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President's report

Every citizen in Europe and the Emmaus Movement is aware that Europe cannot continue with its political behaviour:

- Europe is isolating itself by protecting its borders.
- Worldwide wars and overproduction of weapons.
- The ecological crisis/climate change.
- Living and working conditions are more and more exploitative.
- EU promises to guarantee citizen welfare have failed.

Some weeks ago we were informed that the mayor of Gdansk was killed during an important event in his city. Gdansk is an old European city with a long and difficult history between Poland and Germany. The birthplace of solidarity has lost an important actor for democracy and civil society.

We have to understand that not only the Polish population and the people of Gdansk are horrified by the attack; we, as European people, must also be aware that this atrocity damages our European values of democracy, diversity, tolerance and respect.

We have to realize that we must also be horrified and anxious about the fact that these values are in the process of being slowly destroyed in our European societies.

This destruction always starts with verbal attacks and very often ends in violence, as we can see in several countries.

We, as Europeans citizens and civil societies, have to stand up against all forms of violence.

We must continue to stand for respect for other opinions, lifestyles, standards, and political visions and perspectives.

We are all responsible for creating a human and social society in our neighbourhoods and countries.

For many years, right from the early days of the European Emmaus Region, the main subject of our work, collaboration and discussions has been the rise in the number of people migrating and fleeing, with all the attendant consequences: exploitation, human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and prostitution. We have consequently tried to seek out stable networks and partners, such as EAPN/ Migreurop/ RREUSE / FEANTSA and CEES.

With regard to migration, we all understand the reasons why people migrate as we witness them in our daily life in our groups. During my visits, particularly to French groups, I learnt that 50–60% of French companions are migrants or undocumented persons.

The brutal and terrible forms of our capitalist system have split societies into a rich minority and an enormously growing group of excluded and exploited people.

There are currently roughly 70 million refugees and migrants worldwide; most of them not in Europe, but the reasons are clear: wars for resources, climate change, particularly in the Global South, aggression against minorities.

We must fight against and address the reasons why people flee and against extremism/ terrorism

... and we should fight and stand for a new universalism, which also includes human, cultural and environmental resources.

The fight for justice is the real universalism

Who is risking human lives at European borders? Who may lose European elections against right-wing populists? Who is possibly and slowly becoming right-wing? ... and the next tragedies are already in the making: across the Mediterranean Sea now in the Western Zone between Morocco and Spain, and the new Balkan routes.

There are no fresh European ideas on how to deal with this issue, apart from more barbed wire and agreements with dictatorships.

Let's now turn our attention to the closely linked but different issue of Emmaus' commitment to protecting the roots of our identity: the groups' **income-generating activities**, enabling them to be autonomous and independent.

Emmaus Europe's advocacy work has three main aims:

1. New European commission regulations covering the circular economy must prevent the private sector from dominating.
2. Ensuring that Emmaus maintains the social economy element in the interests of the most socially-excluded people by creating employment and fostering social inclusion.
3. The status of Emmaus' social activities should remain protected and accepted.

In 2018, the most important event for our movement took place in Geneva: **the World Forum of Alternatives**. Emmaus activists and their partners from all over the world exchanged their experiences of their daily struggle for human rights and environmental and resource protection.

Finally, let's highlight the following:

We need to fight against all forms of **exclusion and exploitation** of all human beings.

We need to **protect our environment** with our experiences of consumption and recycling methods.

We need to understand that we must fight all new forms of **nationalism and xenophobia**.

We should really understand the issues and fight so that all resources and development opportunities are important and open to all.

We also need to understand that the current capitalist, neo-liberal economic system is killing people.

We should demonstrate our alternatives in our daily life and work.

In December 2018, Gabriela Martin, our chief executive for 10 years, ended her time with Emmaus Europe in order to start a new phase of her studies and commitment to social issues. I was always impressed by her professionalism and her service, both to the region as a whole and its member groups.

At the end of my report I have to underline the important work of our regional secretariat and the shared confidential work undertaken by our Executive. I want to thank everyone for their commitment, especially in the last four months.

Turning our attention to 2019, there are some important events for the movement and the region:

-The 50th anniversary of the Universal Manifesto - declaration in Berne on 24 May.

