MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF EMMAUS EUROPE
13 – 17 April 2026 - Someren, Netherlands

Emmaus Europe has 352 member groups, and the quorum (half of the member organisations must be present or duly represented) **is 176 votes.**

The minutes provide a summary of all the decisions taken by the assembly within the scope of the Emmaus Europe Elective Regional Assembly, which took place during the Emmaus International World Assembly in Someren in the Netherlands.

Three votes were held at three different times during the week. Consequently, there are three different numbers of voters as explained below.

Votes by show of hands at the Elective Regional Assembly	First round of the elections – secret ballot	Second round of the elections – secret ballot
The Emmaus Europe Elective Regional Assembly took place on 13 April 2026 from 10:00 to 12:30. When the Elective Regional Assembly began, 191 voters were registered, so the assembly was able to deliberate. A 2/3 majority was therefore 127 votes and an absolute majority was 96 votes.	The first round of the elections by secret ballot took place on 15 April 2026. 211 voters had registered when the voting closed. A 2/3 majority was therefore 141 votes. A simple majority was 106 votes and an absolute majority was 107 votes.	The first round of the elections by secret ballot took place on 16 April 2026. 212 voters had registered when the voting closed. A simple majority was therefore 106 votes.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DEBATE	CONCLUSIONS | DECISIONS
1. Presentation of the president's policy report	Carina presented her report.	**The Emmaus Europe Assembly unanimously approved the president's policy report for the 2023-2025 period.** Abstentions: 0 Against: 0 For: 191
2. Presentation of the financial report	Jean Philippe Légaut presented his report. Our accounts are approved every year by the Regional Council. Slide showing expenditure over the last three years.	**The Emmaus Europe Assembly unanimously approved the treasurer's report for the 2023-2025 period.** Abstentions: 0 Against: 0 For: 191
3. Proposal to increase the membership dues	Presentation by Jean-Philippe Légaut in his role as treasurer. The members have received the proposal to increase membership dues in the preparatory documents pack. The membership dues were last increased in 2015. Since then, operating costs in France have been hit by 17% inflation. There have been new work areas over the past two terms of office: awareness-raising. We have tried to meet the groups' needs by setting up the Women's Leadership Programme. We have also developed European advocacy work by creating a post. In 2025 the Regional Council decided on two new expenses - the interpreters will be paid instead of it being a completely voluntary role, and we voted on the option of the president's group being compensated to the tune of a part-time salary for the group. Therefore, the aim of the increase is to maintain a healthy situation and ensure the quality of our work. Slide showing a comparison between the current dues (approved in a vote in 2015) and the dues proposed for 2027.	**The Emmaus Europe General Assembly approved the 12% increase to membership dues starting in 2027 (in accordance with the table found opposite).** Abstentions: 21 Against: 21 For: 149 votes

	<table><tr><th></th><th>2015 - 2026</th><th>From 2027</th></tr><tr><td>Sales income below €50,000</td><td>€55</td><td>€55</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income between €50,000 and €100,000</td><td>€165</td><td>€185</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income between €100,000 and €200,000</td><td>€550</td><td>€620</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income between €200,000 and €300,000</td><td>€1,100</td><td>€1,250</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income between €300,000 and €500,000</td><td>€1,650</td><td>€1,850</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income between €500,000 and €1,000,000</td><td>€2,200</td><td>€2,500</td></tr><tr><td>Sales income over €1,000,000</td><td>€3,300</td><td>€3,700</td></tr></table> **A voluntary <u>contribution</u> is requested from groups with no financial resources or groups that do not sell goods, with the amount being decided at the group's own discretion.** Discussion with the floor.	
4. Presentation of the CEI	Some 16 candidates stood for election to fill 12 incumbent CEI posts (including the president). 1. Sabina Arnaut-Jahic	Having counted and checked the votes, the polling station officials recorded **211 ballot papers and 211 signatures.**

