



Regional Conference

21 – 24 May 2008 – Bled, Slovenia

Including Thematic Conference

“From Exclusion to Equity in Europe”

Hotel Golf

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Wednesday 21 May

09h00 – 12h30 *Registration of the participants* at the Conference Secretariat near the Concordia Hall in the Golf hotel

11h00 – 12h30 Orientation session (Participation optional)

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Concordia

Optional orientation session for delegates attending a Regional Conference of Caritas Europa for the first time, and/or for those wishing to better understand Regional Conference process and procedures

12h30 – 14h00 *Lunch in the Golf hotel*

14h00 – 16h00 Regional Conference 2008 - Statutory session1

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Concordia

Plenary session moderator: Fr. Erny Gillen, President, Caritas Europa

- Opening prayer
- Welcome by the President of Caritas Europa
- Welcome by the President of Caritas Slovenia
- Approval of the Regional Conference program & agenda (Doc. 1)
- Presentation of the Regional Conference Handbook (Doc. 6)
- Election of 2 vote scrutinisers
- Presentation of candidates for hosting the RC 2010

16h30 – 18h30 Thematic Conference “From Exclusion to Equity”, plenary session A

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Concordia

Plenary session moderator: Andrij Waskowycz, Caritas Ukraine

- **Introduction to the thematic conference “From Exclusion to Equity”** by the Caritas Europa President
- **Keynote lecture:** General introduction of a model and instrument for analysis of social security and social protection. *Speaker: Dr. Carlo Knöpfel (Caritas Switzerland)*
- **Intervention:** Building and balancing social security in 3 European countries with different social models
 - ‘Bismarck’ model. *Speaker: Robert Urbé (Caritas Luxemburg)*
 - ‘Mediterranean’ model. *Speaker: Jorge Nuño Mayer (Caritas Spain)*
 - ‘Scandinavian’ model. *Speaker: Jan Sjursen (Caritas Denmark)*
- **Intervention:** Program example of a European overseas development agency intervening into the building of social security models at grass roots level outside Europe. *Speaker: Chris Bain (Caritas England & Wales/CAFOD)*
- **Intervention:** How is this model (the ‘scheme’) reflected in Catholic Social Teaching? *Speaker: Hubert Cornudet (Caritas Europa)*
- **Questions and answers:** RC participants ask questions for clarification to the speakers

19h00 – 19h45 *Holy Mass in the hotel*

20h00 *Dinner in the Golf hotel*

Thursday 22 May

09h00 –10h30 Thematic Conference “From Exclusion to Equity”, plenary session B

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Dr. h.c. Jürg Krummenacher, Caritas Switzerland

- **Opening prayer/reflection**
- **Input session: What are the consequences on the ‘scheme’ (analytical model) of:**
 - Demographic changes. *Speaker: Fr Livio Corazza (Caritas Italy)*
 - Changes in labour relations. *Speaker: Mag. Janez Drobnič (Caritas Slovenia)*
 - Changes in family relations and structures. *Speaker: Prof. Willy Geysen (Caritas Belgium)*
- **Moderated Panel discussion; Panel members: Carlo Knöpfel and the three experts above**
 - Clarifying interdependence between social protection and the dynamics of change

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 –12h30 Thematic Conference “From Exclusion to Equity”, plenary session C

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: M. François Soulage (Caritas France – Secours Catholique)

- **INCLUSION program**
 - Presentation of the INCLUSION program in the context of the RC theme. *Presenter: Janusz Galeziak (Caritas Europa, Senior Officer Social Policy)*
- **Caritas Europa Basic Principles for a Sustainable Social System**
 - Presentation of the CE Basic Principles in the context of the RC theme. *Presenter: Robert Urbé (Caritas Luxemburg, President Social Policy Commission)*
- **Caritas Europa involvement in European Year 2010: plans and options**
 - Presentation of first ideas TF European Year 2010. *Presenter: Stefan Wallner (Caritas Austria, Vice-President Social Policy Commission)*
- **Questions for clarification and discussion**

12h30 – 14h00 Buffet lunch in the Golf hotel

14h00 –14h45 Thematic Conference: Introduction to group work session

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

- Logic, objectives, dynamics and practical organisation of the working groups
- Plenary presentation of one general and fictional case study for use by all working groups and of workshop tasks and questions for each individual group

Objectives and desired outcomes of the working groups:

Understanding the concrete application of the Basic Principles in the context of the RC theme, validating them in Caritas practice (case study), examining the need for revision of the Basic Principles, conceiving and discussing proposals for amendment

14b45 – 17h30 Thematic Conference “From Exclusion to Equity”, Group work session

5 interactive working groups on Basic principles (approx. 15-20 persons each)

Locations and **Working languages**: See below groups 1-5

- **Group 1: Employment** → *Hall Jupiter* → **Interpreted English/French/German**
 - *Moderator: Jorge Nuño Mayer (Caritas Spain)*
 - *Reporter: Janusz Galeziak (Caritas Europa)*
- **Group 2: Housing** → *Aurora (1st floor)* → **Language: English**
 - *Moderator: Juraj Barat (Caritas Slovakia)*
 - *Reporter: Peter Verhaeghe (Caritas Europa)*
- **Group 3: Health** → *Flora (3rd floor)* → **Language: French**
 - *Moderator: Hubert Cornudet (Caritas Europa)*
 - *Reporter: Natalya Kaval kova (Caritas Europa)*
- **Group 4: Education** → *Venera (5th floor)* → **Language: English**
 - *Moderator: Philippa Gitlin (Caritas England & Wales – Social Action)*
 - *Reporter: Annalisa Mazzella (Caritas Europa)*
- **Group 5: Participation in public life** → *Libertas (Ground floor)* → **Language: German**
 - *Moderator: Martina Liebsch (Caritas Germany)*
 - *Reporter: Anke Thiel (Caritas Europa)*

