

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME 2024



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Every year, Emmaus Europe launches a call for projects for the European groups who need a helping hand to develop or maintain their initiatives. The selected projects are then funded by international solidarity or put forward to the Movement's other groups, who choose one of them to support.

Read all about the projects needing support in 2024, and those already being supported by international solidarity.

GETTING INVOLVED IN EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY IN 2024

In 2023 and 2024, Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International worked together to harmonise their solidarity programmes and endeavour to meet the needs of all the groups.

Of the three projects supported by Emmaus Europe, two projects have been directly funded by Emmaus International, using the takings from the annual solidarity sales and Emmaus big sales, all thanks to you! In total, international solidarity has supported 23 projects worldwide, amounting to €553,036. A big thank you!

This booklet provides a description of a project in Italy that we are asking you to support, and of the two European projects already receiving solidarity funding.

We have also included information about Emmaus Europe's GTF (Green Transition Fund) that you can support at any time. This fund aims to help groups in Eastern Europe to begin their green transition, focusing on energy self-sufficiency and building insulation.

European and international solidarity largely relies on your voluntary donations. Thank you for your continuing support!

Enjoy the booklet.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES NEEDING SUPPORT IN 2024

01 PIADENA ITALY	Partial renovation of a community shop – bringing into line with earthquake-resistance standards.	€20,000
02 EMMAUS EUROPE EUROPE	Green Transition Fund	Voluntary contributions

TWO PROJECTS ALREADY SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

03 SATU MARE ROMANIA	Renovation of the furniture warehouse and shop – bringing into line with fire safety regulations.	€50,000
04 IAȘI ROMANIA	Development of the outreach programme – purchase of a refrigerated truck.	€29,105

Italy: Emmaus Piadena**RENOVATE THE SHOP****Funding needed**
= 20000 €

The shop was seriously damaged by a storm, and now needs renovation and bringing into line with standards.



Emmaus Piadena is home to 14 companions and has two independent flats to house families or people needing temporary accommodation in emergency situations. Currently, 11 Afghan refugees are living in these flats, of whom seven are minors. A traditional residential community, Emmaus Piadena is funded by selling second-hand goods. The community is located in a rural area in Lombardy and has forged numerous links with local associations. In particular, it has developed a **Sos Casa** programme providing access to housing for disadvantaged people.

The initiative

One of the community's shops needs to be renovated following serious storm damage in summer 2023, and in order to comply with earthquake-resistance standards. This comprehensive renovation is estimated to cost €91,000, with

the group able to contribute around €70,000. This will enable the companions to undertake their work in a better working environment, sheltered from bad weather. They will be able to reorganise the sorting, storage and sales areas in this very large room.

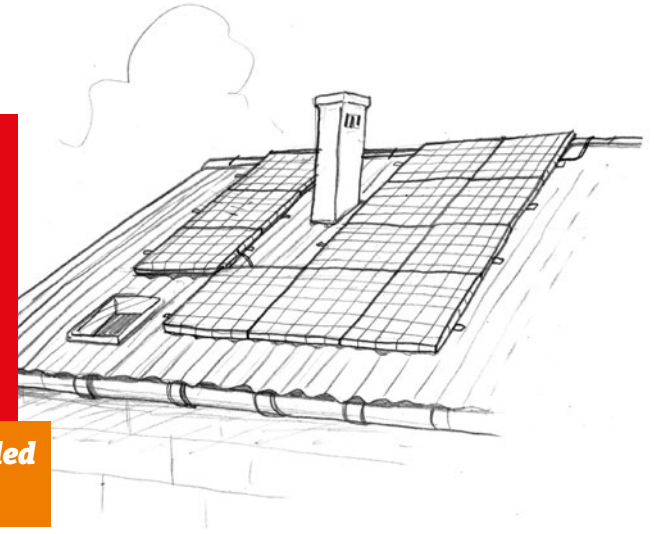
Rollout

The investment covers replacing the roof (containing asbestos), overall structural reinforcement by digging out the foundations and building connecting walls between the existing pillars, and replacing doors and windows.

