

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY APPEAL 2026



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Every year, Emmaus Europe launches a call for projects from European groups who need a helping hand to develop or maintain their initiatives. The Emmaus groups in Europe are then offered the chance to fund the projects approved by the Emmaus Europe Regional Board.

Find out all about the projects and programmes that you can support in 2026 and read about those that were supported by European and international programmes!

IN 2026, MANY REASONS TO TAKE ACTION!

European groups have the option of funding four projects approved by the Emmaus Europe Regional Board in March 2026 through European and international solidarity programmes.

Three of these projects are supported by Emmaus Europe and are presented in this booklet if you wish to contribute financially.

The total needs amount to €53,953. Depending on the needs, your donations will help to fund one or more of these projects. If the donation amount exceeds requirements, the surplus will be added to a general solidarity fund, enabling us to provide emergency support to European groups and organise Emmaus Europe solidarity meetings (see page 15).

The fourth project (Emmaus Rzeszów, Poland) has already been funded by Emmaus International, thanks to funds raised by the annual solidarity sales in 2025.

Two solidarity funds are also presented in this booklet: the Ukraine Fund and Green Transition Fund. All year round, your financial support for these funds have a real, lasting impact on our Eastern European groups.

We also tell you more about the Transport Programme, which aims to boost initiatives run by groups in Eastern Europe.

European and international solidarity programmes rely on your donations - thank you all for your support!

Enjoy reading this booklet!

EUROPEAN PROJECTS NEEDING SUPPORT IN 2026

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Total			€53,953

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Total			Your choice!

PROJECT ALREADY SUPPORTED BY EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL VIA THE ANNUAL SOLIDARITY SALES

7	EMMAUS RZESZÓW POLAND (p. 14)	Purchase of a new van for collecting donations	€32,435
Total financé			€32,435



THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY APPEAL: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

- An opportunity to financially support projects run by Emmaus groups and approved by the Emmaus Europe Regional Board;
- Financial support focussed on specific projects identified in advance;
- The opportunity for you to see how your donations are supporting different projects, and to understand the tangible impact of your daily commitment.

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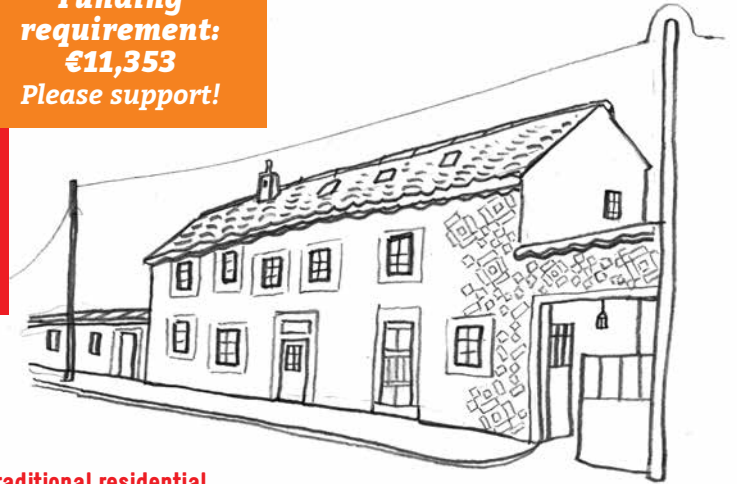
EUROPEAN PROJECTS NEEDING SUPPORT IN 2026

In Portugal: Emmaus Lisbon

A ROOF FOR COMPANIONS

This project will enable the group to provide better living conditions for companions.

Funding requirement:
€11,353
Please support!



Emmaus Lisbon is a traditional residential community with 15 companions.

The group is unique in that it organises cultural events with a social focus aimed at a young audience throughout the summer months (May to September) and welcomes many young volunteers during this period.

The project

The group has submitted an application for support to Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International (Housing Programme, run together with the Housing Foundation) in order to repair the roof of their community home. The roof is damaged, no longer watertight and, as a result, causes damp to build up in the house. These leaks mean that the community can no longer provide decent living conditions for companions.

