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Draft conclusions for Pax Romana Europe after the Strasbourg meeting.

We got the impression to be in a global mood of deep changes, in the vision of Europe Union, the inter religious situations, the migrations, and now the economic crisis

Vision changes after the meeting.

European Union

- Disappearance of the “classic” fondaments of the EU, in the eastern new countries but also in the western because the spiritual basis is not strong enough any more.
- Growing influence of the Parliament regarding the european commission

Intercultural Interreligious dialogue

- Changing landscape of the churches, no more the only main religions but also many small new ones.
- 2 kinds of dialogue to promote
 - between the “open” components of the diverse groups or religions
 - inside each religion and culture with the fundamentalist components of their own culture or religion.

The civil society.

The innovation in the civil society comes from the migrations communities. How to take in account this situation in the national or european policies, with a special focus on the womens’ role.

The organised civil society has an important role to play

- in the Council of Europe and other UN bodies
- with the members of the EU Parliament in each country

General orientations for Pax Romana Europe.

The European Union

To keep on working about the European unification, through the intercultural dialogue. (Annex 1)

This needs a new deep rethinking on the common basis of the EU, in the spirit of the declaration of 1950 and the letter of Robert Schuman in Pax Romana of 1953, but taking in account the new multicultural situation. Only a new basis can provide a long term guideline

The intercultural an interreligious dialogue.

This is a necessity in the present time, and also a call from different institutions and specially the Council of Europe with the recent publication of the white paper

This also a way by which to deepen the spiritual and cultural basis of the EU.

Cooperations to develop in Pax Romana Europa

Between the national federations

It means to strenghten the Pax Romana Europe network

Sharing information about the activities of the federations.

Mutual information about the local situations

Organising spiritual activities in cooperation with the chaplains of PRE

Between the international institutions and Pax Romana.

- to monitor the questions addressed by these institutions towards the civil society, and to forward them to the national federations. For example the call to act in favour of the intercultural dialogue.
- to bring our contribution, from the experiences and the knowledge of the members of the movements, to the topics of
 - the Council of Europe (Annex2)
 - the Strasbourg group of ICOs about ICD and IRD
- to strenghten our presence in the others UN organisations, in Paris, Geneva and Vienna

Between Pax Romana Europa and the national federations

The recent experience of the desaffiliation of the Dutch federation, shows that the relations between Pax Romana and a national movement cannot only be supported by one national delegate. These links should be reinforced and animated by a national commission in charge of a kind of mediation, with these 2 objectives:

- to receive, to interpret and to transmit the questions from abroad and from the international institutions
- to communicate abroad and to the international institutions, the reflections of each movement.

Between Pax Romana and the ICOs or INGOs working at the european level

Involved in the UN or CoE system

Working on similar projects

Actions

International level

The plan of action is in annex

European level

European citizenship project

The european elections to be held in June 2009, are the main expression of the European citizenship. They are often experienced as a mere juxtaposition of national minded elections, more than founded on common European concerns. The proposition is to reinforce their European character by organizing debates in different places, with participants of several European nationalities, on the common theme of the European citizenship. More information can be seen in annex 4

ELC

Inviting more members at least once a year

Creating more contacts with the local organisations

Spiritual activities

The project would be to organize international retreats in European spiritual places, to more deeply understand the spiritual sense of the Europe, while discovering a local culture. The implementation of this project should be sustained by the national chaplains of the movements, and requires the presence of an European chaplain.

National or regional level

Communication of the topics related to the activities of Pax Romana Europe

Things to be done till the next meeting in Barcelona

National or regional level

- React to these propositions
- Fulfill the document on the coming events at the international, European or national context, in the political, religious, economic, cultural, civil society fields and activities in Pax Romana, the national federations
- Finding participants for
 - The CoE commissions
 - The ICOs group of Strasbourg

The project citizenship and elections

- To get from our national contacts (as Busek in Austria) and to share basic information on the topic on which we are working (EU and ICD)
- A questionnaire can be sent to the federations to know which are the more important european topics according to their vision.