-Our Regional Assembly in October in San Sebastian.

I am sorry to tell you that I will not be able to stand for election for a second term of office as president on personal grounds.

Thank you very much for placing your trust in me for several years. I will remain enthusiastically involved in the region.

Willi Does

I. Coordinating and facilitating the regional life of the movement

1. Running the organisation

a. Group development

Distribution of the groups

In 2018, Emmaus Europe had 322 member organisations located in 18 countries, i.e. 297 full member and 25 trial member groups. Emmaus Europe is the Emmaus region with the largest number of Emmaus groups.

Emmaus is present in the countries of Europe marked in dark orange on the map: Albania, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine.



Trial membership/full membership

New groups joined the movement in 2018.

Following a trial membership period, the French groups Saint-Gaudens and Sète-Frontignan became full members. The French groups Tri d'union, EMRA, Sos Familles Emmaüs Bourg-en-Bresse, Sos

Familles Emmaüs Cours-sur-Loire and Sos Familles Emmaüs Essonne also became full members via the simplified membership procedure rolled out jointly by Emmaus France, Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International.

Moreover, several groups joined the movement as trial members: Saint Nazaire (France), Traperos de Huelva and Cooperativa de San Sebastian (Spain), CNZD and TOMS (Croatia), and Palermo (Italy).

Finally, the following groups closed down: Breda (Netherlands) and Lodelinsart (Belgium). And Bjorka in Sweden decided to leave the movement because the group no longer identifies with it.

b. The governing bodies

The Regional Council – Emmaus Europe's policymaking body

The Regional Council of Emmaus Europe, the equivalent of a board, is made up of Councillors of Emmaus International (CEIs) and one national delegate per country.

The council met twice in 2018:

- 8-10 March 2018 in Toulouse in France.
- 18-20 October in Turin (Italy).

Emmaus Pamiers and Emmaus Labarthe and then Emmaus Italy made these meetings possible. These meetings were also an opportunity to visit Emmaus Pamiers and Labarthe and to take part in the big Emmaus sale in Turin.

In 2018 Julia Finer, Hans Van Beek and Keith Tolladay had to resign on personal grounds. A fresh call for candidates was made to all the groups and four candidates volunteered to replace the outgoing CEIs. Marie-France Bedleem, Martha Hannus and Simon Grainge were elected by the RCEE. Sue Taylor and Grigory Semenchuk joined the council as the national delegates for the UK and Ukraine.

The minutes of the regional council meetings are available in the members' area of the EE website.

The Regional Executive – Emmaus Europe's executive body

The regional executive is tasked with the day-to-day implementation of the organisation's strategic areas. The Regional Executive holds all the powers needed to manage the day-to-day business of Emmaus Europe based on a mandate given by the Regional Council. The Regional Executive reports to the Regional Council.

Five executive meetings were held at the shared Emmaus building in Montreuil in France in 2018:

- 16 February 2018
- 20 - 21 April 2018
- 2-3 July 2018
- 25-26 September 2018
- 10-11 December 2018

Over the course of the year Hans Van Beek resigned and Michael "Spike" Hudson was co-opted as a member of the executive. The following now sit on the executive: Willi Does, president, Michael Heap, treasurer, Silvana Nogarole, secretary, Birgitta Göranson-Iliste, Jean-Philippe Légaut and Michael Spike Hudson, members.

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Secretariat

The Emmaus Europe secretariat reports to the executive and has four permanent employees: a chief executive, an admin and finance assistant, an events coordinator, and a solidarity coordinator.

The chief executive, Gabriela Martin, left her post at the end of the year. Eve Poulteau was recruited to fill the role and started work in January 2019.

Furthermore, two interns joined the team in 2018: the first intern worked for 1.5 months on the networks of which Emmaus Europe is a member, and the second intern worked for four months on the topic of the circular economy in the Emmaus groups in Europe.

2. Meetings and facilitating the movement

a. Training

The *Emmaus in all of its facets* training course was held for the fifth successive year at Emmaus Cologne in Germany. The course took place on 3-6 June 2018 and attracted 15 participants from six countries: Switzerland, Sweden, France, Romania, Italy and the UK.

