

2021 ECEN ASSEMBLY

31st May & 1st June

WEBINAR

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Reconciled with Creation: A Call for Urgent Action on Climate and Biodiversity

The Assembly of the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) will be held in 6 online sessions from **31 May to 1 June 2021**.

The ECEN Assembly will explore responses to climate change and efforts for a sustainable future linked to an ethical dimension and broader questions of individual and collective freedom, as well as pursuing justice and responsibility for future. Churches in Europe are increasingly engaged in responding to these challenges. Care for creation has, in recent years, become a visible part of the church identity. Exchange of experiences, networking and mutual support in enhancing efforts to protect the creation will remain in focus at the ECEN Assembly.

The ECEN Assembly will highlight practices from European churches leading to a sustainable future and supportive governance. The first day of the Assembly will feature a session for open dialogue and sharing. Youth will actively participate in the ECEN Assembly, with close cooperation and engagement in the preparations and Assembly process.

The European Christian Environmental Network provides a Europe-wide platform for cooperation among churches in responding to environmental challenges and protecting the creation.

Topics include:

- *Does Climate Change and Sustainable Future Pose a Particular Theological Concern?*
- *The European Green Deal and the Role of Churches*
- *Networking and Cooperation in Responding to Challenges of Ecology*
- *Churches' Action and Commitment in Responding to Climate Change*
- *Climate Justice - Concern of Ecumenical Youth*

Keynote Speakers:

- Bishop Jochen Cornelius-Bundschuh, Evangelical Church in Baden
- Archbishop Job of Telmessos, Ecumenical Patriarchate

Panel discussions with:

- Members of European Parliament Jutte Guteland and Sven Giegold
- Youth
- Civil society organisations
- Representatives of church-related projects in care for creation



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WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Time (CET)	Monday, 31 May	Tuesday 1 June
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and opening Opening words by General Secretaries of the Conference of European Churches and the Council of Catholic Bishop's Conferences in Europe, Jørgen Skov Sørensen and Fr. Martin Michalíček	<i>Welcome to the day</i> <i>Morning prayer</i>
10.30 - 12.00	Session 1: Reconciled with the Earth - Does Climate Change and Sustainable Future Pose a Particular Theological Concern? <i>Speakers:</i> Bishop Jochen Cornelius-Bundschuh, Evangelical Church in Baden Archbishop Job of Telmessos, Ecumenical Patriarchate <i>Key note presentations</i>	Session 4: Churches' Action and Commitment in Responding <i>Examples and inspiration from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church of England - Henry Uniacke, Diocesan Environmental Officer Sodor and Man• Evangelical-Lutheran Church in North Germany - Annette Piening, Climate Protection Manager• Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy – Antonella Visintin• Église verte, France - Laura Morosini, General Secretary of Église Verte
14.00 - 15.30	Session 2: The European Green Deal and the Role of Churches <i>Panel discussion with:</i> Andy Atkins, A Rocha, UK Jytte Guteland, Member of European Parliament, Sweden <i>TBC</i> Sven Giegold, Member of European Parliament, Germany András Huszár, Green Policy Center, Hungary Zélie Peppiette, European Commission (until May 2021) <i>TBC</i>	Session 5: Climate Justice – Concern of Ecumenical Youth <i>Contributions from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green House - Bogafjell Church Youth Ministry in Stavanger, winner of ECEN Roman Juriga Award 2020• Ecumenical Youth Council of Europe• World Student Christian Federation – Europe region• UK Young Christian Climate Network• Lutheran World Federation Youth
16.00 – 17.30	Session 3: Networking and Cooperation in Responding to Challenges of Ecology; ECEN Twinning project Experience from a cross-border cooperation between churches from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austria and Romania• Ukraine and Armenia• Belarus and Lithuania• Hungary and Scotland• Germany and Poland	Session 6: Challenges Ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Season of creation 2021• How churches get engaged with COP 26• World Council of Churches Assembly 2022• Roman Juriga Award 2022• ECEN Assembly 2022 Closing of the Assembly
19.00 – 20.00	Open space for sharing and exchange	

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The Assembly has been prepared by the ECEN Enabling team in composition with:

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Kilian Dörr, Evangelical Church AC in Romania

Hans Diefenbacher, Protestant Church in Germany (EKD)

Henrik Grape, Church of Sweden

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Eszter Kodácsy-Simon, Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Hungary

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