



## About us

### Regional Conference elected leaders

The main Caritas Europa activity during the first half of 2010 was certainly the Regional Conference/European Poverty Congress held early June in El Escorial/Madrid.

Following the vote of the Regional Conference Fr Erny Gillen was re-elected as President of Caritas Europa for the mandate 2011-2015.

Jorge Nuño Mayer was confirmed as the next Secretary General of Caritas Europa.

“I very much look forward to starting a new strategic phase and strengthening efforts for Caritas in Europe”, said Jorge after his election.

Jorge Nuño Mayer is currently a member of Caritas Spain's Social Research Team and of the Social Policy Commission of Caritas Europa. At Caritas Europa he also chairs the Task Force on the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

Jorge will start his commitment as Secretary General of Caritas Europa on 1<sup>st</sup> October of this year.

Further information about the Regional Conference/European Poverty Congress

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## Activities review

➤ On 28 January, Caritas Europa held at its premises a kick-off conference for INCLUSION (Integrating and Nourishing Caritas Learning and Understanding of Social Inclusion through Optimal Networking), a Caritas programme carried out on the basis of a three-year Framework Partnership Agreement with the European Commission. The event gathered representatives from 16 member organisations, Eurodiaconia, EAPN and the European Commission, and was aimed at presenting the 2010 work plan as well as at preparing the general assessment of the programme which will end in December of this year. | Contact: [mpikaar@caritas-europa.org](mailto:mpikaar@caritas-europa.org)

➤ This year edition of the Migration Study Visit was hosted by Secours Catholique-Caritas France in Paris on 24-28 May. Among other activities, the over 25 participants had the opportunity to travel to Calais and meet staff working directly and in very difficult conditions with undocumented migrants. | Contact: [snibhroin@caritas-europa.org](mailto:snibhroin@caritas-europa.org)

➤ The HIV/AIDS Task Force organised on 15-16 March in Sofia the capacity building seminar “Helping People Living with or Affected by HIV/AIDS”. Hosted by Caritas Bulgaria and co-sponsored by Renovabis, the seminar aimed at promoting the policy paper “The Caritas Response to HIV/AIDS in Europe...” | Contact: [nkavalkova@caritas-europa.org](mailto:nkavalkova@caritas-europa.org)

➤ Caritas Europa's European Solidarity Fund (ESF) Committee organised on 24-25 March in Vienna a workshop/training on business administration to help the responsible managers in the network better understand the role and importance of sustainable financial management, exchange experiences and discuss the upcoming phasing out strategy of ESF. | Contact: [afrisk@caritas-europa.org](mailto:afrisk@caritas-europa.org)

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## Caritas Europa event

Caritas Europa held its **Annual Meeting on Communications and Fundraising** in Vienna on 26-27 April 2010. The event was co-organised and hosted by Caritas Austria. Since its first edition in 2004, the popularity of this event has been steadily growing. The gathering offers an excellent opportunity to persons responsible for media and fundraising across the Caritas Europa network to come together and interact with each other.

In line with previous Annual Meetings where initial ideas were gathered and the project was shaping, the state of play in the implementation of the Caritas Zero Poverty campaign for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion was presented to participants who shared with each other examples of initiatives at national level.

Following this exchange, Wolfgang Machreich, journalist of “Die Furche” (weekly Austrian magazine), explored what media needs from NGOs like Caritas in order to constructively report on poverty and how to contribute to professional media work on this issue. The key-note speaker, Fundraising Expert Jasna Sonne, took participants on an exciting virtual trip showing profiles, data and stories in the ‘world of the rich’ and provoking a reflection on the still unexploited opportunities in the area of Big Donor Fundraising.

Contributions in the working group sessions presented best practices in the areas of press and fundraising.



### LATEST PUBLICATIONS

**'IN SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE LIVING WITH OR AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS'** – Brochure featuring the Caritas response to HIV/AIDS in Europe and the work of the Caritas Europa Task Force on HIV/AIDS July 2010.