Rollout

Emmaus Lisbon is supported by a trusted architect of the Emmaus Movement (from CRA'TERRE, a partner of Emmaus International).

The work involves: replacement of roof tiles, repairs to the concrete roof structure, installation of sandwich panels to ensure waterproofing, installation of thermal insulation panels, refitting of panels, and painting the ceilings. It's quite a project!

By supporting this project, you have the chance to help this community to improve the living conditions offered to companions.

In Lithuania: MPFSC

A SHOP

The aim is to improve the protection given to human trafficking victims.

Funding requirement:
€22,600
Please support!



The Missing Persons' Family Support Centre (MPFSC) is a trial group based in Vilnius (Lithuania) which aims to protect victims of human trafficking and works to combat domestic violence and protect children (abductions, sexual abuse, illegal online content, etc.). The group has been a trusted partner of the Emmaus Movement for many years and its work is recognised by the authorities and victims' families in Lithuania.

The project

MPFSC aims to open a second-hand shop to co-fund its work protecting victims of human trafficking, by removing them from their abusers and providing them with accommodation whilst their situation is being assessed.

The group is a key partner of Emmaus Åland (Finland), which owns a house in the heart of Vilnius. MPFSC can set up its offices in this house, which could also become a consultation centre for victims, provide emergency accommo-

modation and house a second-hand shop. The opening of a real Emmaus community centre in the heart of Vilnius!

Rollout

Emmaus Europe's support would pay for the lease of a storage area for second-hand goods for the first year (€12,000), the purchase of a mechanical pallet truck (€500), cover the costs of renovation work on the house (€8,500) and labour costs (€1,600): sealing the windows, sanding the parquet flooring, levelling and painting the walls, electrical repairs, etc.

By supporting this project, you are making it possible for this organisation to provide better support for victims of human trafficking and helping the organisation to develop its financial independence.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina: Otaharin

A SCHOOL MINIBUS

Funding requirement:
€20,000
Please support!

Purchase of a minibus for safer journeys to school!



Otaharin is a trial group located in Bijeljina (Bosnia and Herzegovina), whose main aim is to improve the living conditions of members of the Roma community in the region. The group manages a day centre for children and also supports a community living on the outskirts of Bijeljina.

The project

113 people (39 adults and 74 children, i.e. 21 families) are housed in this community. These families come from very marginalised segments of the population; they are in a social housing complex, which is an impressive place, particularly given the number of children. The road leading to the housing is narrow and in poor condition, making

it dangerous for children travelling to school. Purchasing a minibus will make the trips to school safer.

Rollout

The proposed project aims to fund the purchase of a van (€14,050) to provide school transport and cover the running costs of the van in 2026, i.e. a period of nine months (petrol, insurance, administrative costs, etc.).

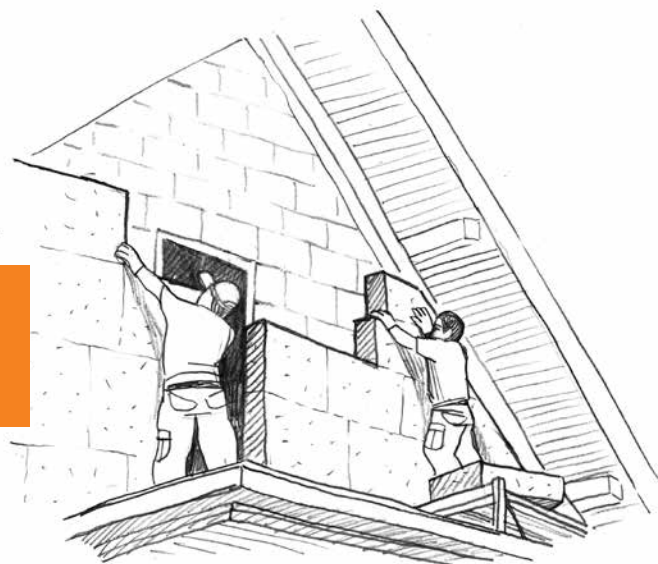
By supporting this project, you can help make it safer for these children to get to school, while also promoting school inclusion as one of the key factors in their integration.

