

Memorandum of Understanding Between



Eurodiaconia 

DRAE - Africa and Europe Region
of DIAKONIA World Federation

and

Eurodiaconia

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Common mission

DRAE is an international association and is one of the three regions in DIAKONIA World Federation. Our member organisations are based in Africa and Europe and come from churches within the World Council of Churches. DIAKONIA World was founded in 1947 and DRAE in 1994. The main aims are to reflect on the nature and task of diakonia in the biblical context and to further the understanding of the diaconate. DRAE is run by an elected board from the member organisations and has no set office or paid workers.

DRAE works for spiritual encouragement, empowerment for diaconal commitment and work and for mutual exchange. We are advocating for dignity of people and social justice.

We are achieving this through international networking of diaconal associations, religious communities and groups of diaconal workers.

We are offering to be a part of a worldwide community, to experience mutual understanding of diaconal workers in different contexts, to provide an avenue for fellowship through regional and world assemblies.

Eurodiaconia is a network of churches, non-statutory welfare organisations and NGOs in Europe operating at national and international level. Our members are rooted in Christian faith within the traditions of the Reformation as well as in the Anglican and Orthodox traditions. We network diaconal and social work of institutions and church communities and co-operate with civil society partners. Eurodiaconia has been working since 1996, bringing together the European Federation for Diaconia (founded 1922) and Eurodiaconia (founded 1992). We work for social justice and quality of life in a social Europe, we further renewed theological thinking about Diaconia, we engage in learning processes, exchanging knowledge and service among our members across national and confessional boundaries.

Eurodiaconia is a membership organization and its secretariat is mandated and obliged to represent the views of members in a professional and output oriented way.

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding is designed to develop the relationship between DRAE and Eurodiaconia and facilitate the common working between the two organisations on areas of mutual interest and complementarity. This document outlines the principles of co-operation on which to develop and base common activities. Such activities will be decided upon in a timely manner where appropriate opportunities arise.

DRAE is considered to be a partner organisation of Eurodiaconia and vice-versa. *(two words deleted)*

Implementation

Eurodiaconia and DRAE agree to:

- ✓ Ground their work in Christian faith and values and to respect the diversity of needs and approaches of all partners.
- ✓ Share in the development and implementation of educational/training events where expertise and resources allow.
- ✓ Jointly collaborate in relevant and agreed publications and activities
- ✓ Invite each other to relevant events and activities.
- ✓ Share the experience in diaconal practice and theology as appropriate.
- ✓ Promote DRAE & Eurodiaconia by implementing public relation tools relevant to their positions including participation in activities and events.
- ✓ Provide link at the websites of the relevant partner and share newsletters and other information among their respective membership.

Nothing in this agreement prevents either or both organisation pursuing their own actions in the above areas but both organisations should endeavour to ensure good communication between both organisations in common areas of work and interest.

The co-operation between the two organisations should be reviewed through a formal meeting every four years and a report given on the co-operation to the statutory bodies of each organisation.

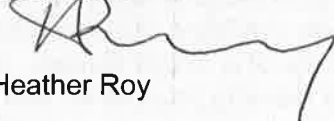
On behalf of DRAE

Neuendettelsau, 4th February 2017


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On behalf of Eurodiaconia

Oslo, 14 March 2017


Heather Roy