Next ELC

It will take place in Barcelona during the week end from 30/01 to 01/02 2009. One of the main objectives will be to establish the plan of action 2009-2012

The summer ELC in 2009 could be in May Poland, with a parallel meeting of the Womens' Vision Group. The 2010 assembly in Luxembourg. The date is to be fixed not too near from the UK conference. In 2010, there will be either a special meeting of WVG, or a specific contribution of WVG in a Pax Romana meeting. The general assembly of Pax Romana Europe could take place in Hungary in 2011

Next conference in UK

The next Pax Romana assemblies will be held in UK, at????? where 50 places have already been booked. The topic is still to be found, it should be related to the above questions, what means to be european, what are the beliefs of those who work in the european institutions. But also to get data on the long term evolutions, for exemple about the migrations. Solutions are to be found to get a translation at reasonable cost (material and interpreter) eventually with sponsoring.

We should prepare press releases after the Pax Romana meetings and also not to remain silent when something important is happening in Europe and in the Church.

Project “European Elections”

The European elections are an opportunity to share a reflection between the European movements. The proposed topic is "the new European citizenship".

Reason of the choice of this topic.

The European parliamentary elections are the most visible exercise of this new European citizenship introduced by the treaty of Maastricht. Moreover, the huge development of the migrations makes inoperative the traditional vision of the citizenship, bound to the right of soil or the right of blood.

The MEIC (Italy) in its last published Camaldoli report, has studied the citizenship, and proposes a new definition

- recognizing different levels of citizenship at the same time: European, national, regional
- considering it no more as an inheritance of the past (soil or blood) but as a project to live together on a common territory.

Starting from this report, and from other works already done in different countries, one can imagine an European collective reflection with the objective to contribute to a new European citizenship among the civil society.

The main points could be:

- what is the new citizenship?
- what are the actions in progress to promote it?
- what are the obstacles they meet?
- what propositions for the newly elected European deputies?

The venues

Meetings could then be organized, according to the local uses, in two kind of places

- the multicultural cities (as are today most of big European cities)
- the trans borders regions, as what has already been initiated between the cities of Udine (Italy), Ljubljana (Slovenia), and Klagenfurt (Austria).

The intervening parties

The rule would be to have at least two interventions of two different European nationality, in order to put in evidence the different approaches, to encourage the mutual knowledge and the feeling of European solidarity, and at the end to realize a report which promotes an European vision more than a collection of national visions.

The follow up of the process

After the organization of proceedings in different European cities, the next steps could be :

- publication of a synthesis document
- transmission of this document to the newly elected European deputies, by each federation in its own country
- debate of synthesis in the framework of a next European conference of Pax Romana.

Main lines of the ELC meeting of Barcelona

From Friday 27th January to Monday 2nd February 2009

Participants: Annemarie Weinzettl, Nuria Sastre, Luis Maria Goikoexea, Peter Scharle, Daniel Déak, Theo Quendler, Kevin Lambert, Philippe Ledouble - Excused: Julia Koszewska, Renato Balduzzi

Delegation near the Council of Europe

3 delegates are the “head of network” who will take in charge 3 themes:

- Philippe Grolleau: “Social Cohesion and Eradication of Poverty” (European social charter)
Daniel Déak and Darja Leskovař are interested to contribute.
Importance of the role of families
- André Kermarrec: “Culture Science and Education” (Inter religious dialog)
Examples to find from other countries, in different politic, historic, or cultural contexts.
Example of the platform Christian Muslims in Vienna
- Emile Barthel: “Sustainable Territorial Development”.
- Example of the Global Marshall Plan in Austria
- Eventually Philippe Ledouble on “Europe and Global Challenges”
Each of them will prepare a short text to explain the theme and invite Pax Romana members to take part.

It might be of interest to list the values Europe (its culture) offers for other players on the globe (and opens the perspective to accept the values offered by others). Contributions are also expected: from experiences and from others "experts" or groups in relation with the PR federations. A participant is proposed by Annemarie member of the Laienrat.

European elections: new citizenships

See the project in annex

These citizenships must be seen from the daily life, not from a global point of view

We need inputs to propose a basis of reflexion. An english abstract of the Italian contribution (Progetto Camaldoli) is to be written. Available contributions are to be found Ex austrian teacher to make a basis contribution.

The citizenship cans also be considered inside the church, in relation with the others. The "fellow citizenship of the saints". Citizenship is a "basket of fruits"

Special attention should be dedicated to the young generations, usually less committed. It is the same challenge for our mouvements. Among these youngs, who are the most meaningful, as young theologians for example...

