

**REDISCOVERING  
THE EUROPEAN  
COMMON GOOD**

***La Pairelle, Namur, September 21-23, 2018***



PASSION FOR EUROPE  
Rediscovering the European common good



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## **Organizers:**

### **“PASSION FOR EUROPE”, JESC**

The group “Passion for Europe” together with the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) are proposing a two-day session to share the Christian vision of Europe’s current situation and main challenges, and open a dialogue on possible changes of mindset so as to rediscover the European common good.

**“To Europe we can put the question: “Where is your vigour? Where is that idealism which inspired and ennobled your history? Where is your spirit of curiosity and enterprise? Where is your thirst for truth, a thirst which hitherto you have passionately shared with the world?”**

*Pope Francis, Nov 25, 2014, Council of Europe*

# Draft Program

**FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**1:30 pm:** Welcome-coffee, booklets, room check-in

**2:15 pm:** Opening session

Video: Europe Founding Fathers

**Victoria Martín de la Torre**, press officer of the S&D Group in the European Parliament and author of the book "Europe, a Leap into the Unknown".

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Session 1**

## **Migration flows: How Europe faces the global challenge? Which policy for Common Good?**

*The so called "migrants crisis" is at the heart of political evolutions in a number of EU countries. European policy is widely considered a failure for a majority of citizens, and this issue is a source of division within Europe. Some EU national migration policies are in contradiction with the humanistic spirit at the foundation of Europe's values; Pope Francis calls on Europe to find "the right balance between its two-fold moral responsibility to protect the rights of its citizens and to ensure assistance and acceptance to migrants," and calls for a dialogue to find new and sustainable solutions with greater boldness and creativity.*

### **Moderator:**

**Sébastien Maillard**, Director, Jacques Delors Institute

### **Speakers:**

**Stephen Ryan**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission

**Johannes Brandstaeter**, German Diakonisches Werk

**José Ignacio García**, Director, JRS Europe

**5:00 pm: Break**

**5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Group Session 1**

**6:45 pm: Dinner**

**8:00 pm:** Video of Pope Francis's speech on Europe, followed by discussion

**SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am: Session 2**

### **Integral ecology: Environmental and social challenges, how to keep man at the centre?**

*Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato si is a dramatic and a joyful document. Its central message is that dangerous climate change and the unscrupulous exploitation of natural resources continue to threaten the future of our planet. Dramatic because it faces the global crisis of today's world which is both ecological and social. Joyful because it offers ways and hope to tackle this crisis.*

#### **Moderator:**

**Chiara Martinelli**, Executive advisor and Project officer on Sustainable Development at CIDSE (Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité)

#### **Speakers:**

**Andrea Tilche**, Acting Director, Directorate Environment of the European Commission

**Martin Maier**, JESC Secretary for European Affairs

**Philippe Lamberts**, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair Group of the Greens

**10:30 am: Break**

**10:45 am – 12:15 am: Group Session 2**

**12:15 am – 1:30 pm: Lunch**

**2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Session 3**

### **Cultural challenge within EU: United in diversity**

#### **Moderator:**

**Gyula Ocskay**, General Secretary, CESCI (European Institute of cross-border studies)

*Europe's cultural diversity is one of its greatest resources. In contrast to new identity discourses, it can be demonstrated through this diversity that the foreign, the other, is not a threat to our identity but an enrichment. Pope Francis emphasizes that European identity is and always has been a dynamic and multicultural identity:*

*This applies to all areas of art and culture. Back in 1983, Milan Kundera said that, for Poles, Czechs and Hungarians, the designation of Europe had spiritual rather than geographical connotations. Europe is “a family of peoples” having, like every family, many things in common, but also differences; however, each member of the family is necessary to the group. Its cohesion cannot be based only on a common market or citizenship, but also on shared culture, narratives and vision. However, up to now education and civil society remain stranded within national borders. The promotion of cultural exchange, especially between East and West, could contribute to bridging the political gulfs that have recently opened up, moving towards a pluri-national democracy, based on an European civil society and trans-frontier dialogue that is also open to the rest of the world. As Pope Francis said, “Today more than ever, the founding fathers’ vision inspires us to build bridges and tear down walls”.*

### **Speakers:**

**Mgr Jean Kockerols**, Auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese Malines-Bruxelles

**Philippe Herzog**, Founder and honorary president of Confrontations Europe, former Member of the European Parliament

**Jean Peyrony**, General Director, Transfrontier Operational Mission

### **Principal panel discussant:**

**HE Mgr Alain Paul Lebeaupin**, Apostolic nuncio to the European Union

**3:30 pm: Break**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Group Session 3**

**7:00 pm: Dinner**

### **8:00 pm: Evening piano concert in the Chapel**

Some musical tastes of the European cultural heritage

*Maxence Pilchen, pianist*

*Maxence Pilchen's vast repertoire, which includes both solo and orchestra work, along with his interpretations of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky, Albert Roussel or Prokofiev, have earned him critical acclaim in the musical world. He has also participated in the creation and execution of many contemporary works. Thanks to this wide ranging repertoire, he has won many other international distinctions in cities such as Porto, Barcelona, Rome and Epinal.*

## SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 11:00 am: Feedback / wrap-up Session

**Moderators:**

**Michael Kuhn**, Assistant Secretary General, COMECE

**Peter Rožič**, Director, JESC (Jesuit European Social Centre)

**Peter J. Verovšek**, Assistant Professor in Politics/International Relations, University of Sheffield

*Report from the groups and analysis*

*Exchange on main conclusions*

10:30 am: Break

11:00 am: Mass in the Chapel

12:15 am: Lunch

2:00 pm: Departure

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*“Passion for Europe”, a group of Christians of different nationalities and confessions involved in EU activities, was formed as a place to exchange on Europe’s future, based on Pope Francis vision for Europe and the Social Teaching of the Church.*

#### *ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*

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