Draft agenda:
Joint extreme destitution and employment network meeting

Dear members,

We are delighted to invite you to this year's Joint Extreme Destitution and Employment Network Meeting, taking place in Santander, Spain on the 24th and 25th of September 2024. This year, we will focus on the topic of **Employment & Poverty: Promoting opportunities for vulnerable groups**. The linkage between poverty and employment will be discussed from two different perspectives: We will firstly focus on access to employment for people in vulnerable situations. Many different groups face a broad range of difficulties and barriers in accessing the labor market. Nueva Vida will give us insights into their approach on how to integrate people from disadvantaged backgrounds, such as women in prostitution contexts or women trafficked for sexual exploitation, refugees, people experiencing homelessness, or former prisoners, and what role not-for-profit organizations can play. Secondly, we will shed light on in-work poverty. In the context of the cost-of-living crisis, disposable income is shrinking for many people, making it harder for families and people at risk of poverty and social exclusion to cover their costs. Consequently, despite having a job, their income might not be enough to make ends meet and break the cycle of poverty.
Both perspectives will be linked through the sharing of best practices, discussing our members' challenges, and developing policy recommendations.

Participants
The meeting is open to anyone working in Diaconia who is part of a network or organization that is a member of Eurodiaconia. Those who are likely to find it most interesting are staff members working on supporting people affected by in-work poverty and providing access to employment for vulnerable people and people at risk of poverty and exclusion, as well as organizations interested in developing their work on those topics.

Registration
Please register here as soon as possible but no later than the 31st of August 2024. Please do not book any flights or accommodation before the final confirmation from the Eurodiaconia Secretariat. Travel and accommodation must be arranged by the participants; however, we will recommend a hotel shortly.

Financial information
Eurodiaconia members from Central and Eastern Europe and from minority churches are eligible to apply for financial support via the registration form (please read carefully the financial guidelines we will send you). Due to limited financial capacity, please tell us by the 31st of July if you want to request financial support. For further information, please contact our Policy and Membership Development Officer Annika Sparrer (Annika.sparrer@eurodiaconia.org).

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Monday, 23rd of September	
Afternoon & evening	Participants' arrival *Optional:* Participants are invited to join a citizen gathering organized by Nueva Vida for the International Day against Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of women and children.

Tuesday, 24th of September	
8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.15	Welcome (by Eurodiaconia and Nueva Vida) Introduction of the participants Presentation of the agenda
9.15 – 9.45	Presentation of Nueva Vida's projects and work
9.45 - 10.30	Social Europe Academy: In-work poverty in Europe
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00	External speaker
12.00 – 12.40	Lunch
12.40 - 13.40	Member's input and presentation of a project (2x)
14.00 - 15.30	Study visit 1: "NUVITEX": Nueva Vida's textile workshop
16.00 – 17.00	Study visit 2: "Casa de Renedo": shelter for homeless people and former prison population
19.30 – 20.15	Optional guided city tour
20.15	Dinner

Wednesday, 25th of September	
9.00 - 9.15	Welcome
9.15 - 10.15	External speaker
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee break

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10.45 – 12.00	Member's input and presentation of a project (2x)
12.00 – 12.40	Lunch
12.40 – 14.00	Policy Development Workshop: How to move forward and drafting of policy recommendations
14.00	Farewell and closing words