The course is aimed at companions, employees, leaders, volunteers and friends keen to reinforce their feeling of belonging to the Emmaus Movement. The course harnesses the knowledge of resource people from the Emmaus Movement and focuses on:

- Gaining an understanding of the history of Emmaus and its founder, Abbé Pierre.
- Familiarizing oneself with the Emmaus Movement's fundamental values, notably following the Jesolo World Assembly (2016).
- Emmaus' development in Europe and worldwide.
- Educating new member groups about the various facets of the movement.

This training course is also a great opportunity for Emmaus stakeholders from across Europe to meet. It is an opportunity for everyone to share their experiences, practices and vision of the Movement. These shared moments rekindle the feeling of belonging to a movement, particularly for groups from countries in which there are few Emmaus groups.

Finally, living at Emmaus Cologne, the warm welcomed offered by the community, and the chance to visit Cologne, also made for a pleasant experience for the entire group.



b. Collectives

The European collectives are working groups made up of Emmaus members and groups from Europe. They are one of the main meeting, discussion and joint development forums in Emmaus Europe. There are two types of collective:

Themed collectives

The Migration & Human Trafficking Collective organises discussion, advocacy and exchange of practices between the groups on these issues. It is run by a handful of members of the regional council, but its meetings are open to any group that wishes to get involved. The collective met once in 2018 in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia: more information can be found in the *Addressing the root causes of poverty* section found below.

Geographical collectives

Emmaus Europe has three geographical collectives tasked with supporting the member groups and arranging solidarity between the groups in Emmaus Europe. They each meet twice a year as far as possible.

- The Bosnia-Herzegovina Collective has been renamed the South-East Europe Collective, and is comprised of groups from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. It met in May in Banja Luka (Bosnia-Herzegovina) and in November in Villiers-sur-Marne (France).
- The Poland-Ukraine Collective, to which the groups and partners from Georgia, Latvia and Lithuania are invited, met in April in Drohobych (Ukraine) and in November in Lublin (Poland).
- The Romania Collective met in April in Iasi (Romania) and in October in Cambridge (UK).

All the Emmaus Europe groups are invited to take part. Discussions focus on initiatives submitted for European solidarity programme funding, organising container loads, supporting new groups, and discussion topics. In 2018, the collectives took the time to discuss how they operate and development prospects for the future.

The collective meeting minutes are available on the EE website and more information is available about their activities in the 2018 solidarity review.

c. Passing on information about the groups' initiatives

Emmaus Europe showcases some group initiatives and passes on information about them to the whole movement to encourage groups to work together on events and to publicize initiatives. In specific terms, solidarity sales and summer camps put on by the groups are publicized:

- In 2018, summer camps were held in Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Spain, Finland, France, Italy and Romania. They were promoted on the EE website and the message was passed on to all the groups to inform them and enable them to spread the word to their members and networks.
- Several regional and national sales were held and where appropriate they were promoted on the website or an appeal was made to the other groups to take part. Sales, also known as *salons*, were held in Dijon, Lille, Metz, Nantes, Toulouse (France) and Turin (Italy). Groups from

Germany, Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Romania and Ukraine took part in the French sales, while French groups got involved in the Italian sale.

The 2018 review of solidarity provides more information about the summer camps and solidarity sales.

d. Supporting solidarity in Europe...

Just like every year, programmes were rolled out to support and coordinate solidarity initiatives between the groups in Europe. Specifically:

- The European solidarity programme helped support the implementation of five initiatives developed by three groups in Romania and Ukraine, centralising funding provided by the movement's groups, and supporting the groups developing the initiatives.
- The European transport programme involved over 120 lorry loads criss-crossing Europe, centralising information about groups' requirements and about shipped loads, with the aim being for the programme to be fair and transparent.

The initiatives supported by the European solidarity programme and more detailed information about the container loads that crossed Europe are presented in the 2018 solidarity review.



e. and further afield...

Following the Jesolo World Assembly in 2016 and as the groups wanted to see solidarity and advocacy dovetailing more, EI launched an initiative to define new solidarity criteria. These new criteria should enable a direct link to be made between practical solidarity initiatives and the advocacy and social change challenges involved.

