

## interdiac consultation on

# Social Exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe

## Challenges for Church, Diaconia and Society

- Burning Issues of Social Exclusion in the Region
- Strategies to Combat Social Exclusion
- Role of Diaconia and Civil Society in Combating Exclusion
- New Training for Innovation
- Celebration of the completion of the first interdiac Study Module
- Launching new interdiac initiatives

### DATES

The Thematic Consultation will take place 14th - 18th March 2010.

The Arrival of the Participants is expected on 14th March by 7.p.m at the latest.

The programme finishes on the 18th March at lunch time.

### VENUE

The interdiac consultation will take place in Bratislava.

Information Package on Accomodation & Local transport will be sent on completion of the registration process.

### ORGANIZER

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The interdiac consultation will be financially supported by the International Visegrad Fund.



## WHY THIS CONSULTATION NOW?

The challenges of change in the region deepen due to the economic crisis which affects weaker economies more deeply than others.

The EU has declared 2010 the European Year against Social Exclusion, it is important to make a diaconal contribution grounded in the whole region.

There are specific factors in the region which affect the development of diaconal and church strategies grounded in recent history:

- The recent occurrence of war, civil conflict and environmental crises, (both emergencies and long term) produce new challenges for church and diaconia.
- The resources available for diaconia and social action and the understanding of the role of diaconia in the region are key issues.
- The region includes countries which are and are not EU member states.

The consultation will feed into interdiac development by contributing to the formulation of the new training, research and development programmes. It will also be a moment to celebrate the completion of the first study module and launch new initiatives.

The consultation will agree a 'declaration' which comes fifteen years after the first Bratislava Declaration on Diaconia in Europe.

## PARTICIPANTS

The consultation is intended for participants from the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

interdiac invites:

- Representatives of organizations and churches from Central and Eastern Europe dealing with the issue of social exclusion and poverty in their home environment, especially the interdiac Partners gathered in the Honorary Council and students of the interdiac study module on Social Inclusion, Participation and Diaconia.
- Workers, activists and students involved in diaconia and civil society as well as those involved in training and policy making.
- Representatives of agencies and institutions based in the countries of Western Europe but actively involved in the actions of combating social exclusion in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.
- A number of spaces are reserved for ecumenical and other partners of interdiac.

As space is limited, applicants from Western Europe are free to apply and the organizers will inform applicants whether there is space available, as soon as possible.

## SPEAKERS & FACILITATORS

The speakers are the experts in the field of social inclusion, participation and diaconia with long term experience in the region. The Working Group discussions will be facilitated by the interdiac partners.

## WORKING LANGUAGE

English is considered to be a working language of the consultation meetings.

The organizer will not provide any interpretation.

## LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Expenses of Accommodation, Food and 70% of Travel Expenses will be covered by the organizers.

The Participants are asked to contribute 30% of their Travel Expenses.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

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| • interdiac Partner Organization members of the Honorary Council   | 30,- EUR  |
| • Non - Partner Organizations of interdiac from new - EU countries | 50,- EUR  |
| • Non - Partner Organizations of interdiac from old - EU countries | 150,- EUR |
| • Non - Partner Organizations of interdiac from non - EU countries | 25,- EUR  |

The participation fee can be transferred on the interdiac bank account or paid in cash during the conference.

## BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

Account holder:

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## REGISTRATION:

The Registration Sheet should be filled out and sent at the latest by the 10th February 2010 via e-mail to the address [programme-supporter@interdiac.eu](mailto:programme-supporter@interdiac.eu)

**The Registration Sheet is attached to this Information Leaflet!**

# PROGRAMME

## 14th March 2010

7 p.m.

## Arrival Day

Informal Buffet  
Social Evening

## 15th March 2010

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Breakfast

9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Morning Worship

9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Welcoming & Introductions

10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Challenges of Social Exclusion in the region of Central & Eastern Europe (Input)

10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Coffee Break

11 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Group Work on main contextual challenges

12 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Presentation in plenary on the contextual challenges

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch

2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Thematic Working Groups, including:

- Structural Unemployment
- War and Civil conflict
- Elderly people left behind
- Minorities

(Context shall be taken into the account)

3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Coffee Break

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thematic Working Groups:

- Actors, Policies & Systems responding the main social exclusion issues

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Presentations on the Outcomes of the Thematic Groups

6.30 p.m.

Dinner & Free Evening in Wine Cellar

## 16th March 2010

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Breakfast

9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Morning Worship

9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Church, Diaconia and Civil Society in Action

Panel Discussion with interdiac members representing the sub- regions:

- Visegrad Region
- Balkan region
- Baltic region
- Independent countries of Russian Federation
- Russia

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Challenges & Actions undertaken so far to combat social exclusion in the sub-regions  
(Sub-regional groups)

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch

2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Sub-regional groups (continued)

Coffee served continually

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Presentation of the Findings in Plenary

4.30 p.m.

Trip and Dinner in the City Center

## 17th March 2010

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.  
9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.  
9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
  
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
  
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.  
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.  
  
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
  
5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
  
7 p.m.

## Strategies to combat social exclusion

Breakfast  
Morning Worship  
Strategies to combat to social exclusion  
Short input by:  

- Representative of the Slovak Government ( to be confirmed)
- Council of Europe (invited)
- UNDP (invited)
- EAPN (invited)

Coffee Break  
Working group discussions on strategies in terms of those affected by social exclusion:  

- Families
- Children and Young People
- People with Disabilities
- Minorities

Lunch  
Sharing Innovation & Best Practice Short inputs by Experts on:  

- Community Development Work
- Community Economic Development & Social Enterprise
- Street Work
- User Participation in a residential care
- Community work with Elderly People
- Minorities and Conflict Resolution

Coffee Break  
Working Group Discussions:  

- Training needs for Innovative Actions in the Region

Presentations in Plenary  
Introducing the Draft Bratislava Declaration  
Dinner  
Diploma Presentation  
Farewell Party

## 18th March 2010

8 a.m. – 9 a.m.  
9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.  
9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
  
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.  
  
12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.  
1 p.m.  
2 p.m.

## Training & Development for Innovation

Breakfast  
Morning Worship  
Bratislava Declaration on Combating Social Exclusion in CEE countries by Churches and Diaconia  
(Working groups and Plenary on the Elaboration of the Policy Statement)  
Coffee Break  
Launch of the Developmental Research Project in relation to the burning issues of Social Exclusion in the region  
(Short Input followed by the Group discussions)  
Feedback, Conclusions & Evaluation  
Lunch  
Departure

