



REPORT EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES  
2016-2021



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## 1.- The Movements

Pax Romana in Europe has 23 Federations. They are very diverse and work with different methods, but with a common inspiration in the Gospel and the search for Peace in their countries, through the defense of the DDHH.

In the attached document, you will find all the information and contacts.

Here is the list of all movements:

- **ALBANIA**
  - Albania Association des Intellectuels Catholiques Albanais (ACIA)
    - President: Marku Franc
- **AUSTRIA**
  - Austria Katholischer Akademikerverband Oesterreichs (KAVÖ)
    - President: Magda Krön
- **BASK COUNTRY**
  - Basque Barandiaran Kristau Alkartea (BKA)
    - President: Juanma Seco
- **NAVARRA**
  - SOLASBIDE
    - President: Jesus Bodegas
- **CATALUNYA**
  - FUNDACIÓ JOAN MARAGALL
    - President: David Jou
  - Moviment de Professionals Catòlics de Barcelona (MPCB)
    - President: Marta Domingo
  - RODA VENTURA
    - President: Nuria Sastre
- **FRANCE**
  - Mouvement Chrétien des Cadres et Dirigeants (MCC)
    - President: Cecile Lesage and Martin Lesage
- **GREECE**
  - EKFE (JECI MIEC)
    - Active members: Eirini Fredi
- **HUNGARY**
  - Magyar Pax Romana / Katolikus Ertelmiségi Mozgalom (PR MAGYAR)
    - President: Andras Mathe Toth

- **ITALY**
  - Movimento Ecclesiale di Impegno Culturale (MEIC)
    - President: Luigi D'Andrea
- **CZECH REPUBLIC**
  - Moravsko-slezská křesťanská akademie (MSKA)
    - Active members: Madame Bouckova, Jackov
- **LATVIA**
  - Latviešu Katoļu Studentu un Akadēmiķu Apvienība (Dzintars)
    - President: No contact
- **LITUANIA**
  - Lietuviu kataliku Mokslo Akademija (LKMA)
    - President: Liudas Jovaisa
- **LUXEMBOURG**
  - Association Luxemburg des Universitaires Catholiques (ALUC)
    - President: Michel Dauphin
- **POLAND**
  - Klub Inteligencji Katolickiej (KIK)
    - President: Jakub Kiersnowski
- **PORTUGAL**
  - METANOIA
    - President: Isabel Osório
- **ROMANIA**
  - Asociatia Generala a Romanilor Uniti- Greco-Catolici (AGRU)
    - Active members: Eleonora Fagetan
  - PR TRANSYLVANIE
    - Active members: Marta Bodo
- **SLOVAKIA**
  - USKI
    - President: Gaspar Fronc
- **SLOVENJA**
  - SKI SLOVENIA
    - Active members: Matija Cencelj
- **UK**
  - NEWMAN ASSOCIATION
    - President: Winifred Flanagan
- **UKRAINE**
  - OBNOVA
    - President: Active members: Ulyana Tkachuk

We will attach a document where updated information on each movement appears:

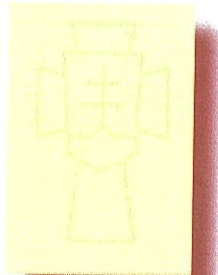
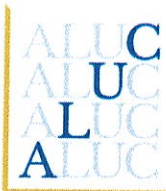
- *“Pax Romana European Movements and Representation in European Institutions”*



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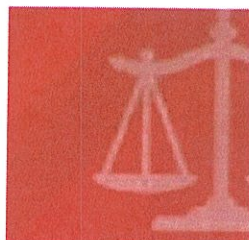


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We must appreciate that most of the European groups of Pax Romana, and also its specialized Secretariat SIIAESC show us a great solidity, acquired by the years of operation and the human quality of its members. Like an olive tree, its base is firm and its fruits are constant and tasty.

It is necessary to emphasize the great wealth in diversity: this diversity that often changes in the time and the intensity. Although active participation in the European and International Movement is desirable, we cannot underestimate some groups and members, very active a long time ago, who currently present only a local activity or have become temporarily inactive.

