



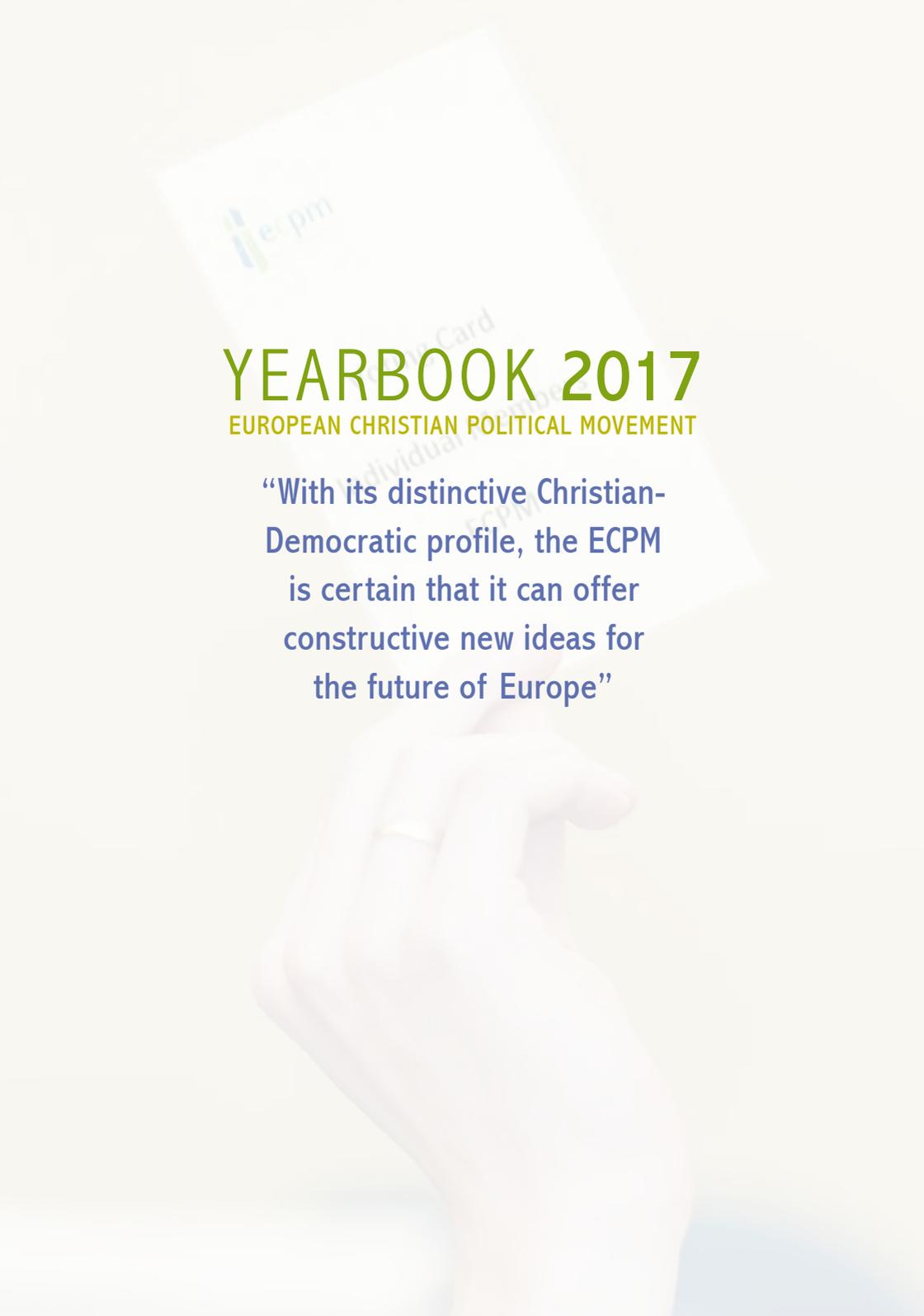
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“With its distinctive Christian-Democratic profile, the ECPM is certain that it can offer constructive new ideas for the future of Europe”