Eastern Europe

GREEN TRANSITION FUND

Provide insulation for community buildings in Eastern Europe

Funding requirement = ♥ €
Please support!



The Emmaus Europe Green Transition Fund (GTF) celebrated its 4th anniversary in April 2026!

The GTF was set up in April 2022 and allocated an initial budget of €200,000. The fund has already supported twelve projects submitted by nine groups in Eastern Europe. In total, almost €230,000 has been invested to support groups in reducing their energy bills. Over the last four years, Emmaus Europe has received €32,000 from various Emmaus groups: three donations from groups, and a donation from the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region (€22,000) from their solidarity sale..

We need your support!

Upcoming projects will aim to insulate community buildings used by our Eastern European groups. This will enable them to reduce energy waste and significantly improve the living and working conditions of companions. The best type of energy is the energy we save! Donations to the Green Transition Fund are used to finance specific projects, with an immediate and meaningful impact on the wellbeing of companions and the living conditions provided. If your group would like to contribute, you can make a donation to Emmaus Europe using the reference "Green Transition Fund" or "GTF".

WHY SUPPORT THIS FUND?

Types of projects supported: insulation for all

Over the last four years, two types of projects have emerged that reflect our groups' needs to cut costs and increase energy independence.

Nine projects involved installing solar panels as a key investment; three of them also included insulation of one of the group buildings (shop or community home);

A project in Lublin involved fully insulating one of the community houses.

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Impact: we are making (energy) savings!

The impact of these investments is significant. Here are a few examples:

- **In Satu Mare (Romania)**, thanks to better insulation and solar panels, the group saved more than €2,000 on its energy bills in 2024; insulation has enabled the group to reduce its gas consumption by 20%, while the panels covered almost 95% of the shop's electricity needs.
- **In Lublin (Poland)**, insulation of the community home led to reductions of over 29% in their energy consumption between 2023 and 2024.
- **In Krakow (Poland)**, the community saved almost €1,500 on its energy bills in 2024 thanks to electricity generated by its solar panels.
- **In Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Emmaus ISF reduced the energy costs of their rehabilitation centre in Duje by €3,000/year. This centre cares for around 450 extremely vulnerable people (with mental and physical health issues).

By supporting the Green Transition Fund, you are helping to set up sustainable projects so that the groups can dedicate their income to developing their social and solidarity work.



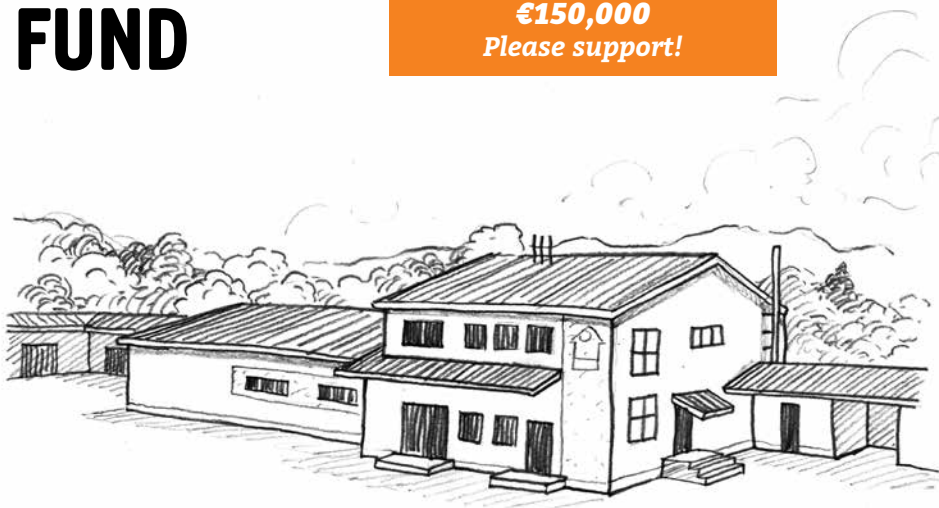
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The accommodation center for students from the region in Srebrenica.

