



Minutes of the Regional Assembly of Emmaus Europe (RAEE) 24-7 OCTOBER 2023 – IASI (ROMANIA)

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	Minutes of the assembly's statutory sessions, and documents about the keynote lectures and workshops are available in the members' area of the website.	
Amendment of the Internal Regulations (OGA)	<p>Bring the regulations into line with EI's internal regulations. Harmonise membership dues: trial members pay membership dues. Liaison with the national organisations. Clarification about the election of substitute CEI. Clarification about the role of the NDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question raised by Emmaus Defi about the difference between the roles of NDs and CEI. - Another question: do the NDs represent a nation on the board? No, although it is a good idea if they feed back their country's/group of countries' assertions. <p>Reminder by Patrick: these amendments were passed at the WA. The idea here is to simply bring the region's regulations into line.</p>	<p>The Regional Assembly adopted the amendment to Emmaus Europe's internal regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abstentions</u>: Eight votes × <u>Against</u>: No votes
Election of the president of Emmaus Europe	Carina Aaltonen submitted her candidacy.	<p><u>Result of the vote to elect the region's president</u></p> <p>181 voters, two did not participate in the vote, no spoiled ballot papers.</p> <p>Carina Aaltonen received 169 votes and was elected as president.</p>

<p>Elections for the post of CEI</p>	<p>A total of 14 candidates stood for election to fill 12 posts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carina Aaltonen, Emmaus Åland, Finland - Sabina Arnaut-Jahic, Emmaus-ISF, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Herbert Bitter, Emmaus Haarzuilens, Netherlands. - Vincent Chapuis, Emmaus Jura, Switzerland - Sonia Hurcet, Fondation Abbé Pierre, France - Thierry Klatovsky, Emmaüs Saintes, France - Duncan Lewis, Emmaus Hertfordshire, UK - Jerry Margueritte, Emmaüs Servas, France - Cédric Marrec, Emmaus Rzeszów, Poland - Nina Nyman, Emmaus Westervik, Finland - Aurore Querel, Emmaus Alençon, France - Xavier Renard, Emmaus Angoulême, France - Nika Siprak Wendling, CNZD, Croatia - Nick Thompson, Emmaus Merseyside, UK 	<p><u>The following were elected to serve as CEI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carina Aaltonen: President - Sabina Arnaut Jahic: 177 votes - Herbert Bitter: 162 votes - Cédric Marrec: 160 votes - Nika Siprak Wendling: 160 votes - Aurore Querel: 158 votes - Nina Nyman: 157 votes - Vincent Chapuis: 149 votes - Thierry Klatovsky: 136 votes - Sonia Hurcet: 133 votes - Duncan Lewis: 132 votes - Xavier Renard: 125 votes <p><u>Not elected, but will act as substitutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jerry Margueritte: 118 votes - Nick Thompson: 93 votes
<p>Approval of the minutes of the 2019 RAEE in San Sebastian</p>	<p>Proposal that the RA minutes are solely approved by the RCEE in the future. Approving meeting minutes four years afterwards with different representatives than at the previous RA seems out of sync.</p>	<p>The regional assembly adopted the minutes of the 2019 regional assembly. ✓ <u>For</u>: Unanimous</p> <p>The regional assembly adopted the proposal that the RA minutes will be passed by the RCEE and not by the following GA, starting from this GA. ✓ <u>For</u>: Unanimous</p>
<p>Presentation of the 2019-2022 reports</p>	<p>See the “annual report” documents presented at the RA.</p>	<p>Following presentation, the regional assembly approved the EE 2019-2022 activity and financial reports. ✓ <u>For</u>: 180 votes • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote × <u>Against</u>: No votes</p>

<p>AWARD OF THE LUCIE COUTAZ PRIZE</p>	<p>Prize created in 2015 to reward a European woman whose everyday work behind the scenes at Emmaus has enabled the Movement to make exceptional progress.</p> <p>Lucie Coutaz was a committed woman, one of the Movement's founders, a cornerstone of Emmaus: a woman who worked behind the scenes. The Lucie Coutaz Prize rewards a woman who puts good ideas into practice, brings alive the Emmaus values and message, and enriches the Movement.</p>	<p>This year's prize was awarded to Rosa Gil, the coordinator of Emmaus Bilbao.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC PLAN</p>	<p>The Emmaus Europe strategic plan for the 2023-2026 period was presented. The proposal is the result of discussions between members of the exec and regional council, and consultation of the EE geographical collectives.</p> <p>The intention was to implement the international policy directions while addressing Europe-specific issues.</p> <p>The strategic plan seeks to guide the work of Emmaus Europe's team of elected representatives and our team of employees over the next three years. It therefore focuses on what we can achieve together at the European level. However, we hope that while the plan is an accurate reflection of our shared challenges, groups and national organisations will want to focus on practically implementing all or some of it at their respective levels in order to increase our impact. This strategic plan will be transposed into annual action plans based on our implementation capacity.</p> <p>There are four themes: working for peace, working for a green revolution, working for a solidarity-based society, making new from old. The elected representatives presented the document sent to the groups before the GA.</p> <p>Reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A participant asked for explanations about Emmaus Pamiers' amendment and the concept of "independence". Emmaus Pamiers read an explanatory letter attached to its proposed amendment: the idea is not to be "off-grid". <p>Water, a topic approved at the international level, is not included. This issue must be kept in mind at the group level.</p>	<p>Following the presentation, the regional assembly adopted the EE strategic plan, apart from Section 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>For</u>: Unanimous • <u>Abstentions</u>: No votes × <u>Against</u>: No votes <p>Following the presentation, the regional assembly adopted an amended version of Section 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>For</u>: 180 votes • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote × <u>Against</u>: No votes.

REVIEW AND CLOSING WORDS

Carina thanked all the participants for taking part, and she particularly thanked the new participants in this three-day event. She invited participants to share what they will take back to their groups.

- Thank you for arranging the assembly and taking part.
- Thank you – I have learned a lot. I am leaving with the hope of entering into a discussion with Polish colleagues.
- It is the start of something worthwhile.
- Thanks on behalf of Poland.
- Thanks for all the work, it is now down to us in each group to follow up and get to work.
- Patrick: Discussing, understanding and deciding: I am delighted with the discussions and I hope the Movement feels stronger as a result. Let our shared adventure continue.
- Bernard: Shared an anecdote about Abbé Pierre about exiles in church alongside the companions; I am proud of what we do and what Loïc does.

We need more hope and light. We need each other. Thank you for everything! Special thanks go to the EE team and the interpreters, and the Emmaus Iasi team.

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

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<p>Amendment of Emmaus Europe's statutes (EGA)</p>	<p>Summary of the amendments to the statutes, most of these amendments transpose changes made to the EI statutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The option of holding online votes was added. - Switch to a simple majority. - Creation of the post of vice-president. - Creation of substitute CEI posts. - Clarification about the role, mandate and election procedure for NDs. - Removal of the option of being a CEI/ND at the same time. - GA schedule: for elections – the next election will take place on the eve of the WA so that the newly-elected CEI can take up their posts at the first Board meeting after the WA. - Incorporate the struggle against gender-based discrimination. - Obligation for the president to be a CEI. - Switch to inclusive language. 	<p>The Regional Assembly adopted the amendments to Emmaus Europe's statutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abstentions</u>: Six votes × <u>Against</u>: No votes

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