The regional transport programme, promoting a web-based tool listing the groups' needs and the loads received in order to improve transparency;
- Group involvement in the life of the movement;
- The prospect of creating a national organisation (Emmaus Romania).



The meetings were the chance to visit the host groups, particularly the Iasi and Popesti communities, the Belvédère site, and Village Carlton in the UK.

The discussions then came to fruition in the form of solidarity initiatives: 57 lorry loads sent by 19 groups from six countries (France, Finland, Switzerland, Germany, UK and Sweden), numerous companion exchanges between the groups, involvement in the Lille and Metz regional fundraising sales, exchanges and direct support between the Romanian groups.

Regional transport programme

In 2018, 124 lorry loads crossed Europe, a significant increase on 2017.

Container loads are the leading form of solidarity in Europe. More than being a simple gift of goods, they are a form of wealth redistribution between different socioeconomic contexts which do not enable all the groups to collect the same amount of goods from households. Moreover, sending a container is the chance for the relevant groups to interact and meet up, with these being some of the movement's founding values.

Country	Group	Loads received		Dispatching groups	
		Group	Country	Group	Country
Bosnia-Herzegovina	FIS-Emmaus	3	3	1	1
	Nova Generacija	0		0	
Croatia	CNZD	1	1	1	1
Georgia	Tbilissi	2	2	1	1
Latvia	Amis3	6	9	4	4
	Smiltene	3		3	
Lithuanie	MPFSC	1	1	1	1
Poland	Brat Albert	12	51	6	9
	Lublin	21		5	
	Rzeszow	18		5	
Romania	Iasi	21	57	10	19
	Satu Mare	17		7	
	Targu Jiu	19		6	
Totals		124		30	

The transport programme was organised and implemented over the course of the year and was discussed in detail at the collective meetings. The Emmaus Europe Secretariat receives offers and requests and links up the partner groups if necessary with the aim of being fair and transparent.

Since 2018, a live follow-up table is available online: <https://urlz.fr/8Ztr>.



In February, the members of Emmaus Bougival (France) and Frères Europa (Romania) unloaded a container in Satu Mare. This was a great opportunity for the companions from both communities to meet up and spend a few days together.

Emmaus Cologne (Germany) loading a truck for the Rzeszów group in Southern Poland. Emmaus Cologne has been working with the Polish group for many years.



In September, groups from Eastern France put on a big sale to fund local, European and international solidarity. At the end of the sale the unsold items were taken away by Amicii Emmaus (Romania) to be put on sale in their shop in Targu Jiu.

Amis 3, located in Metriena in Latvia, has just stocked its shop with goods sent by groups from the Toulouse area of France. This is one of the group's main sources of goods.



2018 summer camps in Europe

Work and summer camps are held every year by some Emmaus groups in Europe. The groups open their doors to young people from all over the world. These camps enable young people and the group's members to meet, and the movement's values, operating methods and real-life situation to be showcased.

Information about summer camps and youth camps in Europe is available on the website from March onwards: <http://emmaus-europe.org>, New Generations tab.

Péruwelz, Belgium

30 July - 15 August

- 11 participants.
- Activities: everyday community activities (collecting and sorting goods etc.), building maintenance, cultural activities.

Murcia, Spain

16 - 29 July

- Activities: Everyday activities (collecting, sorting, restoring, selling), organic vegetable garden, community life, cultural activities...



Potocari, Bosnia-Herzegovina / 10 - 24 July



- 70 participants from 10 countries.
- Activities: cleaning the commemorative centre following the Srebrenica massacre commemoration ceremony, infrastructure renovation and improvement work, helping deprived population groups on a day-to-day basis, cultural activities...

Åland, Finland

30 July - 12 August

- 13 participants from 7 countries.
- Activities: collecting and sorting second-hand goods, farming, organising a two-day Emmaus festival, cultural activities, every day half of the day was devoted to practical work, while the rest of the day was dedicated to discussion and reflection.

