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# Emmaus Europe Elective General Assembly to be held during the April 2026 World Assembly

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

You are being invited to stand for election for the following post:

### COUNCILLOR OF EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER (CEI)

The chosen candidates will take up their posts on 17 April 2026 for a four-year period of office.

Please see below for a presentation of the remit of CEIs (Councillors of Emmaus International Board members) and the application procedure for this post.

Please submit your candidacy by **5 January 2026** to Emmaus Europe:

- Email : [elections2026@emmaus-europe.org](mailto:elections2026@emmaus-europe.org)
- Post: 47, avenue de la Résistance - 93104 MONTREUIL Cedex - France



From 2026, election of the Europe Region representatives to sit on the Emmaus International Board and Emmaus Europe Regional Council will take place during the World Assembly (13-17 April 2026).

Following the elections, an initial two-hour Regional Council meeting will be held in person on 17 April 2026 at the end of the World Assembly.

## COUNCILLOR OF EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

### 12 POSTS TO BE FILLED

The 12 Councillors of Emmaus International Board members representing the Europe Region are elected by Emmaus Europe's elective General Assembly.

They are members of both their region's regional council (Regional Council of Emmaus Europe - RCEE) and members of Emmaus International's Board (EI Board).

Candidates must speak at least one of the movement's three official languages (French, English and/or Spanish).

They have a four-year term of office, and may be re-elected once.

An important representative role for the movement:

- CEIs take the movement's policy decisions at the European and global levels, and therefore need to be given a mandate by their group for this task.
- Sending a representative to sit on the boards constitutes a major commitment for the groups, and the role is vital for the movement's democratic life.
- CEIs need to have knowledge of the life of the groups, but must also have a vision of the challenges that Emmaus must face in the future. Nevertheless, they are not expected to have knowledge of every single work area. Your local expertise is valuable.

Each of the region's member organisations is only allowed to submit one candidate for election.

### Missions

CEIs are responsible in particular for:

1. Implementing the aims and objectives, proposals and decisions adopted by the General Assembly;
2. Leading and coordinating discussions to promote the defence of the rights of the poorest people around the world;
3. Organising Emmaus International's communication policy targeting the general public and authorities;
4. Coordinating the solidarity and resource-sharing activities among all the member organisations of Emmaus International;
5. Forming alliances with other organisations that share the same goals in order to fight together against poverty and its causes wherever it is found;
6. Ruling on membership applications and the exclusion of Member Organisations;
7. Monitoring the work of the Executive Committee of both Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International to which it delegates powers, and studying the financial and activity reports;
8. Setting up suitable working groups to carry out specific missions entrusted to them;
9. Preparing the agenda of the General Assemblies

Find all the information relating to the missions of the CEIs in section "[Part VI - 2 / Board](#)" of the Emmaus International statutes.

## Time needed to fulfil the role

There are two RCEE meetings a year, each lasting **2.5 days** in France or another European country (plus time spent travelling to and from the venue).

The EI Board meets twice a year in different countries around the world, with half of the meetings being held in France. These meetings last **4.5 days** (plus time spent travelling to and from the venue).

You can also get involved in monitoring specific issues, or visiting trial member groups.

Finally, five to seven people from among the cohort of CEIs will be invited to sit on the Emmaus Europe (EE) and/or EI Executive Committees. This takes up roughly **two additional weeks** a year, but it is a commitment that enables you to delve into topics in greater depth and we are grateful for your work.

Please check out the following for more information: [Emmaus International CEI handbook](#), as well as the [EI statutes](#) and the [EE statutes](#).

And, of course, feel free to put your questions to the EE team and the outgoing CEIs!

## Substitute members

Candidates who are not elected as CEI members will be invited to become substitutes in descending order of votes obtained, provided they have obtained at least half of the votes cast.

The substitutes are regularly informed about the EI board and EE Regional Council proceedings so that they are easily able to replace any elected representatives who are unable to complete their term of office, despite their best intentions.

## Costs for the groups

1. Regional Council of Emmaus Europe travel related expenses:

Emmaus Europe's membership dues are relatively low. We therefore ask the groups with the resources to cover their elected representatives' travel expenses for the Regional Council meetings (two per year, generally in Paris, and sometimes in another European city. Accommodation and meals are provided by EE). EE covers these costs if the group does not have the resources.

2. Compensation and costs covered by Emmaus International:

EI covers all the travel and expenses relating to meetings that CEIs must attend.

3. Compensation is also paid to elected members' groups that wish to receive it. It amounts to:
  - €2,300 a year for Board members
  - €3,450 for Executive Committee members

## CANDIDACIES MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

1. A **CV**
2. A portrait **photo**
3. **Email contact** details
4. A document in which you **answer the following questions**:
  - In one sentence, what has motivated you to apply for the post of CEI? (Maximum of 25 words)
  - Summarize your experience in the Emmaus Movement (Maximum of 80 words)
  - Summarize your experience outside the Emmaus Movement (Maximum of 80 words)
  - Which aspects of the role motivate you? (Maximum of 80 words)
5. A document to show that **your home group supports the candidacy**
6. Candidates for the post of CEI are asked to inform their national organisation about their application by sending a letter to the national organisation's president before submitting their application. **This letter must be included in the application file (Rule 11 of the Internal Regulations).**

For more information, please refer to [Emmaus Europe's statutes](#) and team.