



MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OF EMMAÜS EUROPE

14 February 2025 – Zoom meeting

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PRESENT

Carina Aaltonen (President), Aurélie Gillmann-Rignault, Vincent Chapuis, Herbert Bitter, Yvette Gumbs, Jean-Philippe Légaut (Treasurer) and Duncan Lewis.

EUROPE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

Eve Poulteau (chief executive), Emmanuel Rabourdin (solidarity coordinator), Marie Tixier (events coordinator) and Raïssa Gnankou (admin-finance assistant).

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Manon Gaham (advocacy and awareness raising officer)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DEBATE	CONCLUSIONS DECISIONS
1. Word of welcome and approval of the minutes from the last meeting	Vincent has been dismissed from his paid role in his group but is still a volunteer and consequently remains a member of the exec. Herbert is currently negotiating the termination of his employment contract with his group and is still a member of the exec at the present time with his board's agreement.	Aurélie Gillmann has been co-opted as a member of the exec to replace Aurore Querel (female French member) who has left the exec. Aurélie was appointed secretary for this meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. 2024 end-of-year accounts and adjustments to the 2025 budget	2024 actual budget expenditure <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increased accountancy fees (two months of accounts entries following Veronica's departure and an increase in the auditor's fees to be checked).- Group monitoring savings.	2024 final accounts: Approved

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy increased because of the large number of initiatives run during 2024. <p>2024 income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased membership dues €420,000 - Preparations for the requests to pay dues between now and 28/2/25. <p>Comments</p> <p>Vincent commented on the allocation rules for 2023 membership dues paid in 2024.</p> <p>Carina mentioned the lack of a report about other assets such as investments and reserves in the bank account: this information will be added to the RCEE presentation.</p> <p>Projected 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy has been increased because of the ECRE €4,000 membership fees (European Council on Refugees and Exiles). 	2025 projected budget: Approved
3. Common definition of proper provision: discussion of the first co-authored document	Feedback from various people was welcomed but the document now needs to be rewritten to convey a shared tone + Emmaus France has made progress on a new shared definition to formalise the special status of its communities with the French State. This could be the basis for discussion at the next RCEE.	
4. Solidarity - update on solidarity applications and Ukraine news	<p>Presented by Emmanuel Rabourdin.</p> <p>Oselya: Two-hour meeting with Natalya and Grigory about the situation in Ukraine.</p> <p>Monthly funding for Oselya to be approved (total €8,122.56).</p> <p>Project funding plan proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Geo: Fully funded by the European Solidarity Programme. -Brat Albert: Funding proposed via the EI Group Economic Strengthening Programme. -TOMS: Fully funded by the Annual Solidarity Programme (EI). -ISF: €10,000 Green Transition Fund and €10,900 Annual Solidarity Programme (EI). -Brighton: 50% Annual Solidarity Programme and 50% by the Emmaus Ethical Fund (€15,000 loan at a very low interest rate). 	<p>Monthly funding for Oselya: Approved</p> <p>Allocation proposals approved with a change to the ISF project: 50/50 between the GTF and EI funding.</p>

5. World Assembly preparations - CEI elections	Presented by Marie Tixier. Proposed CEI candidates presentation booklet template.	-CV translation available. -The presentation document will serve as a cover letter for the candidates.
6. Advocacy - Feedback about the textiles initiative in Brussels + webinar and WFA next steps	Presented by Eve Poulteau. The textiles campaign event in Brussels on 30 January 2025 was a success. A large number of MEPs came over and the event enabled two meetings with commissioners and a meeting with several commission directorates.	
7. RCEE agenda and upcoming events (female leadership programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National organisations meeting in June Dates suggested 24-27 or 23-25 June. Carina's availability: 24-27 June - Cross-collective meeting on 12-15 May. 	

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

Carina Aaltonen

President of Emmaus Europe

Aurélie Gillmann-Rignault

Meeting secretary