In Ukraine**UKRAINE
FUND**

*As the war continues,
needs remain significant.*

**Funding requirement:
€150,000**
Please support!

**FIND OUT MORE**

Emmaus Europe communicates in detail on the actions financed by the Ukraine Fund via the Emmaus Europe newsletter and in its annual activity reports.

2024, 2025
and 2026
newsletters



Annual Reports
from 2022
to 2026



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(The drawing is based on the 3D photo of the sorting centre)

Aim

Emmaus Oselya needs to enlarge the storage space in its sorting centre to compete with private sector operators.

The project

To become more competitive, the group also needs to increase its number of clothing banks located in Lviv. To maintain its financial autonomy, the aim is to increase this number from 40 to approximately 70 by the end of 2026, i.e., a 75% increase.

This increase will have several knock-on effects: the need to expand its sorting centre (new sorting areas, recycling, waste, etc.) to employ more people and thereby create a second sorting line; purchase of a new van to expand its collection capacities.

Rollout

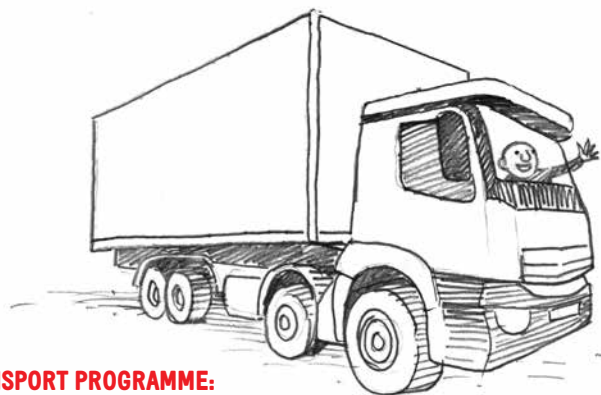
The group is planning to expand its sorting centre in several phases. The first phase (€75,000) involves insulating a hall which is currently partially open, to store sorted and non-sorted clothing, and create more space in the main hall for a second sorting line. The second phase involves constructing a new building to store clothes for recycling and waste, in particular.

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Ukraine, Sorting Center. Two Oselya companions carry bags of sorted textiles at the Oselya sorting center.



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In Europe**TRANSPORT PROGRAMME**

Transporting goods to Emmaus groups in Eastern Europe is essential to keep their activities going.

Funding requirement:



Please support!



The updated list of needs of groups from Eastern Europe

TRANSPORT PROGRAMME: WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

- **Cooperation between the groups** that receive a lot of donations (often in Western Europe) and communities where local donations are too low to sustain their activities (often in Eastern Europe);
- **Material, tangible support between Emmaus groups, and an act of solidarity** that bonds the groups involved;
- **Transporting Emmaus goods** (furniture, crockery, games, trinkets, etc.) using a road haulage company;
- **A solidarity and environmentally-friendly initiative to avoid destroying perfectly good furniture;**
- **The opportunity to give a new lease of life to items and furniture** that do not sell in Emmaus shops across Western Europe: do not underestimate the value of a wooden and marble sideboard, or a three-tiered dresser - they are very popular in Romania!

Is it difficult to organise a consignment of donated goods?

Preparing a consignment can seem quite daunting for a group that's never done it before. But in fact, it's quite simple!

What items should we load into the lorry?

The recipient group provides the sender group with a list of required items. An updated list is also available on Emmaus Europe's website (here - QR Code). The recipient group can also send companions to help to choose furniture and knick-knacks, along with helping to load the lorry.

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What is the best way to load a lorry?