On completion, the roof will be suitable for solar panels, enabling the group to become more energy self-sufficient.

Eastern Europe**THE GREEN TRANSITION FUND**

The Eastern European groups are contending with excessively increasing energy bills, which only green investment can offset.

Funding needed
= ♥ €

Maybe you have heard about the fund over the past two years? In April 2022, EE created a GTF (Green Transition Fund) to support the Eastern European groups' green revolution.

The GTF had an initial budget of €200,000 to kick start this transition. Two years on, six groups have benefited from this helping hand, amounting to an investment of €119,799.30 (roughly €20,000 per group).

At the same time, the Burgundy Franche-Comté Region paid €22,000 from its big sale into the fund to enable future green projects to be funded.

Why support these projects?

The impact of this type of project is immense for our groups in Eastern Europe: energy costs are cut, they become more financially self-sufficient, the companions' living and working conditions are improved... This investment enables better provision for beneficiaries, and has a long-term impact on the running of the groups! Despite the first tranche of funding supporting six of the 12 groups in Eastern Europe covered by the fund, there is still immense need. Insulating community houses and working premises remains the top priority, with the twin-pronged objective of reducing energy loss and

improving companion living conditions. At the present time, the EE elected representatives have chosen to only fund built environment projects: renovating groups' buildings, investing in renewable energies, etc. This excludes projects with a shorter-term impact (electric vehicles, charging points etc).

Please contact Emmanuel if you want to invest in a meaningful project.

IFS-Emmaus project supported in 2022.



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WHY EASTERN EUROPE?

Emmaus Europe has decided to prioritize the groups in Eastern Europe because these groups are facing a disproportionate rise in their energy bills in relation to their income (+400% in Romania in 2022, for instance). These groups are only entitled to small amounts, or do not qualify at all for public or EU funding to start their green transition. Moreover, the “energy price cap” equivalent implemented in Poland and Romania does not apply to third-sector organisations, who are subject to the same rules as the private sector.

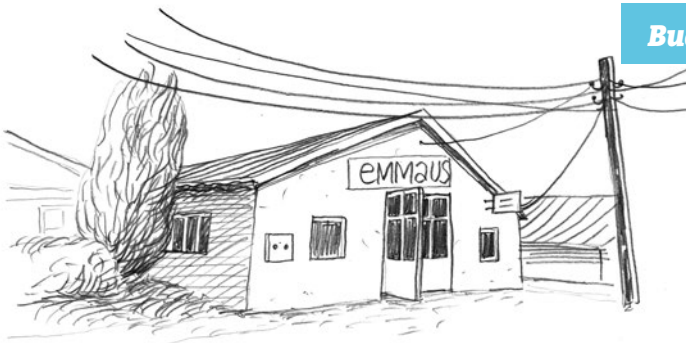
PROJECTS ALREADY FUNDED AND ROLLED OUT BY THE GTF



YEAR	GROUP	INITIATIVE	IMPACT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	FUNDING PROVIDED
2022	STATU MARE ROMANIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit solar panels (shop) Insulation (store and community house) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop: energy self-sufficient, (8,000 kW/year saved) Reduced community's overall energy use 	€22,022	€20,000
2022	BRAT ALBERT POLAND	Fit solar panels (Krakow community house)	Reduced greenhouse gas emissions	€26,000	€20,000
2022	LUBLIN POLAND	Fully insulate the community house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% less gas used Reduced greenhouse gas emissions 	€22,715	€20,000
2022	FIS-EMMAÜS BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	Fit solar panels (centre for people with disabilities)	Generates 25,751kW of electricity per year	€22,168.54	€19,799.30
2022	CNZD CROATIA	Fit solar panels (house for young adults)	Reduced electricity bill by 20%	€22,000	€20,000
2023	TARGU JIU ROMANIA	Fit solar panels (shop)	Covers all of the group's energy needs	€25,000	€20,000
Total					€119,799.30

Romania: Emmaus Satu Mare**RENOVATION OF THE FURNITURE WAREHOUSE-SHOP****Budget: €50,000**

The funding has enabled the warehouse to be renovated and comply with standards.