It will be necessary and enriching to recover these groups or individual members so that they actively participate in the march of the movement. His contributions and experience can certainly help Pax Romana. The most active Federations can work in a permanent relationship with them and avoid their distance.

We believe that it is a reality in all groups, the lack of generational renewal. It's not just a European problem, of course. It is vitally important that we raise this issue at the local, continental and also international levels. A closer relationship with MIEC movements may be the way to go. The project of a joint secretariat of the two branches of the movement (MIEC-ICMICA) is part of our future. Our survival is at stake and all Federations need to be involved at all levels.

## 2.- European activities

### 2.1.- Face to face meeting, from 2017 to 2019

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- **PARIS** 22-25 March 2017
  - Participation in the International Forum "Quel monde voulons-nous construire ensemble?" at the UNESCO headquarters.
  - Meeting with MIEC.
  - Evening tour of Paris guided by Antoine Sondag.
  - Round Table "Living Mercy in our groups and communities, nowadays in Europe"



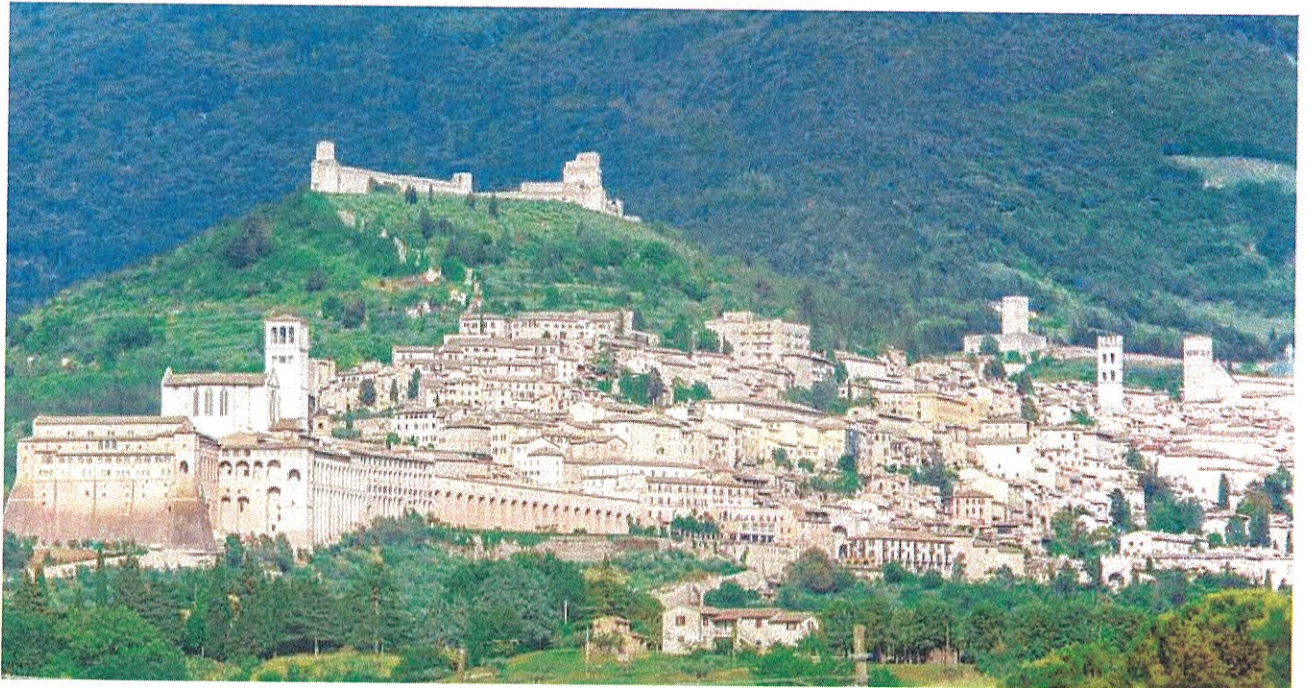




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**ASSISI, Italy** 2,3,4 de June 2017

Attendance at the 13th MEIC Nazionale Assembly



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- **LVIV- UKRAINE** 6-8 October 2017

“Human Dignity, Security and the future of Europe: Cristian Contribution”  
Ukrainian Catholic University.