Work by the elected representatives of EI and the four regions resulted in 10 criteria being identified. These criteria will give us a new way of analysing our solidarity initiatives.

At the same time, the two international solidarity programmes were facilitated just as in previous years. The annual international solidarity programme, funded by the solidarity sales held by all the world's Emmaus groups, enabled an initiative developed by Emmaus Lublin (Poland) to be supported. The group's initiative involves opening a new shop in order to help cement the group's financial self-sufficiency. Moreover, the Fondation Abbé Pierre (FAP), via its agreement with EI, also agreed to fund two European initiatives: overhauling Emmaus Quarrata's heating system (Italy) to improve the companions' living conditions, and setting up a micro-credit and house-building fund for the companions at Frères Europa (Romania) with the aim of helping them to become independent when leaving the community.



f. The Emmaus Europe website

The Emmaus Europe website is used to share information about life in the region and to find out what is going on in the European Emmaus groups. It contains all of Emmaus Europe's documents. Minutes from statutory meetings, reports from the collective meetings, annual reviews and the annual accounts, as well as many other documents, can be downloaded from the website, either as open-access or members-only documents in the members' area (the members' area password is available from the secretariat).

The list of European elected representatives, the directory of European Emmaus groups, and the list of organisations with which Emmaus Europe works in networks, are all resources available for consultation on the website.

Finally, the year was punctuated by numerous regional events listed in the *Main events of the year* section. News about Emmaus Europe and the European Emmaus groups is also regularly published on our website.

Our website belongs to the European Emmaus groups. Everyone is invited to share information about their activities and events and post their videos on the site.

II. Addressing the root causes of poverty in Europe

1. Migration and Human Trafficking

a. Sharing, training and taking a common stance

The Migration & Human Trafficking Collective met once in 2018 on 21-22 June. The first day of the meeting was held in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the International Solidarity Forum (ISF) presented the work done by its European online resource centre for preventing human trafficking. For day two, the participants travelled to Croatia, where they were hosted by CNZD (Centre for Missing and Exploited Children), a new trial member group.

The meeting was also an opportunity to attend a training course arranged with Migreurop and with Gisti's involvement on the development of migration policy in Europe, and particularly the content of Dublin III, the rise in the number of hotspots, the concepts of resettlement and relocation, the abusive nature of the detention centre rationale, and the dehumanisation of European migration policy.

The participants also produced a declaration on the indignity of Europe's migration policy, reiterating Emmaus Europe's recommendations in this area. The declaration was published on the Europe and international websites and was sent to the European groups. Subsequently and with a view to the European Parliament elections, members of the collective created posters to challenge and raise the awareness of civil society and prospective MEPs about these issues.

b. European citizen initiative for a welcoming Europe

In 2018, Emmaus Europe supported the European Citizen Initiative (ECI) for a #WelcomingEurope. Launched in 15 European countries, this campaign calls on the European Commission to:

- Stop making solidarity a crime: nobody should be fined or have legal proceedings instigated against them for having provided humanitarian aid or a place to sleep. **We want the Commission to stop Member States from punishing citizens who help migrants.**
- Support for citizens who are offering a home and new life to refugees: citizens from across Europe want to sponsor refugees to offer them a safe home and a new life. **We want the Commission to provide direct support for local groups helping refugees who are issued with national visas.**
- Guarantee more effective means and regulations to protect all victims of exploitation and crime: everyone is entitled to justice. **We want the**



Commission to guarantee more effective means and regulations to protect all victims of labour exploitation and crime in Europe, and all victims of human rights violations at our borders.

An ECI is a participatory democracy instrument available at European level. The intention is to collect one million signatures in a year in at least seven Member States in order to be able to present the initiative at a public hearing at the European Parliament and to compel the European Commission to react. Consequently, the aim is to collect one million signatures and ensure public support for the ECI between now and February 2019.

2. The circular economy

In 2018, Emmaus Europe continued working on the circular economy roadmap produced in early 2016. At the time, it was deemed necessary to work in three areas: advocacy, training in and from the European member groups, and identifying the initiatives run by the Emmaus groups that could be replicated by other groups.