Emmaus Satu Mare is home to some 20 young people aged 18-24, most of whom are care system leavers. Some of them have a physical disability or learning difficulty (half of the young people) or are seriously psychologically traumatised. The association provides a safe, family environment, and intensive counselling, educational and social support. Although the group is based on a classic residential community model (community house and sells second-hand goods), the group is also developing used textile reuse and recycling activities.

The initiative

The group needed to quickly renovate the furniture warehouse-shop to bring it into line with fire safety regulations, and improve the companions' working conditions. In the long term, the project

will enable the group to become more financially independent, better display furniture on sale, and provide an improved customer experience.

Rollout

The funding enabled:

- A new concrete floor for the furniture warehouse-shop, as the old floor was crumbling and made any handling hazardous for the companions and the customers.
- The roof to be replaced, as the old roof contained asbestos and was storm-damaged in summer 2023.
- A fire detection and alarm system to be fitted.

Romania: Emmaus Iași**SECURING THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE OUTREACH PROGRAMME****Budget: €29,105**

The funding enabled the group to buy a refrigerated truck and bring the community kitchen into line with standards.



Emmaus Iasi has been working with the city's vulnerable communities since it was founded. The group is viewed as a trustworthy partner for institutions and civil society, and by beneficiaries, due to its daily street presence. Outreach work and soup runs are an integral part of its DNA.

The initiative

With the aim of continually improving the services delivered to vulnerable communities, Emmaus Iasi wanted to develop a new hot food distribution programme, making use of quality ingredients. Emmaus International's funding (€29,105) enabled the group to purchase a refrigerated truck and bring the community kitchen into line with standards (oven and utensils).

Rollout

These two investments will enable the group to obtain two licences, which in the long term could fund the outreach programme; to date the programme has relied on external funding:

- A licence enabling the group to secure funding for handing out hot meals to the homeless (using the refrigerated truck).
- A licence enabling them to collect unsold food in the region (kitchen complies with standards), particularly from local farms and market gardens.



The new concrete floor and attractive pink roof – all the work makes Emmaus Satu Mare's warehouse fire safety compliant (Romania).

A brand-new refrigerated truck and a community kitchen that complies with standards for Emmaus Iași. The improvements enable Iași to continue delivering outreach initiatives in good working conditions.



SOLIDARITY IN ALL OF ITS FORMS

Our solidarity is also and primarily intangible!

Meetings and exchanges of practices between our members are cornerstones of the movement.

The geographical collectives

The three geographical collectives (Poland-Ukraine, Romania, and South-East Europe) enable participants to gain a better grasp of the issues faced by our groups in these regions of Europe, create spaces for meeting others and solidarity, support new members, and support the structuring and recognition of Emmaus in the areas in question. All movement members interested in the issues experienced by the Eastern European groups are invited to take part. Each geographical collective meets once a year.

Exchanges of practices

The meetings are designed to offer forums for exchanging practices, sharing experiences, and mutual training on topics linked to the everyday work of the groups and their shared goals. Several exchanges of practices are arranged every year on topics such as textiles, shop layout, and recruiting volunteers to work in the Emmaus groups.

Special events

Emmaus Europe regularly arranges important events for our advocacy work and our profile as activists for peace and change: these include the migration conference, the football tournament for peace and human rights, and a meeting with MEPs at the European Parliament on the 70th anniversary of the winter 1954 appeal. These events enable us to be trained, forge links between the groups or with elected representatives, and work for a more solidarity-based society.

You are invited to take part in these meetings and exchanges of practices to learn from others and take action together!

Please register for our newsletter in the website members' area (no log-in details required) to receive information about these meetings.



How to support a project

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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