

# EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME 2021



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Every year, Emmaus Europe launches a call for projects run by the European groups who need a **helping hand** to develop or maintain their initiatives. The selected projects are then put forward to the other groups, and they provide funding for them. **Find out about the projects submitted for support in 2021.**

# ANOTHER UNUSUAL YEAR FOR SOLIDARITY

**Following a year without a European solidarity programme** so that we could fully focus our efforts on solidarity with the other regions of the world, the Emmaus Europe governing bodies relaunched a call for projects developed by the European groups in November 2020. The executive and then the regional council scrutinized, discussed and approved the initiatives, starting in early 2021, and rubberstamping them on 27 April 2021.

**However, unlike other years, the European elected representatives asked the groups to limit their applications to urgent projects** in order to be able to once again channel most of European solidarity to the groups in the other regions of the world, and take into account the fact that all the groups will still be experiencing uncertainty over the coming months. However, the European elected representatives nevertheless wanted to maintain this strong link between the continent's groups and enable projects to be developed to adapt to new circumstances or simply continue with the groups' essential work. The Emmaus Europe Secretariat is here if you have any questions about the process, the solidarity projects funding appeal, or the initiatives presented in this booklet.

**Just like every year, your voluntary donations are the sole source of funding for the initiatives.**

**Thank you for your solidarity!**

## 2021 APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

<b>01</b> CNZD CROATIA	A multimedia studio as a new income-generating activity	<b>5000 €</b>
<b>02</b> TOMS CROATIA	A cargo scooter to make deliveries from the social restaurant	<b>5000 €</b>
<b>03</b> EMMAUS BRAT ALBERT POLAND	A new van for the community	<b>15 000 €</b>

01

## ***In Croatia: CNZD***

# A MULTIMEDIA STUDIO

**Funding needed  
= 5 000€**

**This multimedia studio will create a new income-generating activity.**



**Founded in 2006, the Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (CNZD) works to protect children and young people against all forms of abuse, particularly sexual abuse. The association runs six day centres and arranges language lessons and homework support sessions. CNZD has also launched the country's first hotline for reporting violence against children, has a national child protection refuge, and supports the Roma community in monitoring children's learning achievement.**

### **The initiative**

The group had to close its second-hand store because of the pandemic. Deprived of its main income-generating activity, CNZD started to offer digital services to businesses in its local area, making use of the group's digital communication and new technologies skillset. The group now

wants to secure the long-term future of this activity by creating a multimedia studio, which will help support its many social initiatives.

### **Rollout**

The studio requires initial investment for purchasing the hardware (particularly computers) and the software required. Solidarity funding will also enable the studio's two employees to be paid in the first year, until the studio becomes self-supporting, and then generates a profit to cover the other activities. The studio will offer services such as web development, graphic design, video production, and digital communication tools.

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## ***In Croatia: TOMS***

# AN ELECTRIC CARGO SCOOTER



**This cargo scooter is needed so that the social restaurant can offer deliveries.**

**Funding needed  
= 5 000€**

**TOMS Association for People with Physical Disabilities (Trogir-Okrug-Marina-Seget) was founded over 30 years ago by people with disabilities to work on general access issues: access to public spaces, to communications and information, services, work, and rehabilitation communities. People with learning difficulties or physical disabilities are the main stakeholders in the association's many projects.**

### **The initiative**

TOMS opened a social restaurant in Trogir in Southern Croatia in June 2020. The restaurant provides employment for people with disabilities, serves free meals to needy people, and is a new income-generating activity in the drive to make the

group self-supporting. The intention is to develop home deliveries to consolidate the business and adapt to the pandemic.

### **Rollout**

TOMS will be able to buy an electric delivery scooter with this funding support. The scooter will be used to make home or workplace deliveries across Trogir, including in areas that are inaccessible to cars. The income-generating activity will also create an extra part-time (and potentially more) job.

## ***In Poland: Emmaus Brat Albert***

# A NEW VAN



**The new van is vital for collections and deliveries, and for community outreach work.**

**Funding needed  
= 15 000€**

**Emmaus Brat Albert** joined the movement in 2003. The group comprises two residential and working communities in Krakow and Nowy Sacz in Southern Poland. The group undertakes the classic Emmaus community activities (collecting, sorting, repairing and selling second-hand goods), and does a lot of work with the homeless. In practice, this means that Emmaus Brat Albert manages emergency shelters and a food bank, and does regular outreach work.

### **The initiative**

The group's work involves a lot of travel, whether for collections, deliveries, or the outreach work. Unfortunately, the association's current second-hand van, which was obtained thanks to solidarity

from another Emmaus group, is coming to the end of its life, and is requiring more and more frequent and costly repairs. Emmaus Brat Albert therefore wants to purchase a new vehicle to carry out its work.

### **Rollout**

The funding will enable the group to buy a new van. This will significantly improve the companions' working conditions, and will enable substantial savings over the next few years.

## SOLIDARITY IN ALL OF ITS FORMS

### **Our solidarity is also and primarily intangible!**

One of the cornerstones of the Emmaus movement is our members meeting and interacting. However, resources are required to fund these gatherings.

### **The European geographical collectives**

There are three geographical collectives (South-East Europe, Poland-Ukraine, and Romania) and their stated aim is to organise solidarity with the region's groups, welcome and support new movement members, foster people getting together, and support the structuring of Emmaus and recognition of the movement in the relevant areas, etc. Each geographical collective meets once a year.

### **Themed meetings**

The members who attended the 2019 EE regional assembly stressed the importance of developing exchanges between groups across the region. The themed meetings aim to address this collective wish by offering forums for exchanging practices, sharing experiences, and mutual training on topics linked to the everyday work of the groups and their shared goals. Several meetings are arranged every year, on topics as diverse as textiles, youth, and online sales.

### **Training**

The Emmaus in all of its facets training course is open to all the groups and to everyone involved in the movement. The course enables to discover the history and diversity of the movement, and meet and chat with participants from all over Europe.

### **And not forgetting...**

Support for new groups, championing the groups' activities through partnerships and advocacy initiatives, and supporting the involvement of all the European groups in the life, particularly the democratic life, of our movement, are all activities that need your support.

**You are invited to take part in these meetings and discussions to learn from others and take action together!**

**If you wish to support these initiatives run by Emmaus Europe, please mark your donation as "general solidarity".**



**If you wish to support a project:** the European solidarity programme relies entirely on the donations made by the European Emmaus groups. You can donate by cheque or bank transfer using the bank details found below.

Please always indicate the name of your group and the initiative to which you are donating.

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