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Nr. 29

Conference Social Europe

*Location of the Conference  
(near Baden-Baden/Germany)*

Kloster Maria Hilf  
Carl-Netter-Straße 7, 77815 Bühl (Baden)  
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*Registration*

We would appreciate receiving your reply at your earliest convenience, in any case no later than **15th October 2017**.

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*Conference fee*

200,00 € (including lodging in a single room, boarding and the project visit).

*Funding*

For organisations interested in participating in the conference and not able to meet the costs, there is the possibility of applying for a subsidy. The subsidy fund is, however, very limited. If you require financial support in order to attend, please contact the Protestant Academy Baden before buying tickets. The organisers of the Conference will not be able to bear the costs caused by a late cancellation of the registration.

*Practical Arrangements*

The working language of the Conference will be English (only). The Conference will be hosted at the Maria Hilf Monastery in Bühl near Baden-Baden.

*Travel Directions*

**By plane:** Take a plane to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden (Baden Airpark) or to Stuttgart Airport or Frankfurt/Main Airport.

*From Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden Airport* take a bus/train connection to Bühl (Baden) (about 0h50). We will send you an individual schedule.

*From Stuttgart Airport* take a train via Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof (central station) and Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof (central station) to Bühl (Baden) (about 2h30).

*From Frankfurt Airport* take a train via Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof (central station) to Bühl (Baden) (about 2h00).

**By train:** Take a train via Karlsruhe Hauptbahnhof (central station) to Bühl (Baden). The Conference Centre Kloster Maria Hilf is about 15 min walk from Bühl (Baden) train station.



Evangelische Akademie Baden



## Social Europe

### International Network Meeting

**25 – 27 October 2017  
Bühl (Baden) / Germany**

*In Cooperation with:*

Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund Baden-Württemberg  
Caritas und Diakonie Baden-Württemberg  
Europa-Union Baden-Württemberg  
Kirchlicher Dienst in der Arbeitswelt  
Baden und Württemberg

## Social Europe

On 17th November 2017 the heads of state and governments, social partners and other key players of the European Union will meet for a „Social Summit“ in Gothenburg/Sweden. The Summit will focus on promoting fair jobs and growth, well-functioning European labour markets, effective and sustainable social protection systems and the promotion of social dialogue at all levels.

In the run-up to the European Social Summit the Conference in Bühl will bring together representatives of European civil society, trade unions and church-related organisations with an interest on labour policies, social protection and the eradication of poverty. The Conference will map out the challenges and opportunities ahead of the European Union and prepare a contribution to the debate on the future of the European integration process.

We warmly invite you to come to Bühl (Baden) for the Conference!

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## Programm

### Wednesday, 25 October 2017

11h30 Arrival and Registration

12h30 Lunch

#### 14h00 Opening of the Conference

**Katrin Distler**, DGB Baden-Württemberg

**Dr. Dieter Heidtmann**, Ev. Akademie Baden

#### 14h30 Towards a more social Europe

Keynote speech and Discussion

**Heather Roy**, Eurodiaconia

16h00 Coffee/Tea

#### 16h30 The European Pillar of Social Rights

**Manuela Geleng**, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission (tbc.)

18h00 Dinner

#### 19h00 Insights in the Social Situation in Europe

Exchange of local experiences among the participants

21h00 Social Evening

### Thursday, 26 October 2017

8h00 Morning Prayer (optional)

8h20 Breakfast

#### 9h00 Working Groups

##### WG 1:

Equal opportunities and access to the labour market – with a special focus on youth unemployment

##### WG 2:

Fair working conditions

##### WG 3:

Social protection

##### WG 4:

General questions with regard to EU's reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe

10h30 Coffee/Tea

#### 11h00 Continuation of the Working Groups

12h30 Lunch

#### 14h00 Project visits along the Rhine Valley

Cross-border activities:

Eurodistrict PAMINA (Lauterbourg/F)

Job Creation Center (Lahr/D)

Counselling Centre for Unemployed People: IKARUS (Karlsruhe/D)

18h00 Dinner

#### 19h00 Panel Discussion

**Evelyne Gebhardt MdEP**, Vice President of the European Parliament

**Prof Dr Marc Feix**, University of Strasbourg N.N., ETUC

**Katharina Wegner**, Diakonie Deutschland

21h00 Social Evening

### Friday, 27 October 2017

8h00 Morning Prayer (optional)

8h20 Breakfast

#### 9h00 Discussion and adoption of a Conference message to the European Social Summit

10h30 Coffee/Tea

#### 11h00 Open questions – Innovative ideas – New perspectives

Coordination of Future Activities

12h30 End of the Conference with Lunch

13h30 Departure