Available in: [\[EN\]](#)

**'INVISIBLE BORDERS – A BARRIER TO INCLUSION'** – Along with the core Poverty Paper, this paper has been published in the framework of the Caritas campaign for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion [Zero Poverty Act Now](#).

**How to use this paper** – The paper describes mechanisms of exclusion of migrants as found in European countries, as well as the challenges related to promoting their social inclusion.

Policy specialists in member organisations are invited to use this tool to advocate for (better) inclusion policy measures for migrants. It is possible to select and focus on one or more of the policy areas illustrated in the paper (access to labour market, education, anti-discrimination etc) and use the related recommendations for advocacy work at national level. These recommendations can be made more concrete by adding examples from different countries.

June 2010

Available in: [\[EN\]](#) [\[FR\]](#)

**'HOME CARE, EVERYONE'S CARE'** –

Brochure dealing with Home Care and the work that Caritas organisations in Europe are currently doing in this field.

April 2010

Available in: [\[EN\]](#)

**'POVERTY AMONG US'** – Core Poverty Paper published in the framework of the Caritas campaign for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion - March 2010

Available in 12 languages

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➤ **January to June 2010 - Zero Poverty** – During the first half of this year many Caritas organisations in Europe successfully promoted the Caritas campaign Zero Poverty\_Act Now. Their actions varied from addressing high-level decision-makers to raising awareness among citizens. For full coverage visit the Caritas Europa web page dedicated to this [campaign](#).

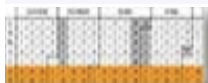
➤ **June 2010 – To Caritas the real stars of the World Cup were outside the pitch** – While the world got passionate over football, Caritas International Germany continued its social work in South Africa helping street children, AIDS orphans and disadvantaged youth that live in absolute deprivation alongside the luxury surrounding the World Cup. [Caritas International Germany \(25 June\)](#)

➤ **April 2010 – Survey reveals importance of Caritas in Italy** – A survey conducted by the Italian Institute of Educational and Formational Research (IREF) on the impact of the crisis on Italian families revealed that Caritas Italy plays a pivotal role for those families living in economic distress as a reliable provider of relief materials and services. [Caritas Italy \(28 April\)](#)

➤ **March 2010 – Several recognitions for the Caritas work** – The Islamic community of Portugal paid a tribute in the Mosque of Lisbon to Caritas for its activities for the poor and in emergency situations, highlighting the 'universality' of this work. In Ukraine, the Minister of Health awarded Caritas Ukraine's HIV/AIDS advisor Dzveyslava Chaykivsku the Order of St. Panteleimon for her outstanding personal achievements in the areas of health, charity and social activities. In Luxembourg, recognition came from the private sector as Microsoft donated €41,000 to fund a Caritas Luxembourg project aimed at improving refugees' IT skills. [Caritas Portugal \(17 March\)](#) | [Caritas Ukraine \(03 March\)](#) | [ITnation2.0 \(15 March\)](#)

➤ **February 2010 – Taking care of the most vulnerable** – The work initiated in 2009 by Caritas Armenia to start a social center for children reached its goal in February of this year when 16 Armenian Caritates inaugurated the "Little Prince", a social center dedicated to protecting and ensuring the social rights of disadvantaged children living in difficult circumstances. [Caritas Armenia \(15 February\)](#)

➤ **January 2010 – Earthquake in Haiti** – On 13 January a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook Haiti and completely destroyed its capital Port-au-Prince, killing over 200,000, injuring hundreds of thousands and making millions of people homeless. European Caritas organisations responded very quickly to the disaster within the global emergency action framework of Caritas Internationalis. [Caritas Europa \(18 January\)](#)



## Calendar

➤ **6-8 Sept** – [Home Care Forum, Vilnius \(Lithuania\)](#)

➤ **1-3 Oct** – [Cluny 2010 - People's Europe, Cluny \(France\)](#)

➤ **10-17 Oct** – [Caritas Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela along the way of St. James \(Spain\)](#)

➤ **18-19 Oct** – [European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion, Brussels \(Belgium\)](#)