



JOINT EXTREME DESTITUTION AND EMPLOYMENT NETWORK MEETING

2024

Santander, 24th - 25th of September

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and social justice
through action*

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VIDA**


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- ☑ 24 – 25 september, 2024.
- ☑ CC Juan Carlos Calderón, C. Río de la Pila, 27, 39003 Santander.

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 C 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. We will discuss the current situation in Europe, specific challenges faced by people in vulnerable situations, and possible policy approaches on how to support those in need.

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.



Participants' arrival – Optional.

Participants are invited to join a citizen gathering organized by Nueva Vida on **Monday, 23rd of September, at 7:00 pm, in the town hall square**, for the International Day against Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Women and Children. If you need more information please contact as:

jdgarcia@asociacionnuevavida.org

The event will last about an hour, and afterwards, participants arriving that day will have free time for dinner and exploring the city on their own.



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

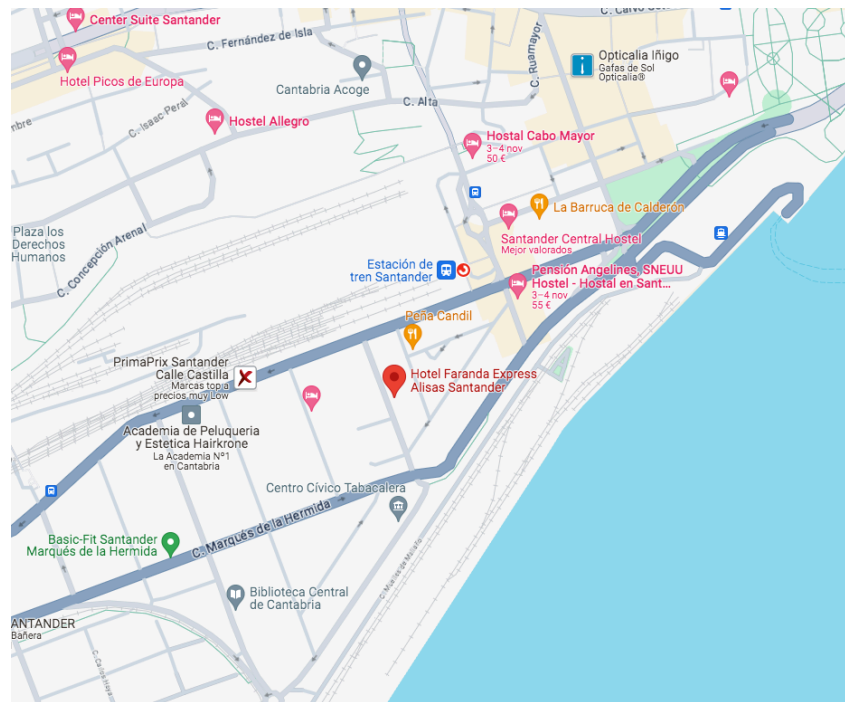
Annika.sparrer@eurodiaconia.org.

Accommodation

The hotel we recommend to stay at is the following:

- **Hotel Faranda Express Alisas Santander.**
- Address: C. Nicolás Salmerón, 3, 39009 Santander, Cantabria
- Phone: 942 13 61 42