This year, the development of an action plan enabling us to address the various issues involved in the circular economy got underway. This involved priorities being set which would meet the groups' needs and would enable us to continue making progress in this area.

a. Monitoring the European legislative framework

Regarding advocacy, the waste framework directive has already been approved and we monitored it until it was published. Once published, its content was analysed from a threats/opportunities perspective, as well as examining the advocacy work undertaken and the outcomes achieved.

The waste framework directive does not contain all of Emmaus Europe's proposals but does represent considerable progress compared with what was proposed in the initial version. In summary, the role played by the social economy in the waste sector has been recognized and the possibility of developing tax and financial incentives for this sector is being considered.

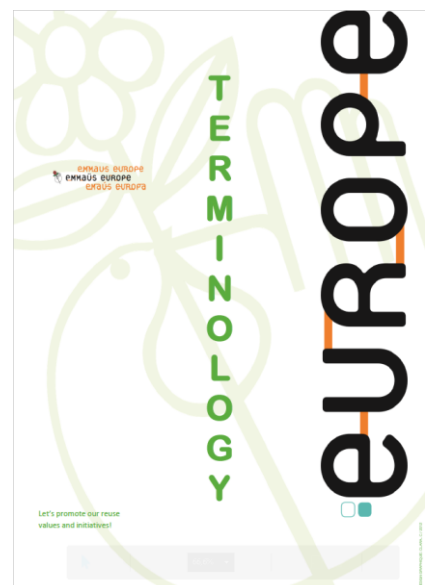
On the other hand, the framework directive does not include the obligation to differentiate between recycling and preparing for reuse targets, but this requirement has been placed on the agenda and, following analysis, a decision will be taken in a few years' time about whether the targets should be split in this way.

Furthermore, the national delegates compiled information about national strategies and national transpositions of the framework directive. The position paper was updated in order to support the national Emmaus Europe organisations and help them with their national advocacy activities.

It is also worth highlighting the work done under the auspices of RREUSE, the leading European reuse organisation.

b. Creating resources for the groups

A twin-pronged approach was deemed necessary right from the start. The approach involved external advocacy work on the one



hand, and on the other internally promoting a shared vision of the circular economy and what it involves for the Emmaus groups in Europe.

While in the first instance a book was published presenting the practices developed by the Emmaus groups in Europe, the need to create shared resources became apparent this year; these resources should enable the groups to "speak the same language" among themselves and when interacting with external stakeholders.

Two key initiatives were rolled out in order to achieve this aim. Firstly, a document listing circular economy terminology was produced, including examples from Emmaus groups, in order to continue developing this common foundation shared by all the groups.



In the same vein, a poster was created to show the processes at work in the linear and circular economies - "Emmaus - a social and solidarity economy stakeholder advocating environmental justice." The poster shows the processes followed so that materials can be reused when new products are being manufactured, in line with Serge Latouche's 8Rs, reflecting on the issues of degrowth, in order to build a society based on new foundations and activate a virtuous circle.

A survey was also conducted to identify the stumbling blocks and initiatives for each of the circular and solidarity economy areas. While working on this survey, it became apparent that it would be worth expanding the concept of the circular economy by including all the groups' environmental practices.

There is a need to be aware of the fact that some groups do not fit the circular economy criteria or have made different choices, but they should not be marginalised because of this. This led to a proposed questionnaire being developed. The questionnaire would act as a starting point for the groups' internal discussions and would enable practices to be more coherent.

Given the imminence of the next regional assembly, a decision was taken that the exchange programme and further development of environmental practices should be topics addressed by the assembly in order to give them the impetus they deserve.

All of this work was made possible by the presence of Clara de Roussel de Prévile, who undertook an internship with Emmaus Europe from June to October 2018.

3. Human rights

Emmaus Europe decided to update the droitshumains.emmaus-europe.org website to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Illustrations were created for each of the declaration's 30 articles, with website users being able to download or share the articles and their illustrations in order to make leaflets or posters, for example.

The aim is to provide interested groups with resources enabling them to talk about the declaration by downloading the articles that speak to them or affect them the most, in order to use posters to raise awareness about these issues, which are more topical than ever before.