What are the interesting intercultural areas in which such debates could be organised? For example between Germany and Czech Republik, with the contribution of other religious denominations. Interesting melting pot: Bautzen area, where Sorbs, Catholic and Lutheran Germans, Polish and Chech cultures interact and flourish. Gypsies in central Europe. (Hungarian contribution – an intercultural training program as a result of a HPR project – is available). What is the influence of religions in this citizenship, (comparing Poland and Netherlands for example). Democracy needs a spiritual basis. External contribution could be necessary as "Démocratie et Spiritualité" in France. (JB de Foucault.)

Ths Siesc will organise his next annual meeting in Strasbourg on the theme of "teaching citizenship"

Possible subtitles of a position paper about citizenship: profile, visibility, content, takeover, benefits, price ... multiple citizenship, kind of communities releasing citizenship

Rereading

Ten themes have been presented. Some of them are already discussed in the local federations. It is proposed to develop them through written contributions of the ELC members to send to Philippe Among the challenges: how to create the connection between local and global. Another is the relation between imaginary and real. (for exemple between money and economy).

The church lives in a global world, but not organised as a global organisation with subsidiarity. It has once existed between the different monastries of Cluny.

Spirituality has a growing importance in decision making, but has not the same meaning as in the church. It is an opportunity for the church to react to this new expectations. The exclusive way of thinking of the church creates a lack of adaptation to the world.

Next European conference in UK

This event will take place in the High Leigh conference center, from friday 13th evening to sunday 15th november 2009 lunch time. Easy communications from Stansted airport.

The topic: take advantage of the 20 th anniversary of the fall of the Belin wall. What has changed since that time in the different fields: economic, politic, religious, cultural...? Why are we so disappointed after so many hopes? Think also about the disappointment inside the national churches, their difficulties to understand the new situation. These are the same difficulties we can face now with the crisis. But also much has been done, it is a success story which has to be shown.

Which are the reconciliation steps since 1989? (Germany Poland?), the weak points where to act? (Yougoslavia? Slovakia/Hungary, Romania/Hungary?catholic/orthodox?) The spirit or reconciliation must be put in practise to be understood. How to face the new situations created by the fall the Berlin wall and now the crisis? New situation needs new thinking. Christians must have a prophetic voice, to take position in the crisis time. Example of guideline: 1989-2009: hopes, disappointments, perspectives.

Keep some room for summarizing the debates on citizenship, in order to involve the federations in the preparation of the conference.

Financial questions :120£ accommodation and meals for 3 days. We need extra money for speakers, eventual translation, support for travels from eastern countries. One can apply to the embassies of the country of the speaker. Possible sponsor for the translation material. Is translation necessary and which language to choose? Newman will be the banker.

Speakers: 1 friday evening, and 2 saturday + round table talk with panel to bring different perspectives. (from Central europe, Romania; western Germany, JB de Foucault if english speaking...) G Soros? Witnesses on the evolution behind the former Berlin wall. Representative of the EU parliament.

Workshops to organise according the languages. Possible visit to Cambridge.

ELC meeting to organise sunday evening eventually in another place. A draft program and a budget will be presented to the Newman and to ELC. Another organised meeting will be organised in UK

Others

International Central Europe conference on bio ethics 8 to 10 of may in Slovakia (german speaking). 7 countries take part. Some of them are specially working on the preparation. It is an intercultural event. The next one will be in Czech Republik on reconciliation.

Next ELCs

2009 Vilnius 26th to 28th of june. Others countries could be invited, Denmark, baltic countries.

2010 Beyrouth, with contacts in the neighbouring regions. Contacts possible with IMCS, Bsp Fitzgerald...

Romania Cluj with a contribution for WV and visit of the region.

2011 Cyprus, (There is a visit by Newman in april) Scandinavian country?

Catalan movement

The Pax Romana federation has 3 groups: Eximeinis, MPCB and Roda Ventura (Jurists)

Eximeinis has organised a seminary on interreligious dialog last year with Unesco center of Barcelone. A book will be published. It is necessary to strenghten the contacts with the local situation in Barcelona where there are many migrants. The crisis is an opportunity of more humility. Europe is not a model in all aspects. Our preoccupation is to manifest the values, as a way to solve this crisis. If the values of different religions are seen by the governments as all equal, their visability disappears. We have to put the values on the table of discussion. There is a lack of new generation in Eiximeinis

Next conference

Luxembourg november 2010 Budapest november 2011

Chaplaincy

Letter to the jesuits in Brussels. Contact with Diane Other possibility with dominicans

