

## interdiac Research Platform

### Invitation to the Workshop

Kiev, 11 – 12 October 2018

### Introduction

The interdiac Research Platform was launched in 2017 at a workshop in which partner organisations and representatives of university and other partners participated. They recognised the need to build up a process of research on diaconia and Christian social practice in Central and Eastern Europe, because there is as yet the lack of an analytical or evaluative overview of developments. Research will provide valuable information about current issues and diaconal developments that could inform future practice. It will also help diaconia to become more visible in the region as an actor in civil society. This workshop will build on the initial discussions on the issues, needs and methodologies for research.

### Invitation

interdiac invites all those who already indicated an interest in developing the Research Platform, including those who participated in the launch workshop as well as representatives of universities and colleges, diaconal organisation and individual persons who are interested if developing this field to join the workshop in Kiev.

### Aims of the Workshop

Since the 2017 workshop interdiac has received the good news that core funding has been received for the Research Platform. This will enable work to begin on the research programme and plans.

The workshop aims therefore to take the work done in Prague, 2017 to the operational level. The workshop will discuss and develop concrete plans for the next steps in the programme. A second aim will be to share experience of research issues and research developments in relation to diaconia, especially in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

### Themes

The three core themes for discussion and planning are:

- ✓ **People on Move** – Diaconia with refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants

- ✓ **Youth on the Margins** - addressing especially the context and needs of young people facing a jobless future.
- ✓ **Ecclesiology & the theological understanding of diaconia**, addressing ecumenical and interfaith diversity and the need for a deeper dialogue about different traditions and contemporary applications.

Other themes and issues may be developed according to the motivation and interest of participants.

### Registration

The workshop follows the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference.

Registration for the workshop can be found at: <https://www.interdiac.eu/registration>

Programme for the conference, including workshop can be found at:  
[https://www.interdiac.eu/Programme\\_draft\\_1\\_fv.pdf](https://www.interdiac.eu/Programme_draft_1_fv.pdf)

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