4. Converting our three international focus areas into initiatives - the World Forum of Alternatives

The World Forum of Alternatives was the movement's flagship event and brought together activists from across the world. The forum was organised by Emmaus International in Geneva on 17-20 September and met the recommendations of the last world assembly. The forum had multiple objectives and the event was:

- A chance for groups from across the world to meet and discuss their respective struggles.
- An opportunity to work with potential partners and external networks with the aim of running joint initiatives in the future.
- A window of opportunity and a forum for the most socially-excluded and "voiceless" people to directly express their views.

418 participants from the movement's four regions and from partner networks attended over 20 workshops, two themed conferences and a mass final march to United Nations Square in Geneva where some of the representatives were able to speak. Friendly networks that attended included: **CETIM, Migreurop, CIMADE, Caritas, RREUSE, Via Campesina, Landless Workers' Movement (Brazil), Balai Citoyen (Burkina Faso)** and many others.

Emmaus Europe facilitated the involvement of the European groups, notably by funding travel for seven groups and for European partners taking part in the workshops: EAPN, Asociatia Mai Bine from Romania, Samu social from Romania, Association of citizens for promotion of Roma Education from Bosnia, E-Romnya from Romania, Helsinki Deaconess Institute, Cooperative Work and Hope from Finland, RREUSE and Migreurop.

III. Partnership development

In 2018, Emmaus Europe reviewed its partnerships and developed new ones in order to work collectively to address the root causes of poverty and discrimination. In this context, a study was conducted of the networks of which Emmaus Europe is a member. The study was circulated to the member groups to enable them to draw locally on these partnerships and have an impact on national policies. Elise Cathala, who undertook an internship from May to July at Emmaus Europe, did this work.

1. Cercle Europe et Economie Sociale (CEES - Europe and Social Economy Circle)

a. Main activities

- Support for social enterprises.
- Social economy advocacy.
- Monthly meeting with a European policymaker in Paris, with the aim being to reduce the gap between social and solidarity economy enterprises and the European institutions.

Examples of meetings

- June 2018: The data economy (lunch with Jiri Pilar, a legal expert specialising in the data economy at DG Connect).
- May 2018: The ambitions of the Greens at the next European Parliament elections (lunch with Pascal Durand, Europe Ecologie MEP for the Paris Region and the group's vice-president).
- April 2018: The Future of Europe and the potential role of the Social and Solidarity Economy according to the commission's think tank (lunch with Patrick Delvetere, special advisor to the commission's think tank on social issues).
- March 2018: Package on Justice and Social Equity (lunch with Jiri Plecity, head of the unit tasked with the European Semester and the management of European social funds for France in the Job Mobility Department of DG Employment).

b. Unite2care platform

Funding on 6 June 2018, the platform described itself as a collective initiative to promote new European laws based on the two major features of social economy stakeholders: solidarity and non-profit making.

The platform has demonstrated that there is a new window of opportunity because of the European Pillar of Social Rights, the 2019 European Parliament elections, and increased citizen awareness of social values.

The platform has set itself the goal of developing new laws so that entities involved in not-for-profit income-generating activities are treated fairly. A request has also been made for special tax arrangements and laws to be applied to these organisations.

2. European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)

a. Main activities

Research

Monitoring, analysing and studying poverty and exclusion.

Mobilisation

Mobilisation for and with the most deprived people with the aim of developing better European and national policies to fight poverty / Consultative status with the Council of Europe / Contribution to the EU's key developments / Involvement in the Alliances to Combat Poverty network / Founder member of the social platform - the largest network of European civil society organisations - the platform promotes policies that bring about social progress by contributing its expertise and by undertaking advocacy / Commitment to ensure that solidarity is not a criminal offence.

Awareness-raising and communication

Lobbying / Public awareness-raising / Putting pressure on the public authorities and institutions / Drafting letters and press releases.

b. Prospects and plans

→ Work areas for the next four years (based on the four-year work partnership framework agreement signed with the European Commission):

- Campaign aim

European Pillar of Social Rights, multi-annual financial framework, focus on migration, 17 sustainable development goals by 2030, poverty at work, the future of Europe (post-2020).