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ABOUT ECPM

The European Christian Political Movement (ECPM) is the only explicitly Christian European political party. We are genuinely anchored in the political tradition that contributed significantly to the founding of the EU: Christian Democracy. Our goal is to fill the gap in the European political landscape by re-establishing Christian Democracy as a viable political alternative in Europe, with a particular emphasis on a Christian relational worldview. Our movement brings together over 50 Christian-Democratic political parties, NGOs, think-tanks and individual politicians from over 20 countries within the EU and beyond.

What do we stand for?

A Europe of Human Dignity

Human dignity expresses the intrinsic value of every human being. We believe this universal principle rests on the human being as created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, life should be protected from conception to natural death. The protection of human dignity should be a priority above individual freedom. ECPM believes that a vibrant and positive Europe should celebrate and promote life. Because countries should have autonomy on these topics, as laid down by the principle of subsidiarity, ECPM believes that the European Institutions should refrain from openly promoting any specific view on this matter. Sadly enough, the European Institutions often promote and fund an anti-life view. ECPM calls for a more modest and objective stance on this issue, especially in relation to the funding of NGOs regarding this subject.

An Economy that Works for People and Planet

The economy is about life. The purpose of all economic activity is to support life and advance wellbeing for all. We believe that initiative and ownership empower people. We encourage the development of small and medium-sized companies and a focus on improvement of the investment climate for innovative entrepreneurs. ECPM believes that globalisation has many positive aspects but is not by definition a good development. We are critical of international trade agreements like CETA and TTIP, as we believe that they disempower people and sometimes even countries, merely for the benefit of multinationals and the world of international finance. The principles of free trade and an open-market economy are still very important for Europe's economies; however, there need to be checks and balances in the system to keep it sustainable.

A growing world population and a growing world economy have consequences for our planet. If we want to leave this planet in good shape for our children and grandchildren, then we must take responsibility now. This means that the EU and its Members need to take action now to reduce pollution and CO2 expulsion and to invest in sustainable energy sources.

Priority of Healthy Families for a Healthy Society

Healthy Families are the basis for thriving societies. We believe that stable, loving relationships between parents are crucial for the wellbeing of their children. Marriage is the best guarantee for enduring relationships. ECPM recognises the family as the most important social unit, preceding the state and any other community or group. ECPM calls on the European Union to respect the sovereignty of the family, based on marriage between one man and one woman. ECPM is also weary of the political focus on the 'autonomous individual' as promoted by secular ideologies. We believe that the quality of life of a human being depends on the quality of his relationships with others. People are always connected through relationships, and the strongest and earliest connection in life is the family.

Freedom, Security and Stability

Real freedom of faith, conscience and expression only becomes visible through relationships with those who feel, think or act differently. ECPM believes that extreme political correctness is a danger to real freedom and real plurality. In this sense, there must be a fundamental freedom to disagree with the view of the majority on any subject. In order to win back support for a different and better EU, we need a more realistic and constructive rhetoric. ECPM is also worried by the lack of freedom of religion in many parts of the world. This is clear to see in Islamic countries, but also in countries like India, Pakistan, North Korea and China. The European Union and its Members should promote a culture of freedom and forcefully support those who defend and promote freedom in their country or region. Regarding the rise of extremist Islamic groups like ISIS, it is the view of ECPM that this organisation has proven to be a direct threat to European security, and therefore the EU and its Members should take action to completely remove ISIS from Syria, Iraq and any other places where it might resurge.