- **MARSEILLE, France** 3-4 November 2017

“Avenir du travail et Société”

MCC-Organisation Internationale du Travail





- **BARCELONA** - 13, 14, 15, 16 December 2018  
*European Assembly*

“Reason, emotions and knowledge according to science”

“Reason and emotions in psychology and education”

“Reason and emotions in collective life: politics and economy”

“Reason and emotions in religious and spiritual experiences”





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- **NAPOLI (Italy) 22-24 March 2019**

- “Inclusi-Esclusi” Immigrazione e democrazia in Europa”  
Jacopo Stormi, journalist, Flaminia Giovanelli
- “Refugees and migrants knock at the door of Europe and of our conscience”,  
Paolo Beccegato (Caritas).







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- **GENEVA (Switzerland) 23, 25 26 June 2019**  
***Conseil du Droits de l'Homme UUNN***

- Side Event “Rescue is not a crime”  
Oscar Camps, president of Open Arms
- Written statement “Sea rescue is not a crime”  
Salifu Fuseine, Ghana migrant



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- **PADOVA (Italy) SIIAESC Assembly and European Meeting 29/11-1/12 2019**

“Europe today: How to cope with her turbulences”.





- **EUSCAT 2019**

"Taking care of the common house, there has been a comprehensive economy"

Groups of Navarra, Basque Country, Catalonia and Portugal.





## 2.2.- Virtual meetings



Year 2020 The Pandemic begins and our meetings have been virtual.

- 13/3/2020 First meeting in Pandemic, reorganization of virtual meetings and choice of topics to be discussed in the next sessions.
- 22/5/2020 Sharing of experiences in pandemic situations. Limitation of rights that affect democracy. Proposal for the renewal of the European team.
- 3/7/2020 Programming for the next course. European Assembly. Possible meeting in Portugal, in spring 2021.
- 18/10/2020. The reform of the Church: the role of women. Education for peace.
- 27/2/2021. Ecclesial ministers without gender. Limits and opportunities for Catòlic women. Education for Peace
- 30/4-1/5 2021 SIIAESC.- COVID Affecting Human Rights and Democracy "Transdisciplinary cooperation as a way out of the crisis. "Fundamental freedoms and the problem of freedom"
- 3/7/2021 - European Meeting: "We are church" Helga Heizer

Of the topics covered in the face-to-face meetings, and then in the virtual ones, it is clear what the concerns of the Pax Romana groups have been:

- The concern of our groups and federations, to analyze the migratory phenomenon in Europe and the not always evangelical reaction of a Europe that leads to authoritarianism and the closing of its doors, with open contradiction with its founding act and the charter of human rights.
- Strengths and limits of Western democracies
- The participation of women in the Church
- Education for peace

The pace of communication has been maintained, and we have worked on certainly interesting topics, and we have exchanged information about our movements. But it must be acknowledged that almost two years without face-to-face meetings because of COVID, have marked this period. Virtual meetings have had a fairly large turnout, but the level of communication is insufficient, given the length of the meetings, which is certainly limited.

### **3.- International Institutions**

#### **3.1.- Council of Europe, based in Strasbourg (France).**

Our representative has been Philippe Grolleau, with relevant work in recent years.

The activity of the Council of Europe is constant and it would be impossible to refer to all of it.

To mention the most important of recent years:

- Annual conferences of the INGOs (NGO Grouping in the Council of Europe where Pax Romana takes part).
- COVID
- Building Europe Together (50 Years of the Holy See in the Council of Europe
- Democracy and the EU, what role for citizens in Europe in 2020?
- World Forum for Democracy

### 3.2- United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva-Switzerland)

The participation of Pax Romana in the Council, where it has consultative status as NGOs, has timely state. In June 2019 he participated, together with Dominicans for Peace, in the celebration of a side event on the theme "Sea rescue is not a crime" and the presentation of a written statement.

