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Dear friends,

We were delighted to see some of you in the Netherlands in mid-April at the Emmaus Europe Elective General Assembly and the World Assembly! Following those meetings, we wanted to write you this letter to share the most important information.

Highlights of this issue: meet the newly elected members of the Emmaus Europe Regional Council, find out the result of the vote on subscription fee adjustments, and read a message from our new Chair.

What's more, we have some great news: the 2025 Activity Report is now available!

We hope you all enjoy reading this issue.

The Emmaus Europe team

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EMMAUS EUROPE'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

THREE QUESTIONS FOR OUR NEW CHAIR

With over 15 years' experience in the Movement and the first Chair from the Eastern European groups, French-Romanian **Jean-Philippe Légaut** is also our youngest Chair at only 40 years old!



With 114 votes out of the 212 cast in the second round, Jean-Philippe was elected Chair for the next four years.

You may know him for his work with young people who have left the Romanian child protection system, but here is his first interview as Chair of Emmaus Europe:

What do you feel are the challenges that our Movement needs to address?

A key challenge for the next term of office is to maintain the cohesion and unity of the Movement. The trend in our societies to turn inwards can also affect our own groups. Economic, political and even geopolitical differences are becoming more pronounced between groups and countries. Our Movement draws inspiration both from the pacifist tradition of the Italian groups and the resistance efforts of Oselya in Ukraine. Emmaus Europe must remain our shared home. It is essential to remain mindful of the unique characteristics of each group, while ensuring that everyone feels respected and understood. This is one of the reasons for holding a National Organisations' Meeting in Paris this June. The aim is to facilitate dialogue between different perspectives within the region and learn from one another.

In these troubled times, what gives you hope?

Young people's involvement and how they can contribute to shaping the future of Emmaus. We must let them fully participate in the Movement. This begins with opening up our decision-making bodies. For example, Carina has suggested that two members of the youth delegation should participate from now on as observers on the Emmaus International Board. We could follow this same principle for the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe. We must also support young people who already hold leadership positions within their groups, by organising meetings for them and offering training opportunities at the European level - perhaps following the model of the Women Leadership Programme. Lastly, we need to foster the participation of young companions and members of our groups in the initiatives run by the Movement.

As the manager of the Satu Mare community, where we welcome young adults who have grown up in the care system, I understand the importance of gatherings such as the Football Cup for Peace and Human Rights. These events, that combine playing sport and taking part in training sessions, are key to ensuring the involvement of every generation in our Movement. And of course, you're all invited to this year's Football Cup, which will take place in Srebrenica in July!

Lastly, how do you think that Emmaus Europe could provide better support for solidarity between groups?

The Transcollective, which brings together groups from Poland, Ukraine, Georgia, Latvia, Romania and their partners within the Movement, will be held in Paris in early June. This year, the aim is to encourage everyone to look beyond their daily tasks in order to plan for the years ahead. Solidarity is not simply about responding to emergencies or papering over the cracks that regularly appear. It's also about helping each group to grow stronger on an economic and human level, to achieve greater stability. Strengthening our groups will enable them to fulfil their mission of supporting the most vulnerable people in the best way possible.

A NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL!

Following the election of the Chair and Councillors of Emmaus International (CEI) Board members, a new Regional Council of Emmaus Europe has been formed. The Regional Council, comprising CEI Board members and National Delegates, met in Someren on 17 April following the World Assembly.

Please find below the **12 new CEI Board members** that sit on the Emmaus Europe Regional Council and will also represent our region on the Emmaus International Board for the next four years.

12 Councillors of Emmaus International (CEI) Board members

 SARAH ANNET-JANE British and Netherlands Emmaus UK	 BERECA COTTON-JONES United Kingdom Emmaus Mexico	 JOSE MARIA GARCIA BRIGGS Spain Emmaus Pamplona	 AURELIE DELMANN-BENAGNY France Emmaus Sabrin
 VILJA MARTELLO Finland Emmaus Sweden	 JON-PETER LARSEN Norway Emmaus Satu Mare	 EMERSON LINDS United Kingdom Emmaus Netherlands	 CECILE MARTELLO Poland Emmaus Krakow
 DANIELA NALLA MARRAS France Emmaus Trappes	 NANNA LEENA RUTTENBERG Finland Emmaus Helsinki	 PATRICK PARET-BEZZI France Emmaus Occident de Paris - GADJ	 XAVIER ROMANO France Emmaus Angoulême

EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL'S WISE PERSONS' COMMITTEE

Emmaus International held elections for its Wise Persons' Committee, comprising one member per region. For Europe, **Maria Luisa Testori from Emmaus Piadena** was nominated and elected by the Assembly.



Maria Luisa Testori has been involved in the Emmaus Movement since 2003. For 12 years she was head of the community in Erba in northern Italy.

She served as CEI Board member for two terms and as Italy's National Delegate on the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe for four years. These roles have given her a good understanding of the development of our statutes and the changing challenges facing our movement.

Maria Luisa is deeply committed to Emmaus' values, particularly that of adapting our activities to the potential of the people we welcome, rather than the other way around. Now a young retiree, she continues to volunteer in the Piadena community and is very involved in international solidarity projects.

VOTE ON ADJUSTING SUBSCRIPTIONS



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This assembly gave us the chance to vote on the Regional Council's proposal to adjust Emmaus Europe subscriptions from 2027. With 149 votes in favour, the Assembly approved the adjustment of subscriptions.

These new amounts correspond to a 12% increase in contributions, i.e. 1% per year over the last 12 years. Please see the table below with all the details of the new subscription rates:

PROPOSAL FROM 2027 (no increase for the lowest bracket)		
Sales revenue...	of less than €50,000	Subscription rate: €55
	between €50,000 and €100,000	Subscription rate: €185
	between €100,000 and €200,000	Subscription rate: €620
	between €200,000 and €300,000	Subscription rate: €1,250
	between €300,000 and €500,000	Subscription rate: €1,850
	between €500,000 and €1,000,000	Subscription rate: €2,500
	over €1,000,000	Subscription rate: €3,700

For groups with no financial resources of their own/ho sales activities, a voluntary contribution is proposed, with the amount left to the group's discretion.

THE 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE!



This year we're a step ahead! The 2025 Activity Report is [now available online](#) and will soon be in your letterboxes. It includes a summary of all our initiatives carried out in 2025.

We hope you enjoy reading it!



