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For the attention of member organisations of Emmaus Europe

Montreuil, 26 November 2025

**Subject: Convening of the Elective General Assembly of Emmaus Europe on 13 April 2026**

Dear friends,

I am delighted to invite you to the Elective General Assembly of Emmaus Europe which will be held on **Monday 13 April 2026 from 10:00 to 12:30** in Someren (the Netherlands), on the morning before the opening session of the Emmaus International World Assembly. This Assembly will be held to elect:

- Councillors of Emmaus International (CEI) Board members to represent the Europe region
- Chair of Emmaus Europe

For the first time, our Elective General Assembly will be held just before the World Assembly and in the same venue. This new arrangement is due to practical reasons: the high number of European groups makes it complex to organise an Emmaus Europe General Assembly during the same year as the World Assembly.

The previous arrangement created a time lag as CEI Board members for Europe were elected at the Emmaus Europe General Assembly one year before the World Assembly. Consequently, European representatives were not able to take up their roles on the EI Board and the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe at the same time, unlike the other regions of the Movement. As other regions have fewer groups, they are able to hold a General Assembly in the month prior to the World Assembly.

The last European Assembly therefore decided to separate the following:

- Elective European Assembly, held on 13 April 2026 just before the World Assembly,
- Ordinary European Assembly to develop strategic guidelines to be held in spring 2027.

This change enables us to align our practices with those of other regions and ensure greater continuity in mandates. Please find all the practical information on how to register and take part on the reverse side of this letter.

Besides the elections, the agenda for this Assembly will include the presentation of my report and review of my term as Chair of Emmaus Europe, and I really look forward to seeing you there!

Carina AALTONEN  
Chair of Emmaus Europe

*Practical information overleaf*

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Date and location

**Emmaus Europe's Elective General Assembly will take place on 13 April 2026 from 10:00 to 12:30** in Someren in the Netherlands, in the same venue as the Emmaus International Assembly which will begin in the afternoon.

### How can I register?

To attend and vote at the Emmaus Europe General Assembly, you **must** register on the Emmaus International World Assembly platform: [www.someren2026.org](http://www.someren2026.org)

This **single registration** will allow you to attend both the Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International assemblies.

**Registration is open from 26 November 2025 to 28 February 2026.**

A more detailed agenda for the Emmaus Europe Assembly will be available on this platform one month before the assembly, along with the candidates booklet.

### Who can vote?

All groups can take part in the General Assembly, but only full members have voting rights.

**To be able to vote, all member groups must be up to date with their Emmaus Europe subscription payments** since the last General Assembly, i.e., for the years 2023 up to, and including, 2025.

Any request for a partial or total waiver, or payment in instalments, must be sent to the Emmaus Europe Treasurer (via [eve.poulteau@emmaus-europe.org](mailto:eve.poulteau@emmaus-europe.org)) **by 31 January 2026 at the latest.**

### Mandates and Proxies

In order to vote, an Emmaus Europe specific document must be duly completed and returned:

<b>If you are attending the World Assembly:</b>	<b>If you cannot attend the World Assembly:</b>
Complete the <b>VOTING MANDATE</b> section for the Emmaus Europe General Assembly.	Complete the <b>PROXY</b> section for the Emmaus Europe General Assembly.

The Emmaus Europe Mandate/Proxy document will be attached to letters and emails and is also accessible on the World Assembly platform: [www.someren2026.org](http://www.someren2026.org)

Mandates and proxies for each assembly will all be collected by Emmaus International. The document should be returned to Emmaus International by means of one of the following:

- Scanned copy returned by email: [someren2026@emmaus-international.org](mailto:someren2026@emmaus-international.org)
- Original form sent by post to: 47, avenue de la Résistance  
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