### 3.3.- Unesco.

- In March 2017, we attended a meeting on "Quel monde voulons nous construire ensemble". Our representative is Marguerite Dauny.
- Participation in various instances
- Contribution in the working groups
- Participation in some actions at Unesco headquarters
- Participation in the working groups of the Migrations forum
- Preparation of two new forums on: "Défier les inégalités" and "Citoyenneté Mondiale, Education et Paix".

### 3.4.- NNUU Vienna.

UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODG) Section. World drug problem, organised crime corruption and economic crime, terrorism, crime prevention and criminal justice.

Our representants from KAVO (Austria) are:

- Dr. Helga Kerschbaum, currently chair of the NGO Committee for Peace (NGO CoP)
- Mag. Martina Kuppelhuber, member of the NGO Committee for Sustainable Development
- Mag. Annemarie Weinzettl, member and deputy treasurer of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women. She is also a member of other NGO committees of the UN in Vienna.

With the exception of the Conseil of Europe where the activity of our representative, Philippe Grolleau has been constant, we must acknowledge that our participation in the rest of the international bodies has been punctual and without continuity, or without an impact on our Movement.

The international nature of our movement raises the need to be present and work in these Organizations, influence their debates and bring experiences and problems that occur in our countries.

It is true that representation and activities in international bodies need expenses, which are difficult for us to assume. However, we must not rule out that some Federations or groups of Pax Romana, more sensitized, take these responsibilities, as a special form of collaboration in the Movement.



#### 4.- Memory of those who have left us.

Especially **Manuela da Silva**, (Portugal 7/10/2020) Former International President of the MIIC.



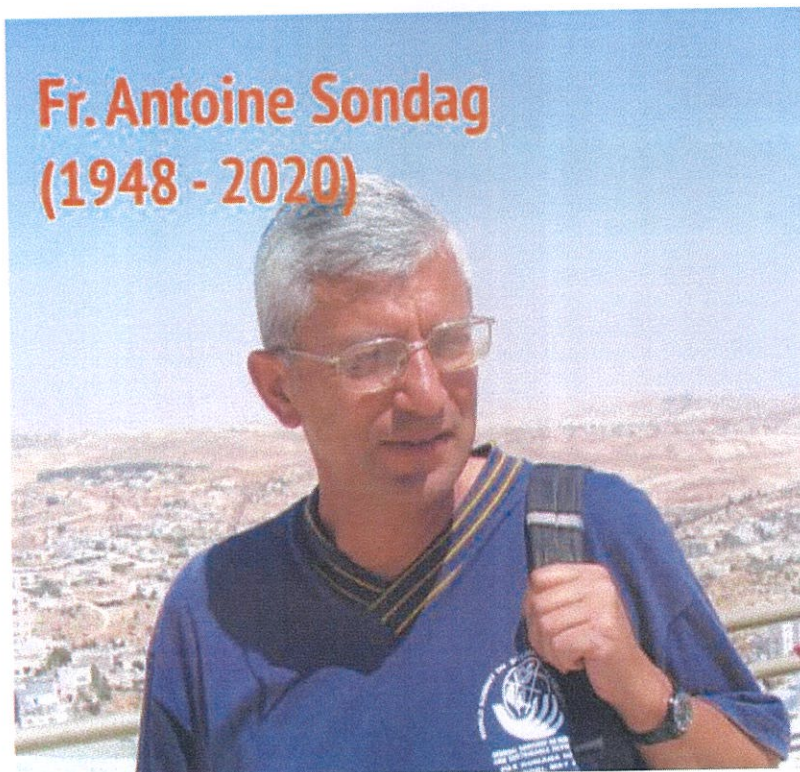
**Lidia Tressalti**, founder of Pax Romana.