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FREDAG 10 AUGUSTI

- 12:30 ETISK OCH HÅLLBAR FINANSIERING [PANELSAMTAL]
 13:30 MATSUVERÄNITET [PANELSAMTAL]
 14:45 KLIMATSMART MAT [PANELSAMTAL PÅ EMMAUS RETURCAFÉ]
 15:45 STADSODLING I PRAKTIKEN [WORKSHOP PÅ EMMAUS RETURCAFÉ]
 17:30 FLYKTINGSKAP, STATSLOSHET OCH AKTIVISM [PANELSAMTAL]
 19:30 KARIN BERGSTRÖM [KONSERT]
 20:30 IRENE HÄGER OCH DE STRANDSATTÄ [KONSERT]
 21:45 DANCEOKE MED ÖFA-KOLLEKTIVET [DJANK]
 23:00 WHATCLUB MED DIMITRIJ KUPTSOV [KONSERT]

LÖRDAG 11 AUGUSTI

- 13:30 SPELA SAMBA MED RRIOTSAMBA [WORKSHOP]
 17:00 LIVET I EN POST-KONSUMISTISK VÄRLD [PANELSAMTAL]
 18:15 VI SÄLJER INTE ALLT [PANELSAMTAL]
 19:30 AFTER #METOO
 – RESULTS AND STRATEGIES [PANEL DISCUSSION IN ENGLISH]
 21:00 EUGEN [KONSERT]
 22:00 RRIOTSAMBA [KONSERT]
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- Around 100 participants of whom 80 were in Palermo.
- Activities: Taking part in everyday activities, building renovation, farming, solidarity, cultural activities...

France

15 June - 15 September

- 12 camps across France.
- Around 250 participants.
- Activities: vary from one camp to the next, generally taking part in the life and activities of the community (collecting, sorting, selling, solidarity etc.) and organising cultural activities.

Iasi, Romania

August

- 6 participants from France and Turkey.
- Activities: Participating in the group's everyday activities (collecting, selling) and in farming work on the different sites.

Italy

8 July - 26 August

- 3 camps in Arezzo, Catanzaro and Palermo lasting 2, 4 et 5 weeks respectively.



Sales with a European slant

In 2018, several sales had a European dimension, in the form of EE representatives taking part, European groups from other countries being in attendance, or because some of the profits were allocated to European solidarity.

The Northern France sale took place in Lille on 31 March. Groups from Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Romania took part and one-third of the profits (€15K) was donated to European solidarity.

The Eastern France sale took place in Metz on 9 September. Belgium, Italy and Romania were represented and the president of Emmaus Europe spoke at the event. The profits were used to support the work of Emmaus Iasi (Romania) with €17,045 being donated.

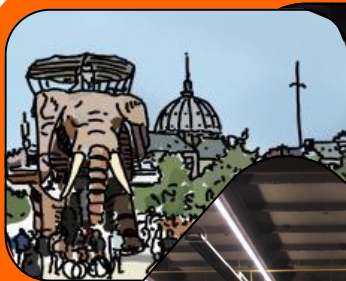
The Burgundy-Franche-Comté sale took place in Dijon on 15 Sep-

tember. The Ukraine national delegate and the president of Emmaus Europe spoke at the event and half of the profits were donated to the work of Oselya (Ukraine) (i.e. €15,540.75).

Two sales took place on 20-21 October, one in Nantes with the Breton groups, and the other in Turin, bringing together all the Italian groups. French and Swiss groups also travelled to the Italian sale, as did members of the Regional Council, as their meeting was being held close by. Some of the profits will also be allocated to European solidarity.

Finally, the groups in South-West France gathered together in Toulouse on 25 November. The president of Emmaus Europe spoke about migration at the event.

Thank you to everyone 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 and camp schedules,
- Emmaus Europe's website where the aforementioned documents can be accessed.

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