



RECORD OF DECISIONS – REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OF EMMAÜS EUROPE

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PRESENT

Carina Aaltonen (president), Jean-Philippe Légaut (treasurer), Leila Thouret, Eduardo Sanchez, and Sabina Arnaut-Jahic.

EUROPE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

Eve Poulteau (chief executive), Emmanuel Rabourdin (solidarity coordinator), Véronica Acevedo-Caro (admin-finance assistant), Camille Bellanger (advocacy officer), Théo Robin (events officer).

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Aurore Querel (secretary) and Marie Tixier.

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| PREAMBLE | <p><i>EI Board minutes: a working group on gender equality in the movement has been set up, the full membership applications submitted by CNZD and TOMS were approved, and two Baltic groups were granted trial member status. An online meeting with Aurore was requested for the German groups by the EO Board because she was unable to take part in the visit.</i></p> <p><i>A new Forum of Alternatives will be held in France in late 2024.</i></p> |
| AGENDA ITEM | RECORD OF DECISIONS |
| 1. <i>Administrative matters</i> | <p><i>The February executive record of decisions was approved (Eduardo abstained because he did not attend the meeting).</i></p> |
| 2. <i>Solidarity</i> | <p><i>Emmaus Huelva has submitted a request for funding from the Ethical Fund: €51K cash advance: the EE executive does not oppose this request.</i></p> <p><i>Projects submitted to the Fondation Abbé Pierre (FAP): four insulation projects in the UK, Netherlands project for a new building, ISF project for single parent families, Oselya project to increase the number of places in the community. All of these requests together exceed the FAP funding amount, totalling €325K, which is higher than usual. The projects need to be reworked in time for May and submitted to the executive for an opinion.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding the basic principle, the EE executive is in favour of also supporting groups from Western Europe, provided that they make use of existing EU and national funding.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding Oselya's extension project, the executive suggested co-financing with the Ukraine Fund.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to NK's application for windows and doors, and Oselya's for bathrooms: executive OK for Oselya, but the funding for NK's insulation will be taken from the Green Transition Fund.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding the development of the Ukraine Fund, the executive feels that it would be better to prioritise long-term initiatives. The intention is to reduce operating costs if they can gradually be funded by the local authorities, and the resumption of income-generating activities. For Emmaus Rzeszów, move towards ending funding for the shelter, which is not an Emmaus venture, and which the Polish State should be able to fund.</i></p> |
| 3. <i>RAEE</i> | <p><i>Discussion about the roundtables:</i></p> <p><i>OK to keep zero waste, emphasizing the development of our internal practices (Eduardo on the hub, for instance, and on food waste too), and supplement it with other topics on which we can make progress.</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>For the roundtable on peace, we could take the geopolitical angle, or address root causes, or consequences. In any event, we need to enable a discussion on what a pacifist movement like Emmaus looks like in times of war.</i></p> <p><i>OK for the roundtable on new categories of people being supported, and Emmaus' new solutions.</i></p> |
| 4. Strategic plan | <p><i>OK for the exec with the additions suggested by Eduardo and Carina.</i></p> <p><i>The Strategic Plan will be sent to the RCEE for final approval before being sent to the groups for amendment.</i></p> |
| 5. Statutes | <p><i>Incorporate changes made by EI at the World Assembly.</i></p> <p><i>Proposal to adapt the section on CEI at the European level.</i></p> <p><i>Consider European specifics with regard to national delegates.</i></p> <p><i>According to the EI statutes, national delegates should sit on the national organisation's executive, if possible. Requirement that they are Board members, at the least.</i></p> <p><i>Proposal to work on a change to how the quorum is calculated, so that it fits with the numbers able to vote.</i></p> <p><i>Propose that the president <u>must</u> be a CEI or at least take part in the EI Board.</i></p> |
| 6. Next meetings | <p><i>19-20 June AM: executive/Board online on 28 August end of the day/ Executive online on 26 September from 16:00 to 18:00.</i></p> |

As there were no further items on the agenda, the president closed the meeting.

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