Human Trafficking; Fighting Modern-Day Slavery

Human trafficking is an ultimately dehumanising act that reduces people to trade objects. It distorts relationships and severely hurts people, making it a

difficult process to re-establish new healthy relationships. A majority of the victims are used for sexual exploitation. Since human trafficking is a cross-border crime, combating it requires international cooperation. ECPM strongly favours the Nordic model that decriminalises the prostitute and criminalises the client and the trafficker as the most effective way to stop human trafficking and (forced) prostitution. Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world; the EU and its Members have to act now. The Nordic model should go hand in hand with good exit programmes for prostitutes in order to provide alternatives.

Reforming the European Union

The European Union needs serious reform, not only technically but also spiritually. We believe that a European Union that is less directive and more facilitating will be more beneficial for EU citizens and will form an effective narrative against destructive far-right sentiments. The European Union must start to under-promise and over-deliver instead of doing the exact opposite. To many, the EU has become a problem-causer instead of a problem-solver. This view might not do justice to reality, but it does stick in the minds of many citizens. This means more freedom for Member States and a stronger focus of the EU on key matters such as food safety, energy safety, fair competition and cross-border problems like immigration, rapid climate change, security and terrorism.

Preserving Christian Culture & Heritage

We believe that Christian culture is embedded with fundamental freedoms that are befitting for European societies. The erosion of Christian culture and heritage in Europe will lead to more division, violence and insecurity. History has shown what happens in societies that (try to) abolish religion. A culture that always sees life as God-given will always value life and human dignity. Europe has been shaped by Christianity and has been a Christian continent for over a millennium. Without any exception, all EU members were already Christian before becoming a nation state. The majority of the founding fathers of the EU were Christians. We believe that the EU should be proud of its Christian roots and that Christian culture and heritage should be preserved. Key aspects of this culture are freedom, love, truth, reconciliation and respect for life. Europe has become a diverse continent, and it can only remain so if everyone respects each other's views and faiths. For this reason, we are weary of secular anti-religious ideologies that want to remove the heritage of Christian thinking and play down its relevance. For the same reason, we are opposing EU membership for Turkey, which has a different cultural background and different values.



Branislav Škripek

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues and co-workers, members of ECPM and friends, 2017 was an interesting year for ECPM. Apart from national elections in different countries, heated debates, inspiring speeches, new MPs, new regional leaders, new ministers and new members in our party, it was also a year of political stability for ECPM. In a challenging environment, ECPM politicians worked hard for their citizens, for our party and for the Christian political agenda. Together we managed to make our voice even clearer in national and European politics.

Of course, this was not just a normal year. Europe still faced the refugee crisis. In the Middle East, the fight against IS continued and it was defeated. Work to support persecuted Christians, such as Asia Bibi, continued. Together with my colleague MEP Peter van Dalen, I had the privilege to travel to Pakistan to personally learn about and plea for her case. As well as this, we had successes in national parliaments, the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. I would like to extend special congratulations here to our member ChristenUnie, from the Netherlands, which joined the government after successful elections. Furthermore, our colleague Erika Jurinová was elected as regional governor in the Žilina region of Slovakia, which is a great achievement!

A big change will take place at the beginning of 2018. Our General Director, Guido van Beusekom, will leave ECPM after working for the party for ten years. Ten years ago, ECPM looked totally different. We were just a small movement with big vision. Today, we are an officially-recognised European party with members all over Europe. Thanks to Guido and his colleagues, not only did the size of our party grow immensely, but the size of our vision for Europe grew just as much. I would like to officially thank Guido here for all the work he has done over the years, and I wish him God's blessings in his future!

Let me introduce his successor, my friend and colleague Auke Minnema. I honestly believe his life and work will be a great contribution to all of us.

2018 will bring a lot of new opportunities and challenges. My intention is to travel more and meet you in your own countries. Please pray for my mission. I wish you all a very successful year, inspired by the Holy Spirit and blessed by God, our Father.

In Jesus' name, **Branislav Škripek** | ECPM President



**Guido van Beusekom
& Leo van Doesburg**

REFLECTION ON 2017

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them.

