



CALL

EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN
EMPLOYMENT AND
ECONOMY NETWORK

CHURCH
ACTION on
LABOUR and
LIFE



Minutes of the first CALL Assembly on 30 April 2010

Participants: See list of participants.

Moderators: Alison Jackson, Dieter Heidtmann.

Minutes: Julian Christopher Marx, Dieter Heidtmann.

1. CALL Objectives

The Assembly receives the project proposal (attached). It decides to start working with the suggested working structures. The next assembly will have to decide whether the CALL Network will need more precise working structures.

The Assembly defines 4 key tasks for the network:

1. Campaigning on economic and employment issues
2. Networking on economic and employment issues
3. Exchange of expertise among members
4. Empowering people on economic and employment issues

2. CALL Working Areas

The Assembly initiates 5 working areas:

2.1 To launch a citizens' initiative on the work-life balance: "A time to work, a time to live"

The campaign for a citizen's initiative should focus on issues like Sunday protection, reconciliation between work and family life and working times. Proposal for the name of the campaign: "A time to work, a time to live". Dieter Heidtmann will introduce the proposal to the coalition which organised the Free Sunday Conference in the European Parliament.

- Facilitators: Almut Bretschneider-Felzmann; Dieter Heidtmann

2.2 Working Group on Precarious Work

The Assembly initiates a working group on precarious work. The working group shall focus on common European standards for decent work, labour migration, "living wages" and related issues. A first project could be to collect information from different countries in order to prepare documentation. The first meeting of the working group could be linked with the ECG Assembly in Vilnius (20-24 October 2010).

- Facilitator: Klaus-Peter Spohn-Logé

2.3 Working Group on Religion in the Public Sphere

The working group shall focus on the different church-state relations and how they have an impact on the presence of the church in society. A first project could be a brochure

with “best practice examples” of the presence of the churches in “new places” where people meet, such as shopping malls.

- Facilitator: Ian Winterbottom

2.4 Working Group on Concepts for a Sustainable Economy

The Working Group shall focus on macro-economic concepts for EU policies such as the EU 2020 strategy. It shall contribute to develop sustainable, socially responsible economic strategies. The working group will monitor EU policies, raise awareness and understanding for these questions and support the churches to contribute to more coherent policies in this area.

- Facilitator: Alison Jackson

2.5 Ethics-Newsletter

The working group is planning to share regular information on specific issues related to economic ethics. The newsletter is open for all members of the network and their contributions.

- Facilitator: Jean-Pierre Thévenaz

The next CALL Assembly shall focus on the empowerment of people.

3. Election of the Coordination Team

The Assembly unanimously elects a coordination team. Its members are:

- Northern Europe:

Ms Daiva Ziuramskaite (ECG - European Contact Group)

Rev. Peeter Kaldur (Estonian Evangelical-Lutheran Church)

Proxy:

Ms Marja Kantanen (Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland)

- Western Europe:

Ms Alison Jackson (Methodist Church in Britain)

Rev. Dr. Jean-Pierre Thévenaz (Swiss Reformed Church)

Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann (CSC of CEC/CPCE)

Mr Klaus-Peter Spohn-Logé (Association of Church and Work in the Evangelical Church in Germany)

Proxy:

Dr. Trinus Hoekstra (Kerkinactie)

- Southern Europe:

Ms Laura Casorio (Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy)

Ms Lamprini Ninetta Zoi (Church of Greece)

- Central and Eastern Europe

Mr Szabolcs Lőrincz (Reformed Church in Hungary)

Ms Elena Timofticiuc (AIDROM)

Proxy:

Mr Vladimir Gerka

Representative from OCIFE:
Fr. Hervé-Pierre Guillot (Belgium)

4. Dates

8 July 2010

1st Meeting of the Coordination Team

9 July 2010

CSC-COMECE-BEPA Dialogue Seminar on European Year 2010.

13-14 September 2010

Dialogue Seminar between European Trade Unions and Churches

29 September 2010

Tentative Date for a Conference on Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in the European Parliament, Brussels

20-24 October 2010

ECG Assembly in Vilnius

8-12 November

Poverty-Wealth-Ecology Conference in Budapest

Spring 2011

CALL Assembly in Bucharest

Spring 2012

CALL Assembly in Oxford