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Emmaus in Europe

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We look forward to seeing you in 2024, but in the meantime, we'd like to wish you a very

Dear friends,

The Emmaus Europe team

talk about digital inclusion and look ahead to 2024, particularly with the European elections

and the upcoming meetings of the geographical collectives.

happy end to the year and a wonderful festive season.

Emmaus stories

Tackling digital exclusion



partnership with Emmaus groups wherever possible. Lilan, can you tell us how the idea of extending this project to other countries came about, and what steps have been taken?

meet the challenges of digital inclusion - in France, we have trained 13,000 social workers and equipped 500 social welfare facilities. We decided to pursue this approach as part of a Europe-wide project. This is how our partnership project got off the ground at a European level. The aim was to

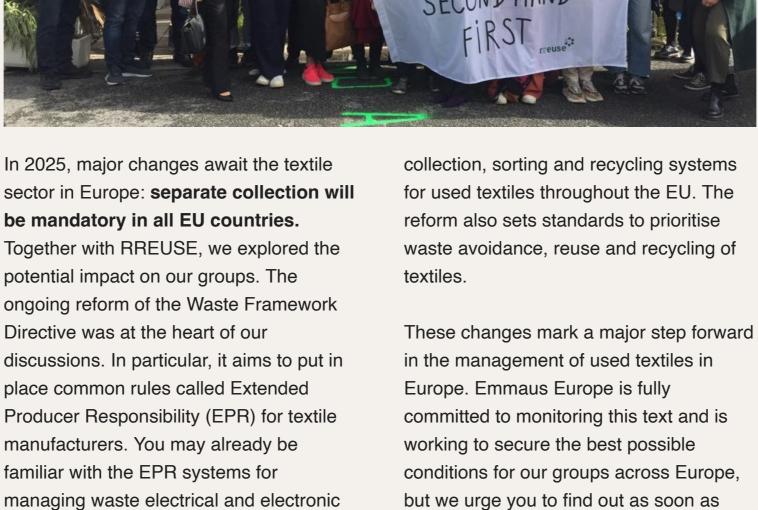
For further information, visit https://emmaus-connect.org/ If you would like to take part in a European project to develop these activities in your country, please contact **Eve**.

Read more...

Separate collection of textiles compulsory from 2025 On 14, 15 and 16 November, Emmaus Europe attended the European Conference on Social Economy organised by the Spanish presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) in San Sebastian, along with the general assembly of our

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For more information on our partnership work with RREUSE, contact Manon and/or <u>Eve</u>. **2024 European elections**

developments and are planning to hold a video conference on this topic in 2024. Please let us know if you are keen to take part.

possible about what plans are underway

We will keep you informed of

in your country.

and support the work of our groups. We are also concerned by the polls which predict a

greater presence of far-right parties, which would pose a threat to our unconditional

To raise MEPs' awareness, Emmaus Europe urges you to invite candidates standing for election to visit your groups. This would be a unique chance to show them your daily work, highlight the issues your group is facing and promote Emmaus' messages.

Emmaus Europe will support you in this process by gradually making a number of tools

available to you, such as an invitation template and EE's requests for the elections. This

will help you to invite and lobby candidates. These tools are available on the Member's

Abbé Pierre, the film is being exported to

screenings, meetings and publicity. If necessary, you can find the list of countries and distributors who have purchased the film rights by clicking here.

Emmaus Movement Solidarity Collectives - Save the date!

You will no doubt have heard about the film "Abbé Pierre

- A Century of Devotion", directed by Frédéric Tellier

which was recently released in French cinemas.



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European groups, particularly in Romania and Poland, to ensure they can run their groups. A culture of donating items is gradually developing in these European regions. If you group would like to help a community based in the East by sending a solidarity lorry,

transport of goods planned and/or delivered. This monitoring tool also gives you an

overview of the groups' requirements in terms of equipment.