Male and female he created them. GENESIS 1:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

The text of Genesis is a kind of poem, made after God created the Heavens and the Earth and everything that lives. He finished it with the creation of man in His image. We are not just creatures, but we are able to love and reason. We are called to rule as stewards for God. This means that we have responsibility. We have to respond to God, and we are responsible for the creation and for each other.

The dignity of man is God-given and therefore cannot be taken away by any human concept. Human dignity is the basis for human rights, for the right to life and for concepts like equality and social justice. Unfortunately, human dignity and the right to life are being threatened more and more. An extreme interpretation of the autonomy of the individual undermines this God-given dignity. New rights are 'developed' as we hear about the 'dignity' to die and the 'dignity' of a woman to have an abortion. Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) now allows parents to choose whether they want a baby that has Down Syndrome. Statistics show that around 90% of parents decide to abort the child when the test points to Down Syndrome. At the same time, we heard about midwives being forced to carry out such an abortion, even if it is against their own conscience. Furthermore, the dignity of many women in Europe is being neglected as prostitution is legalised or tolerated in several European societies, spurring human trafficking on our continent. It is our task as Christians to defend human dignity in all its aspects.

The text of Corinthians reminds us that we are different and unique but part of one Body. Unity through diversity is therefore a European slogan with a Christian basis. We are happy to see this diversity within the ECPM too: we are from different nations, cultures and Church denominations, but we are unified through Jesus to develop the real meaning of human dignity, equality, diversity and freedom, based not only on individual freedom but also on our responsibility towards God, the Earth and mankind.

Guido van Beusekom | General Director

Leo van Doesburg | Director for European Affairs



Heiner Studer

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

The Advisory Council (AC) was established by the GA on 7 June 2013 and is a consultative group to both the ECPM board and its members. It proposes topics for the GA and the board. It checks the budget and the annual financial results. New ECPM board members will first be discussed by the AC, before the Board decides if they are accepted. The AC also checks and amends changes to programmes and statutes. It has at least two meetings per year.

In 2017, the AC had two meetings. The first was in Helsinki (Finland) on 24 April. The AC discussed the new version of the Vision Document on the EU and made proposals. An Election Committee, including the President of the AC as one of the three committee members, proposed new members for the Board. The AC considers all candidates as suitable for the position of ECPM board member and advises the GA to accept them. The topics of the GA were discussed.

The second meeting was in my town of Wettingen (Switzerland) on 7 October. The topics of the upcoming General Assembly were discussed. It was decided that the statutes of the AC should be revised. After this first discussion, the AC will make concrete suggestions in 2018 based on its experience.

At the GA on 24 May in Warsaw (Poland), the AC got two new members. Dima Bluashvili (Georgia) was elected, representing ECPYouth. Vladimir Plămădeală (Moldova), who had to leave the Board after two periods, had already gained very important experience.

The AC is very pleased with the work of ECPM and its members. We hope and pray that they will continue this in 2018 as well.

Heiner Studer | President of the Advisory Council



INTRODUCTION TO EVENTS IN 2017

In this yearbook, you will find short reports on events that were organised by or in collaboration with ECPM, or that are linked to the work of our Members of the European Parliament or the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Therefore, not all of the events mentioned in this yearbook are exclusively ECPM events.

Some of the events were not organised by ECPM. You can easily see if an event was organised by ECPM by looking at the text box that goes with the event. For example, Prayer Breakfasts and European Parliament Inter-groups are, by definition, not linked to one specific party or organisation. However, we still include these events in our yearbook, as we fully support initiatives that bring together Christians in politics from different parties and nations.

Most of the reports in this yearbook are shortened versions of the event reports. To read more, please visit our Events and News pages on our website www.ecpm.info or register for the ECPM News Update by sending an email to office@ecpm.info.

It is our vision to work together with you to build a Christian political movement that can bridge personal and political differences to serve the people of our nations and continents. In this, we are inspired by the teachings, principles and lifestyle of Jesus Christ that formed the Christian heritage on which Europe is based.

