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New Members

Since the AGM in 2015 the following organisations have joined the Eurodiaconia network:

Haraldsplass Diakonale Stiftelse – Norway - <http://www.haraldsplass.org/stiftelsen>

Haraldsplass is well known to many in Eurodiaconia as they have been very active in the Nordic co-operation and in other bodies such as Kaiserswerther General Conferenz and Diakonie World Federation. These services include two hospitals, a specialized university, a youth welfare center, children's refugee center, counselling service etc. They have about 1200 employees and about 120 volunteers. They work mainly in the west coast of Norway around Bergen. It is an autonomous diaconal institution under the auspices of Church of Norway, similar to the status of our other members in Norway.

They wish to join Eurodiaconia be part of a European network working with diaconal topics and development. They find it interesting to have access to information on different ways of working e.g. hospitals, youth etc. They are also interested in our work on social entrepreneurship and social services generally and they believe they can also bring their experience and competences to share with the network.

Diaconal Center of the Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia - <http://www.reformata.sk/>

The role of the Diaconal Center is to support and co-ordinate the diaconal services of the church which are currently done on a voluntary basis. Their vision is to develop a new church wide programme of diaconal work and they are currently in the process of reestablishing this work.

In their application form they state that they wish to have membership of Eurodiaconia because they:

- Want to have new opportunities to build relationships and make co-operations – especially with the Visegrad countries
- Support the expansion of their work which is currently re-starting in the church.
- They have observed the co-operation other members have had as a result of the Eurodiaconia network and wish to have those possibilities

Diaconia Espana - <http://www.diaconia.es/>

Diaconia is an association based in Madrid, Spain, that was created in 1997 in order to support and bring together the diaconal services of evangelical churches and institutions. It coordinates the diaconal work of its members (120 NGOs and 1000 churches in Spain), runs a training center and works in cooperation with the national government as well as the regional and local public authorities. This network (of more 120 NGOs and 1000 churches in Spain) supports youth, families, immigrants, women, victims of human trafficking, homeless people, Roma people, older people, students etc.

In their application form, they state that they wish to have membership of Eurodiaconia because they:

- As a national network that connects a wide range of diaconal entities in Spain, and connects them with the national, regional and local public authorities, Diaconia wants also to be present at the European level being a member of a European network like Eurodiaconia.