International team

Next meeting planned in Paris or Geneva. Lawrencia is recovering from her stay in hospital. The point is to reflect on social issues to contribute to the social teaching of the church. Kevin is involved in the catholic social forum in Rome

International Secretariat on gender issues

A meeting is planned in the same time as the ELC in Vilnius. The topic is still to choose: migrations related to citizenship, women's role in migrations, theologian aspects, education of migrant children, conflicts between generations, migration and medias, mixed marriages, governemental strategies and churchs answers... The objective is to give information so that members could act in their own countries, specially on the laws about "aliens"

Other: how to take in account the contribution of the women in the GNP. Women and health (suggestion from Albania) To give more coherence, the suggestion is to look at common topic (citizenship, reconciliation) from a women's perspective. Possible contact: Susannah from Peru, (call Budi)

Other International Secretariats

Contact has been established with the Siesc in Strasbourg and with Mr Rank. Siesc organises its annual assembly 2009 from 22th to 28th of July in Strasbourg on the theme: How to educate to the citizenship?

Siaec is working on a conference in Croatia. A member of MCC leaving not far from Geneva has accepted to be delegate of Siaec in the ILO.

IS of jurists. It is possible to organise a conference during the internship session in Geneva. The president of the IS is member of the spanish constitutional court, then has short time to dedicate. The federations should look for jurists interested in taking part to this conference. The jurists group is at the service of Pax Romana (for human rights f.e.), who has to raise questions.

Desappearance of the IS for scientists after the death of Peter Hodgson.

Finances

Statements have been presented and commented by Nuria

Young generations.

This a common problem in many federations. We must dedicate a special attention to them. They don't see the necessity to be members of classic organisations. The values of involvement are not more considered as important. But many are invoved in theology, there is a growing need of theology. We should have special contacts with them, and also to pay attention to the couples of 2 different nationalities. We need to develop many small leaders in Europe.

Debate themes

Today is an important time for the future of Europe.

Europe has still to reflect on his identity and borders (which are ideological, related to the values). Europe has to deepen which role to play in the global world. We must be more present in the discussions in Europe, values, identity, at least to discuss, at the Pax Romana level, in the federations, and in relation with others christian groups, for example energy. We must not forget that the actual multicultural place which is Europe, has been possible thanks to these european values. They must be defended specially by the youngs...

The crisis can develop nationalistic reactions for example towards the migrants

Other mouvements or groups

Ireland Dublin. Visit to organise with Newman. Contacts in Krakow.

Netherlands: contacts to take with the former chaplain and Dshinghiz

Pending questions

Make press relaease to show our perspective on what could be new ways.

How to organise a lobby towards the EU in Brussels? Become member of the NGO groups which can be consulted by the UE. But it needs to deepen our reflexion inside Pax Romana in specific fields (womens' role for example).

European Website. We need to find somebody

How to establish contacts with Scandinavia which can bring strong contributions in the values?

Report of ELC meeting Vilnius 26-28 June 2009

Participants: Annemarie, Nuria, Julia, Theo, Kevin, Peter, Renato, Philippe.

Chaplaincy

It seems difficult to get a new chaplain. 2 ways can be now investigated:

1 Look for a lay person in charge of the chaplaincy

We acknowledge that the current situation of the priests in the church does not allow us to demand such a person.

But we think it is an important function to be fulfilled. Thus, in the meantime, we look for a lay person to implement the mission of chaplaincy.

We shall define it more precisely and we remind open to any possibility to entrust this mission to a priest or a bishop. It is a kind apostolic delegate in a situation of vacant seat.

2 Get in contact with bishops friends of Pax Romana. (For example Mgr Giordano, the president of CCEE...)

This could be a better way to find possibilities.

Information will be given to Luis Maria and to Fr Mac Coy.

Website

Having an effective website is very important specially when we organise events. People who are asked either to participate or to donate for such an event, need the website to know what kind of organisation they are dealing with.

- Julia will look for the possibility of a website address such as Paxromanaeurope.eu.

- Philippe will try again to get copy of the website structure from Pax Romana USA.

Financing.

The organization of the conference requires external financings, in particular for the expenses for the speakers and the journey of participants, especially the youngest.

Among the sources of financing one can mention

- the group of Viségrad, that supposes a project simultaneously presented by Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia.

- The financial supports found by the federations by themselves for their own participants.

- A solidarity contribution on behalf of not participating members paying expenses of another.

The payment of the registration fees can be made through the agency Pax Travels which usually works with the Newman Association.