FIRST QUARTER

ECPM Security Conference

CDPP Georgia, an ECPM member party, organized an ECPM Security Conference Tbilisi on 21-22 Jan, 2017. Main topics of the Conference were present challenges to the European security architecture; Georgia's NATO membership prospects and results of the last NATO Summit held in Warsaw, Poland. The conference, which was attended by more than 50 celebrated Georgian and foreign experts, politicians, diplomats and party supporters, generated a keen interest and attracted an active media attention.

The conference was opened by Mr. Giorgi Targamadze who spoke about the problems that European security is presently facing and what should be possible role for Eastern Partnership countries to counter the threat mentioned above together with the EU and NATO member states.

The Second day of the Conference was devoted to Georgia's NATO membership prospects and outcomes of the NATO Warsaw Summit.

The Conference was also addressed by Mr. Giorgi Taktakisvhili, the YCD leader, who presented the CDPP and YCD Security policy outline. The final part of the conference was an active Q and A sessions during which the audience had an opportunity to ask questions and get full answers.



21-22 January 2017 | Tbilisi, Georgia
organisers: ECPM, Christian Democratic People's Party

main speakers:

- Giorgi Targamadze, former Parliamentary Minority leader
- Mr. Davit Sikharulidze, former Defence Minister and presently Director at the Atlantic Council of Georgia
- Mr. Nodar Kharshiladze, former Deputy Defence Minister and GSAC founder
- Ms. Ekaterina Metreveli, Director of Rondeli Foundation
- Mr. Radu Liviu Horumba, Romanian Ambassador to Georgia
- Ms. Andrea Keerbs, IRI Country Director to Georgia
- Mr. William Lahue, the Head of NATO Liaison office in Georgia
- Mr. Nika Chitidze, Security Expert and Professor at Black Sea University
- Tornike Sharashenidze, Professor at GIPA University



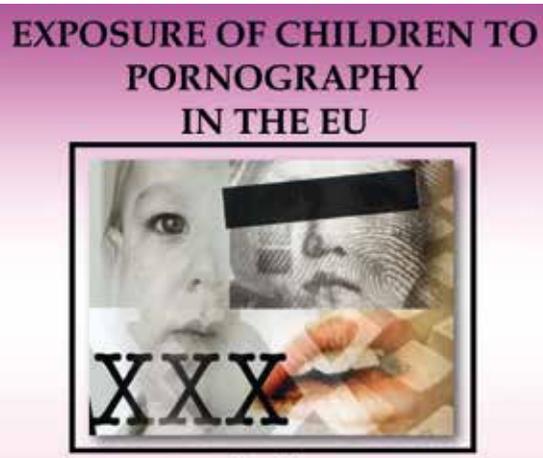
Night to Honour Christian Allies

On the 25th of January, ECPM's Director for European Affairs Leo van Doesburg was invited to participate in a "Night to Honour Christian Allies" organised by the Christian Allies Caucus of the Knesset to celebrate their collaboration with their Christian partners all over the world.

This meeting was also a good networking opportunity to discuss the World Jewish Congress, NGOs and the media with different Knesset Members and representatives.

25 January 2017 | Jerusalem, Israel
organisers: Christian Allies Caucus of the Knesset
main speakers:

- David Rotem, MK Caucus chairman
- Robert Ilatov, MK Caucus chairman
- Gila Gamliel, Israel's Minister for Social Equality



Exposure of Children to Pornography in the EU

On the 8th of February, a Conference on the exposure of children to pornography took place in the European Parliament, organised by the Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE) together with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. At this meeting, Leo van Doesburg participated in the event, and during the discussions he had the opportunity to present on the

Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly report on the oversexualisation of children, which was endorsed by the Council's Committee of Ministers.