candidates and votes received	2. Rebecca Cottam-Jones 3. José María García Bresó 4. Aurélie Gillmann-Rignault 5. Vera Korpisalo 6. Jean-Philippe Légaut 7. Duncan Lewis 8. Jerry Margueritte 9. Cédric Marrec 10. René Mériaux 11. Chantal Niala Kasinga 12. Hanna-Leena Nuutinen 13. Christophe Parinello 14. Fatima Parret-Bezli 15. Xavier Renard 16. Nick Thompson (unable to attend) Voting began on the morning of 15 April 2026. The first round votes were counted on the afternoon of 15 April 2026 and the results were announced during the afternoon on 16 April 2026.	• Presidency: 2/3 majority – 141 votes • Incumbent CEI = Simple majority – 106 votes • Substitute CEI = Absolute majority – 107 votes The following were recorded: 194 valid ballot papers, 16 spoilt ballot papers and one blank ballot paper. <u>Election results</u> **1. Jean Philippe Légaut - 163 votes** **2. Vera Korpisalo – 161 votes** **3. Sabina Arnaut-Jahic – 160 votes** **4. Rebecca Cottam-Jones – 155 votes** **5. Cédric Marrec - 146 votes** **6. Fatima Parret Bezli – 146 votes** **7. José María García Bresó – 144 votes** **8. Hanna Leena Nuutinen – 135 votes** **9. Duncan Lewis – 128 votes** **10. Aurélie Gillmann-Rignault - 127 votes** **11. Chantal Niala Kasinga – 127 votes** **12. Xavier Renard – 127 votes** 13. Nick Thompson – 91 votes 14. Jerry Margueritte – 90 votes 15. René Meriaux - 78 votes 16. Christophe Parinello – 56 votes The first 12 people obtained a simple majority and were therefore elected as CEIs for the 2026-2030 period of office. As an absolute majority was not attained, no substitute CEIs were selected at the election.
5. Presentation of the Wise Persons' Committee and Maria Luisa Testori	The Regional Council of Emmaus Europe appointed Maria Luisa Testori as the European member of the Wise Persons' Committee. Maria Luisa introduced herself:	

	I was firstly a volunteer at my home community Emmaus Erba in Italy. I then became the leader for 13 years before retiring. I am now a volunteer at Emmaus Piadena. I have held the post of CEI during two terms of office and I was also the recipient of the Lucie Coutaz Prize in Manchester. I was planning to continue peacefully volunteering in my community until I was asked to undertake this role. Thank you for putting your trust in me.	
6. Presentation of the candidates standing for the presidency	There are three candidates for the post of president: 1. Jean-Philippe Légaut 2. Duncan Lewis 3. Fatima Parret-Bezli The election of the EE President is by secret ballot. **First round** The first round of voting started on the morning of 15 April 2026. The first round votes were counted on the afternoon of 15 April 2026 and the results were announced at 9:00 on 16 April 2026. **Second round** The second round of voting started on the morning of 16 April 2026. The second round votes were counted on the afternoon of 16 April 2026 and the results were announced straight afterwards.	**First round** Having counted and checked the votes, the polling station officials recorded 211 ballot papers and 211 signatures. A 2/3 majority = 141 votes was needed to elect the president. 1. **Fatima Parret Bezli – 78 votes** 2. **Jean Philippe Légaut - 75 votes** 3. Duncan Lewis – 37 votes None of the candidates achieved the 2/3 majority set at 141 votes. A second round was therefore arranged between the first two candidates. **Second round** Having counted and checked the votes, the polling station officials recorded 212 ballot papers and 212 signatures. A simple majority = 106 votes was needed to elect the president in the second round of voting. The following were recorded: 211 ballot papers and one spoilt ballot paper 1. **Jean Philippe Légaut - 114 votes** 2. Fatima Parret Bezli – 97 votes

		Jean-Philippe Légaut was elected president of Emmaus Europe for the 2026-2030 period of office.
7. Conclusion and closing remarks	Carina Aaltonen closed the meeting.	

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

Carina Aaltonen
Outgoing president of Emmaus Europe

Aurélie Gillmann-Rignault
Outgoing secretary of Emmaus Europe