**Gabriel Hualde**, founder and active member of Solasbide (Navarra).



**Antoine Sondag**, former international councillor. Enterable always active companion in our meetings.



## 5.- Accounts and Economy (Link)

Go ahead that, as a result of the 2016 Assembly, a fundamental aspect was clarified:

The European accounts are and must be absolutely independent from the International accounts. Only two continents have their own quota: Europe and Latin America, to collect their own gestures.

International accounting works with the Swiss system and is based on debit and credit entries that appear in Pax Romana bank accounts. This caused some dysfunctions in the International accounts, since, having foreseen numerous expenses for the 2016 World Assembly, the International quotas were not remitted to the Freiburg account in order to have the necessary funds.

Once the matter was clarified, both the shipments of International quotas and the gestures made on the occasion of the World Assembly were regularized.

At present and since 2020, International fees can be paid directly through the ICMICA-MIIC website, and, as regards European fees, they continue to be entered into the Grup de Juristes Roda Ventura account.

In the next period, the new European team will be responsible for collecting the European fees in the way it deems most appropriate.

In general, the European economy of Pax Romana is modest as it does not usually exceed an average of € 3,000 per year. The biggest gestures have been to finance the attendance of members to the events or pay the expenses that they have generated. Special mention should be made of the annual fee paid to the Association of NGOs in the Council of Europe.

Bank charges are high, but since it is a very special account that receives and issues international transfers, we have no other option. Bank charges are fully covered by the European account.

We are currently looking for solutions for Federations that have been late in paying their fees. Others cannot pay, but in any case, they participate in all meetings and events.

With the end of the Pandemic, we hope to recover face-to-face meetings. This will require a minimum financing, without ruling out obtaining other funds that allow us a better quality of the meetings and the possibility of inviting lecturers and partially subsidizing the expenses of the attendees.

All this makes sense if the payment of annual fees is a reality.

## 6.- Participation in the International Council

The European team has regularly attended the sessions of the International Council, practically all of them virtual, with the exception of the first meeting, during the World Assembly of Barcelona and the one held in Freiburg (Switzerland) from 19 to 22 March 2019.

International Council meetings are held monthly. From September to the celebration of the World Statutory Assembly, the council sessions take place every fortnight.

In order to review the international accounts, specific meetings have been held with Enekp Caballero and Guigui Muller.





## **7.- Publications**

The European team has published two publications that wants to share, and which we will attach:

- *“Plenary Assembly Barcelona 2016”* Rapport of our own last Plenary Assembly, with documents and pictures.
- *“About Migrations in Europe. Una qüestió que necessita d’un debat permanent.”* Resum de trobades i events sobre les migracions a Europa, organitzades per Pax Romana (2010-2021).

## **8.- What we have not been able to do and some special thanks**

A self-criticism is necessary, to correct in the future those aspects in which we have not reached the objectives that we had set ourselves.

1. Visits and more personal contacts in different countries
2. The language difficulty, however, has been an inconvenience.
3. Public and clearer pronouncements on European affairs (migration, authoritarianism)
4. Greater participation in international bodies (UNU, Council of Europe, Unesco) where we have a recognized voice.
5. More relation with European ecclesiastical instances.
6. Better communication than we have been doing, inside and outside the Movement.

A special recognition to :

**Luis Mari Goicoechea**, who has always been present at our meetings and has provided us with materials and reflections.

**Odile and Philippe Grolleau**, who have represented us at the Council of Europe, with dignity and efficiency.

**Margueritte Dauny**, our UNESCO representative, who has recently left his job.

**Michael Kuhn**, who has been our European advisor.

## **9.- Hopeful future prospects**

A new vice-presidency, a new team. Continue the work done and make it new and with new style.

A new representative in the Council of Europe (Bego Ocio, Basque Country)

A joint headquarters with the MIEC – ICMICA MIIC in La Roche (France). The necessary incorporation of new generations.

The centenary celebration. Participate in synod sessions. Participate in the face-to-face celebration that we hope to do in 2022.

And finally, we all thank you very much for your work and your friendship.

23 October 2021

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