1 interactive working groups on International Cooperation (approx. 15-20 persons)

- **Group 6: Mid Term Review of Caritas Europa strategic plan priorities III and IV** (Humanitarian Aid + Int'l Development and Peace) → *Hotel Park: Bartol (1st floor)* → **Language: English**
 - *Moderator: Christoph Petrik-Schweifer (Caritas Austria)*
 - *Input: Lesley-Anne Knight (Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis)*
 - *Reporter: Alan Frisk (Caritas Europa)*

15h30 – 16h00 Coffee break (integrated into working group program)

18h30 – 19h30 Holy Mass in the Church on the island

20h30 Dinner in the hotel Park

Friday 23 May

09h00 – 10h30 Strategic Info and Exchange session I

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Jean-Pierre Schenkelaars (Caritas Belgium)

- **Opening prayer/reflection**

Strategic developments of Caritas Europa and Caritas Internationalis:

- Presentation strategic developments **Caritas Europa**. *Presenter: Marius Wanders, Caritas Europa Secretary General and relevant members of the Executive Board of CE*
 - INCLUSION and its strategic impact on CE and its MOs
 - Mid Term Review of the CE strategic plan
 - Priorities III and IV
 - Priorities I, II, V and VI
 - Towards the new strategic plan of CE
- Presentation strategic developments **Caritas Internationalis**. *Presenter: Lesley-Anne Knight, Caritas Internationalis Secretary General*
 - From strategic framework to operational plan
 - Update on current and future developments

Questions, answers and discussion

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 – 12h30 Strategic Info and Exchange session II

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Lesley-Anne Knight (Caritas Internationalis)

Evolution, situation and perspectives within a dynamic network:

- Update on specific member organisation situations. *Presenter: Fr. Erny Gillen, Caritas Europa President*
- Presentation of process towards minimum and recommended standards and guidelines Caritas Europa member organisations. *Presenter: Christoph Petrik-Schweifer (Caritas Austria, President of the Commission for Internal Network)*
- Moderated plenary exchange/discussion on management standards. *Moderator: Lesley-Anne Knight (Secretary General Caritas Internationalis)*

12h30 – 14h00 Buffet lunch in the hotel Golf

14h00 – 16h00 EU & Presidency session (with external guests)

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Franz Küberl (Caritas Austria)

Moderated panel discussion

Panel members:

- *Fr. Erny Gillen, President, Caritas Europa*
- *Wladimir Spidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities*
- *Representative of the Slovenian EU Presidency (tbc)*
- *Ms. Marie Panayotopoulos – Cassiotou, Member of European Parliament (Greece, EPP) and of the Parliamentary Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*
- *Stefan Wallner, Caritas Austria, Vice President of the Social Policy Commission and President of the Caritas Europa Task Force on the European Year 2010*
- **Initial interventions:**
 - **Erny Gillen:** Sharing the results of the thematic conference “From Exclusion to Equity” of the past days and placing it into the context of the European Year 2010
 - **Wladimir Spidla:** European Commission rationale, vision and objectives in proposing 2010 as the European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion
 - **Representative of the EU Presidency:** Key messages from the EU Presidency with regard to the proposed European Year 2010 for combating poverty and social exclusion
 - **Marie Panayotopoulos – Cassiotou:** The views of the European Parliament and its parliamentary Committee on Employment and Social Affairs with regard to the European Year 2010
 - **Stefan Wallner:** Support and endorsement by Caritas Europa for the European Year 2010 initiative and description of Caritas Europa commitment to and plans for EY2010
- **Plenary panel discussion**, *moderated by Franz Küberl*

16h30 *Departure to Brezje*

17h00 *Holy Mass in open air near the Cathedral,
with participation of Caritas Slovenia volunteers, staff and beneficiaries*

19h00 *Caritas Slovenia evening*

Saturday 24 May

07h15 – 08h00 Holy Mass in the hotel

09h00 – 10h30 Regional Conference 2008 – Statutory session 2

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Kari-Mette Eidem (Caritas Norway), Vice-President, Caritas Europa

- Opening prayer
- Short address by Cor Unum representative *Don Segundo Tejado*
- Approval of the minutes of the Regional Conference 2007 (Doc. 2 & Doc. 2.1)
- Report by the President (Doc. 3)
- Report by the Secretary General (Doc. 4)
- Annual Activity report (Doc. 4.1)
- Setting dates for the 2010 Regional Conference
- Election of the venue of the Regional Conference 2010

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 – 13h00 Regional Conference – Statutory session 3

Location: Hotel Golf: Hall Jupiter

Plenary session moderator: Fr. Erny Gillen, President, Caritas Europa

- Report by the Treasurer (Doc. 5)
 - Accounts 2007 (Doc. 5.1 & Doc. 5.2)
 - Report by the external auditor on 2007 (Doc. 5.3)
 - Report by internal auditors (Doc. 5.4)
 - Budget 2008 (Doc. 5.5)
 - Provisional budget 2009 (Doc. 5.6)
- Update on statutory membership fees and key
- Resolutions (voting session) (Doc. 5.7)
- Any other statutory business
- Adjournment of the Regional Conference 2008

13h00 – 14h30 Farewell lunch in the hotel Golf

15h00 Optional afternoon program (for those departing on Sunday):

- *Visits to Caritas Slovenia projects, or*
- *Tourist excursion*