

Eurodiaconia Funding Network Meeting
14 November 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Background and rationale:

Eurodiaconia is a European network of 59 churches and Christian NGOs providing social and healthcare services and advocating social justice. On a daily basis, our members support people in poverty (homeless and unemployed people, asylum seekers and migrants, Roma people, etc.) and people with disabilities (dependent older people, people with physical or mental disability, etc.). They also advocate their fundamental rights at the European, national and local levels.

Eurodiaconia members access EU funding to implement social innovation, expand or scale up the reach of their social and healthcare services, and respond to the emerging needs of vulnerable and marginalized communities and groups to uphold the European Pillar of Social Rights. Members demonstrate their transnational value-added through their rich and long experience in social economy and employment, integration and inclusion of migrants, work on Roma, and quality social services, among others. In a recent survey, it was revealed that members access funding from the ESF+, AMIF, ERDF and Erasmus. At the same time, members also utilize traditional and other forms of fundraising for sustainability and ensure that they are meaningful partners in social and community-building.

Eurodiaconia is organizing the funding network meeting for its members to exchange best practices in fundraising and accessing EU funds for social innovation as well as to explore ways to work on more transnational initiatives as members of the network.

Objectives:

1. To deepen the understanding on EU funding programmes relevant to members
2. To facilitate mutual learning in fundraising and accessing grant opportunities for social innovation and social services
3. To foster collaboration among members in responding to EU calls for proposals

When: 14 November 2024, 08:30-16:30

Where: Brussels, Belgium

Participants: Staff/officers of Eurodiaconia member organisations in charge of funding, grants and sustainability

Invited Speakers:

1. Mr. Guido Castellano – European Commission (AMIF) (confirmed)
2. Ms. Evelyn Moeck - Diakonie Deutschland (confirmed)
3. Mr. Jeroen Jutte - European Commission representative for ESF+ (confirmed)
4. Ms. Fatima Ezzamouri - Diaconía España (confirmed)

Registration: Please click [here](#) to register by 11 October.

Provisional Programme:

Agenda	Schedule
I. Preliminaries	08:30-08:45
II. Welcome and introduction to the activity	08:45-08:50
III. Round of introductions	08:50-09:10
IV. Input on Eurodiaconia's policy priorities and commitments	09:10-09:20
V. Input on members' good practices on funding/fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Evelyn Moeck, Diakonie Deutschland - Ms. Fatima Ezzamouri, Diaconía España 	09:20-10:20
VI. Short break	10:20-10:30
VII. Question and answer, member sharing	10:30-11:00
VIII. Breakout groups	11:00-12:00
IX. Plenary reporting	12:00-12:15
X. Lunch break	12:15-13:15
XI. Start of afternoon session - preliminaries	13:15-13:30
XII. Presentations from European Commission – Work Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jeroen Jutte (ESF+) - Mr. Guido Castellano (AMIF) 	13:30-14:30
XIII. Questions and answers	14:30-15:00
XIV. Short break	15:00-15:10
XV. Strategizing workshop for collaboration	15:10-16:10
XVI. Plenary reporting and ways forward	16:10-16:20
XVII. Synthesis and closing	16:20-16:30
XVIII. End of meeting, departure	