- Member development

Capacity building, member training (2018-2019 - fundraising and the media), capacity building for the 2019 European Parliament elections campaign, incorporating the voice and concerns of migrants in the work of the national networks.

- Awareness raising

Make the voice of socially-excluded people heard, bolster the EAPN's campaigning work.

- Network organisation and management

Bolster the involvement of socially-excluded people in EAPN's sectors and diversify 20% of its funding.

→ Other plans

- The European Minimum Income Network (EMIN 2 for the 2017-2020 period) with the aim of establishing the right to proper housing.

- Involvement in FEAD, platform for discussion, sharing experiences and disseminating outcomes.

- Transnational exchanges under the auspices of the European Social Fund - to develop better social policy.

- Reinvestment - a social investment strategy that is inclusive, powerful and effective at the European level / inclusive growth.



On 27-29 September 2018, Emmaus Europe's full membership application was approved at the EAPN's general assembly in Austria. Gabriela Martin and Michael Spike Hudson represented EE at the meeting.

In Brussels on 5-7 October 2018, Michael Spike Hudson attended the seminar on the European Commission's economic programme aimed at civil society representatives and held at the European Commission's Visitor Centre in Belgium.

3. Migreurop

a. Main activities

Research

Exploratory grassroots visits / Volunteers sent on assignments / Investigation launched to shed light on the abusive nature of the hotspot approach.

Mobilisation

Close the Camps mobilisation / Frontexit campaign / Boats4people coalition / Watch The Med Platform/Africa Outsourcing Working Group

Awareness raising

Moving Beyond Borders exhibition / Meetings and roundtable discussions / Publications (observer reports following visits, Migreurop memos, camp maps, Atlas of Migrants in Europe).

Communications

Press releases / Monthly spot on Fréquence Paris Plurielle radio station belonging to the Education Without Borders network / Website and social media.

b. Prospects for 2017 - 2019

- Denounce the fact that solidarity is a criminal offence.
- Focus on the root causes of migration and not on migration itself.
- Develop projects that have concrete outcomes.
- Campaign for freedom of movement and settlement.
- Denounce bilateral agreements (e.g. EU - Turkey / Italy - Nigeria).
- Denounce the fact that the European Development Fund is used in practice to fund the running of migrant detention centres in Africa.
- View migration as a structural phenomenon and not as a 'temporary episode' in European history.

4. RREUSE

a. Main activities

Mobilisation

Advocating for reuse and preparing for reuse / For improved design and against planned obsolescence / For reuse to take priority over recycling (recycling should only be the solution for goods that cannot be reused) / Support for social enterprises / Accreditation of reuse centres / Collecting goods / Redistribution or resale of second-hand goods to the most deprived people / Commitment to enhancing the employability of socially-excluded people.

Awareness-raising and communication

Work on the EU agenda and advocacy with the European Commission / Publications

b. Other initiatives underway

- SURFACE (Interreg Europe) 07/2017 – 06/2020: Working to improve environmental management and quality of life in urban areas by promoting reuse. The project is setting up reuse services in pilot regions such as Austria, Italy, Germany, Poland and Hungary. Studies and political recommendations are being made in Slovenia, Croatia and the Czech Republic.

- BIOHEC-LIFE 12/2016 – 12/2019: The aim is to produce advanced biodiesels by collecting used cooking oil. This technical progress will enable locally produced biodiesel to be supplied to French local authorities' vehicle fleets. The fuel production chain will be assessed in Lille (Hauts de France) and then replicated in other areas of Europe. The project is being spearheaded by the social enterprise Gecco.

- ReWEEE (LIFE+) 01/2016 – 06/2019: The initiative aims to prevent WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) from being created. Two waste sorting and reuse centres are set to operate in Greece.



Gabriela Martin and Michael Spike Hudson attended the RREUSE general assembly in Vienna in Austria on 21-23 March 2018.

Michael Spike Hudson and Clara de Roussel de Preville attended the RREUSE general assembly and annual conference in Athens in Greece on 27-9 June 2018.

On 22-23 November 2018, Jos Van der Meer attended the RREUSE general assembly in Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

EMMAUS, A STAKEHOLDER IN THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY, IS PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



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