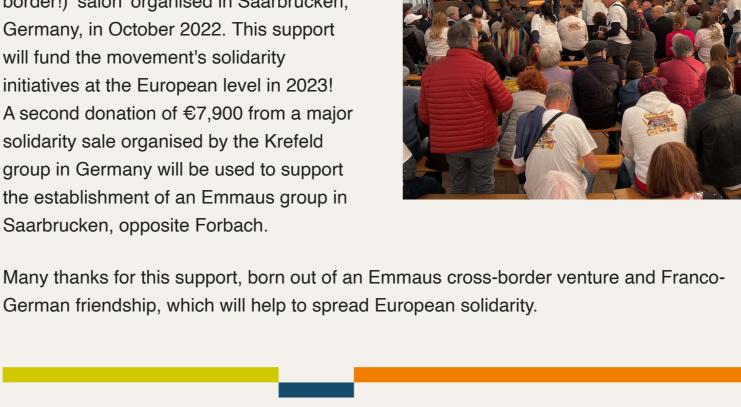
Solidarity transport programme - 2024 is a pivotal year

In 2024, Emmaus Europe will support the groups in developing economic activities that will enable them to reduce their dependence on the solidarity

Download the European container handbook

Financial support from France and Germany! At their general meeting in Strasbourg on

cheque for €10,100. This came from the profits made at the regional (and crossborder!) 'salon' organised in Saarbrucken, Germany, in October 2022. This support will fund the movement's solidarity initiatives at the European level in 2023! A second donation of €7,900 from a major solidarity sale organised by the Krefeld group in Germany will be used to support the establishment of an Emmaus group in Saarbrucken, opposite Forbach. German friendship, which will help to spread European solidarity.





Further afield in Europe with Emmaus Connect drop-in centres and has helped more than 137,000 people), in 2023 Emmaus Connect decided to explore the possibility of developing this type of activity in Europe, in Over the last ten years, Emmaus Connect has developed expertise in digital inclusion,

focusing primarily on the situation in France. Yet given the major challenges in Europe (42% of citizens lack basic digital skills, even though they are essential in over 90% of jobs), we wanted to explore the issue of digital exclusion in other countries. Moreover, one of the key missions of Emmaus Connect is to help social work services

improve our knowledge of the challenges in other countries affected by the digital divide, while meeting actors and drawing inspiration from good practices, along with sharing our experiences. In 2023, we launched a training project for social workers, with support from the Erasmus+ programme, in collaboration with Emmaus Satu Mare in Romania and Liberittutti, a social cooperative in Italy.

European Action RREUSE

partner, RREUSE.

managing waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in your country; the way this will be implemented for textiles

will be fairly similar.

lifecycle. This includes putting in place Take action ahead of the European elections

In specific terms, producers will be

management of textile waste, from

production to the end of a product's

responsible for covering the costs of

The European elections will be held between 6 and 9 June next year, depending on the country. This is an opportunity for European Union citizens to shape the political future of Europe. European policies have a direct impact on the day-to-day life and work of our groups. They affect matters such as social rights, reuse, migration policies, our struggle against poverty and the protection of the most vulnerable. It is crucial that future MEPs understand the urgent need to help the most disadvantaged

welcome practices in particular.

Area of Emmaus Europe's website. If you have any questions and if we can support you with this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact Manon and/or Eve.

Europe!

Releases in a number of other European countries are also planned, and some of you are already in contact with distributors in your own countries to organise

facing groups in Eastern Europe are invited to take part in the geographical collectives. These meetings serve to get a better sense of the challenges faced by our groups in these European regions and create opportunities where people can get together and support each other. If you are interested, please contact **Emmanuel** to find out more.

At Emmaus Europe's General Assembly held last October, we discussed solidarity transport and the importance of providing vital material and human support to Eastern please contact **Emmanuel**. He is closely monitoring the needs of groups and will be able to tell you what the current priorities are. Please find a table here summarising all our groups' needs for 2024, as well as the

transport programme. However, for the time being, these lorries are still of vital importance to the Eastern European groups. Thank you for your support!

7 December, the French region of Grand-Est presented Emmaus Europe with a

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