If you're good at Tetris, you'll be great at loading a lorry! Dismantle any furniture that can be taken apart, fill any drawers and cupboards in chests of drawers, protect crockery and furniture using newspapers and cloths, place the heavy items on the bottom, light items on top and fill as much of the space as possible. A good lorry-load includes lots of good quality items! A poor lorry-load includes badly-protected items that don't meet the group's needs, leading to complications and costs on arrival (disposal of goods, etc.).

What type of lorry can be used?

Use a road haulage company known to the recipient group: the driver will arrive at the loading address on a pre-arranged date, and the lorry is loaded by the team at the sender group - usually in the morning. Make sure you set aside 4-5 hours to load the lorry. Loading a lorry is often a special occasion for a group as it's a bit different and offers a break from the daily routine. Getting involved in a tangible, material solidarity initiative like this one is often very rewarding!

What kind of difference does it make?

It makes a huge difference! Simply put, it means that the recipient group can afford to continue its work. Eastern European groups cannot collect enough



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Loading and unloading goods are often sociable occasions and contribute to creating a positive atmosphere in both the sending and recipient communities. Here Emmaus lasi companions are unloading a lorry sent by Emmaus Cologne in December 2025.

donations to earn enough revenue to be financially independent. Public grants are also lower than in Western Europe. High quantities of good quality goods sent in a well-filled lorry can generate over €10,000 in profits!

Who covers the costs?

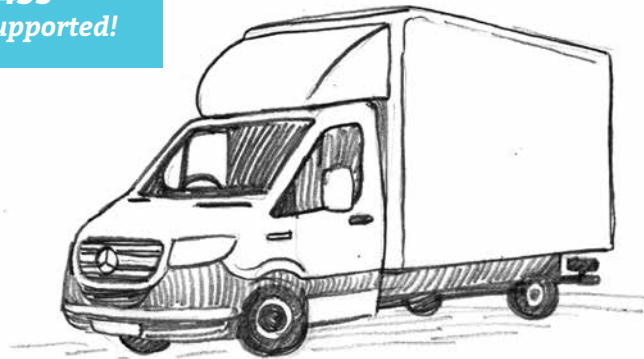
It depends! Sometimes, the group sending the goods also covers the transport costs (recommended), sometimes they are split 50-50 by both groups, and sometimes the recipient groups pays for the transport. However, the latter case reduces the economic impact of the shipment.

In Poland: Rzeszów

PURCHASE OF A COLLECTION VAN

**Allocated budget:
€32 435
Already supported!**

Rzeszów has replaced its old van, which was falling apart and had become dangerous.



Emmaus Rzeszów is a traditional residential community that welcomes 23 companions of all ages, housed in an energy-neutral community home. The group has two shops, one in Rzeszów city centre and another in Czudec (in the suburbs of Rzeszów), on the ground floor of the community house.

The project

The current van is over 15 years old and needed some expensive repairs. The interior was not insulated against the cold and rain, and the tailgate no longer worked. These are just some of the reasons why the group applied to Emmaus International for financial support to purchase a new van.

Rollout

The new van, bought second hand, is already providing a good service to the community. The group is now collecting donations from the outskirts of Rzeszów and is able to make deliveries.

This is a great example of what the Emmaus International annual solidarity sales can do! A huge thank you for your support!

SOLIDARITY IN ALL ITS FORMS

Our solidarity is both tangible and intangible!

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

Geographical collectives

The geographical collectives (Poland-Ukraine; Romania; Southeast 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 promote 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. In 2025, a new “Transcollective” was set up, bringing together groups from the Poland-Ukraine and Romania collectives. This new format allows us to create spaces for Eastern European communities to exchange practices given that they often face similar social and financial challenges.

Special events

Emmaus Europe regularly organises important advocacy events to bolster our stance as activists for peace and change. These include a conference on migration, the Emmaus Europe Football Tournament for Peace and Human Rights, meetings with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). These meetings enable us to learn, forge ties between groups or with elected representatives, and work towards a more solidarity-based society.

Groups’ donations to Emmaus Europe enable us to organise these meetings from time to time, and to keep the movement alive at the European level. 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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