Budget of the conference.

This a first budget dedicated to be improved. It is built on the basis of 48 persons accommodated (10 speakers and 38 participants) and 40 local participants. The registration fee is 80€and the accommodation cost is 120£, including the meals and tea/coffee break.

Young generations

We need to dedicate a special attention to the young generations, and among them, the category of the minus 35-40 members, sometimes called "young professionals". This can be a help provided by Pax Romana Europe to the local movements which have to face the same problem.

The hungarian diaspora-movement has cancelled his activities by lack of renewal, even with their own children. They have drawn the lesson that it is necessary to give more space to the young generations not only invite them to participate. It is also necessary to listen to them by taking part in the events that they organise. Such space should be given to them in the coming events organised by Pax Romana Europe.

Julia will be specially in charge of the relations with the young members. She will provide the list of the IMCS movements in Europe. Philippe will meet F Mac Coy.

Miscellaneous

Comece conference Gdansk

The Comece organises a big event on the 10-11 of october 2009 in Gdansk and Pax Romana Europe has received an invitation for 2 persons. It would be interesting to participate. Julia can go there and another member is expected.

Newsletter

A new issue of the newsletter is to be published very soon. Some contributions are expected from Hungary and France...

ILO and Council of Europe

Pax Romana delegation has taken part in the 2 events: Summer Session of the Council of Europe (23-26 of June) and the Plenary assembly of the ILO (3-19 June) on behalf of Siiac. It is now important to set up a network to support the reflexions of the Pax Romana delegates. The two main subjects are Intercultural Dialogue, and fight against poverty in time of Crisis.

Julia is interested in ICD and Theo will give the address of a person involved in the Marshal plan.

Concept of the conference of Heigh Leigh

1989-2009: Moving into a new Europe

Misbelieves – Hopes - Disappointments – Lessons learned – Perspectives

Which lessons for the actual crisis?

Pax Romana ICMICA Europe & Newman's Association Conference

High Leigh, UK 13-15 november 2009

1 What is the idea?

A better understanding of the big change in Central Europe countries, can be very useful to face the challenges of the actual crisis. The 20th anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin wall, give us an opportunity have a deeper European reflection on this experience. For that we can rely on the on going reflexions in many european countries on this theme.

2 An idea for whom?

The central europe events of the last 20 years are often misunderstood by the western countries and the younger generations. That is why this conference takes place in UK and is specially dedicated to the young ones. The youngsters deserve a special attention taking in account the lack of involvement in the european process.

It is also a sign of building an inclusive Europe from the West to the East, promote a european common awareness and citizenhip...

3 Objectives:

- to draw conclusions from the recent history, and look in the future of Europe from the perspective of the last two decades' experience.
- to investigate the world wide crisis. One needs to urgently answer material aspect, but the real problems are deeper inside.
- to draw the attention to multidimensional character of the crisis, in front of the temptation to tackle only the most visible or usual aspect (fiscal or economic...)

Projet de Commission MCC-Pax Romana-Siaec

Le contexte

Le monde est aujourd'hui confronté à des défis considérables, la crise est un appel au discernement collectif, et le MCC conformément à sa charte, se doit d'y prendre part.

Ces défis doivent être situés dans leur contexte européen et mondial, et les solutions ne seront durables qu'à ce niveau de solidarité.

En plus de la vie d'équipe, certains membres perçoivent la nécessité d'une réflexion collective sur les enjeux de société.

La proposition

Créer une commission MCC - Pax Romana - Siaec, pour susciter et diffuser la contribution de membres du MCC sur des enjeux déterminants de la société contemporaine.

Les missions de la commission

- Assurer une vigilance :
 - sur les débats dans les institutions internationales où Pax Romana/Siaec est officiellement représenté (ONU à New York, Paris, Genève, Vienne et Conseil de l'Europe)
 - sur les sujets abordés par les autres mouvements d'Europe et du monde
 - sur les préoccupations internationales exprimées par des membres du MCC.
- Exercer périodiquement un travail de discernement et de formulation d'un enjeu clé, le communiquer aux membres souhaitant s'impliquer, et au MCC par la lettre internationale.
- Organiser la réflexion (groupes de travail de volontaires au niveau local ou national, soirées Varenne, partenaires du MCC...)
- Transmettre les fruits de cette réflexion aux délégués dans les institutions internationales, aux autres mouvements, et aux membres du MCC par la lettre internationale.

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