Web: <https://www.farandahotels.com/hotel/hotel-faranda-alisas-santander>

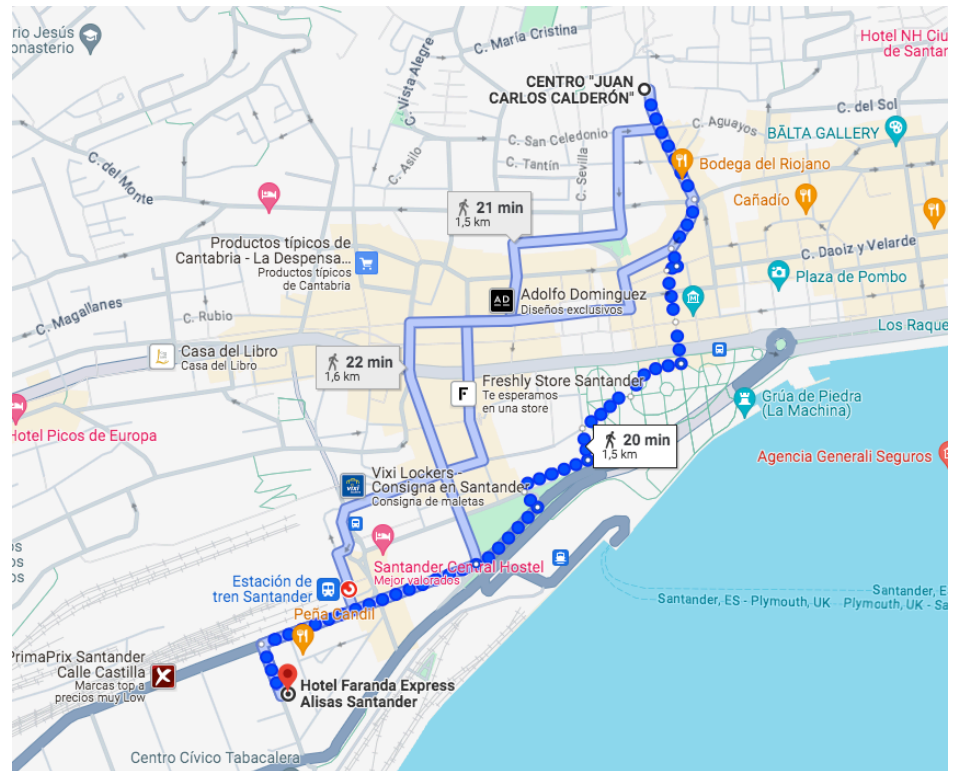


Directions from airport

To travel from Santander Airport to Hotel Faranda Express Alisas Santander by public transport, you can take the Alsa bus service from the airport to the city center. The bus stop is located just outside the airport terminal, and the journey to Santander city center takes approximately 15 minutes. Once you arrive at the city center, you can either walk or take a short taxi ride to the hotel, which is located at Nicolás Salmerón Street, 3. Walking from the bus station to the hotel takes about 10 minutes, making it a convenient and straightforward route.

From Hotel Faranda Express Alisas Santander to the Centro Cívico Juan Carlos Calderón

To walk from Hotel Faranda Express Alisas Santander to the Centro Cívico Juan Carlos Calderón in Santander, start by heading east on Nicolás Salmerón Street. Continue straight until you reach the intersection with Calle Castilla, then turn left onto Calle Castilla. Walk along Calle Castilla for about 500 meters until you reach the intersection with Calle Alta. Turn right onto Calle Alta and continue walking for approximately 200 meters. The Centro Cívico Juan Carlos Calderón will be on your right-hand side. The entire walk takes around 15-20 minutes, depending on your pace.



Agenda

Monday, 23rd of September	
19:00	<p>Participants' arrival</p> <p><i>Optional:</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Place: town hall square.</i></p>

Tuesday, 24th of September	
8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.15	<p>Welcome (by Eurodiaconia and Nueva Vida) Introduction of the participants</p> <p>Presentation of the agenda</p>
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	<p>External speaker: La Caixa Foundation</p> <p><i>La Caixa Foundation, through the social organization of the Incorpora network, supports the most vulnerable people and those with the greatest difficulties in finding jobs offered by companies and helps to foster a more committed society and socially responsible companies.</i></p>
12.00 – 12.40	Lunch
12.40 - 13.40	Member's input and presentation of a project (2x)
14.00 - 15.30	<p>Study visit 1:</p> <p>"BERRIS": Social company dedicated to textile production and design</p>

16.00 – 17.00	Study visit 2: “Casa de Renedo”: shelter for people deprived of liberty and homeless people
19.30 – 20.30	Optional guided city tour
20.30	Dinner

Wednesday, 25th of September

9.00 - 9.15	Welcome
9.15 - 10.15	External speaker: Luca Ratti, University of Luxembourg <i>Luca Ratti is an associate professor in European and comparative labour law and focuses on in-work poverty, social inclusion, and labour and employment law.</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee break
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