8 February 2017 | Brussels, Belgium
organisers: Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE) together with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
main speakers:

- Anna Záborská, MEP (SK) and Chair of the Family Intergroup
- Luigi Morgano, MEP (IT) and Co-Chair of the Family Intergroup
- Maria Hildingsson, FAFCE's Secretary General

ECPM Conference on Christian Democracy

CDPP and CDI, members of the ECPM family, jointly organized an ECPM conference on Christian Democracy in Georgia. The event which was dedicated to promote Christian and Christian democratic values in Georgia and wider region was attended by 70 dedicated CDPP national and local leaders, as well as experts and politicians. During the two day conference the CDPP together with CDI presented history of Christian politics in Georgia and the Caucasus, present challenges and future perspectives.

The conference was opened by Mr. George Rukhadze, CDPP Acting Chairman and ECPM Vice-President, who outlined his vision on how to promote and revive Christian Democratic values in Georgia and how to turn them into tools of practical politics. Second part of the conference was dominated by the issue such as Christian values and practical politics; how to unite small Christian and conservative parties in Georgia to consolidate them and achieve better success in the upcoming elections. The conference was ended by an active Q and A sessions during which the audience had an opportunity to ask questions and get full answers. The Conference generated a keen interest and vast media attention.



11-12 March 2017 | Tbilisi, Georgia
organisers: ECPM, Christian Democratic People's Party, Christian Democratic Institute

main speakers:

- Mr. Giorgi Targamadze. Former CDM and Parliamentary Minority Leader
- Ms. Nikoloz Laliashvili. Former MP and CDPP board member
- Mr. Giorgi Taktakishvili. YCD Leader
- Ms. Ketevan Bezhitashvili CDI Secretary General
- Ms. Magda Anikashvili. Former MP and CDPP board member
- Mr. Giorgi Papelishvili, YCD Secretary General.
- Ms. Khatuna Lagazidze, Expert in Conservative politics
- Mr. Vakhtang Gabunia, CDPP Regional Leader

Challenges and Prospects of the Christian Democracy

The International Forum, organised by ECPM in collaboration with CDU and the SGP party, both ECPM members, commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Christian Democratic Union. The forum dealt with the future of one of the most influential political doctrines in Europe: Christian democracy.

25 March 2017 | Kiev, Ukraine
 organisers: ECPM, Christian Democratic Union Party, Foundation for Training Activities in Eastern Europe (SGP party)

main speakers:

- George Rukhadze, Vice President of ECPM
- Mykhailo Panocho, acting Chairman of Ukrainian Council of churches and religious organisations, Senior Bishop of the Ukrainian Pentecostal Church
- Volodymyr Stretovych, Honourable Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union and former MP
- Kees Knulst, International Affairs Coordinator of the SGP
- Adrian Borggreve, Professor of Business Communication and Intercultural Management
- Stieneke van der Graaf, Board Member of ECPM and MP in the Netherlands
- Georgiy Dmitruk, co-chairman of the Belarusian Christian Democracy
- Victor Shyshkin, former MP and judge in Ukraine
- Ivan Mozgoviy, Prof. Dr of Philosophic Science, chairman of the department at Sumy National University
- Oleksandr Chernenko, chairman of CDU
- Oleksandr Zayets, chairman of the Religious Freedom Institute
- Lyudmyla Gutsol, chairwoman of the public unions “International Movement”, “Moral and spiritual civilisation”
- Alina Koval, representative of the political group of the ECPYouth in Ukraine, International secretary of the CDUY

During this event, about 200 Christian politicians and experts were present from Ukraine as well as the Netherlands, Georgia and Belarus. The speakers addressed the challenges and prospects of Christian democracy in Eastern Europe and Christian democracy as a policy of hope and realism; the influence of the Christian idea on society, identity and integrity in Christian politicians’ practice; the results of the elections in the Netherlands this year, when thousands more people voted for Christian parties; the prospects of Christian Democracy in Belarus; and legal consciousness in modern Christianity. The second part of the International Forum was devoted to a panel discussion about the Implementation of Christian values in the public, political, legal and cultural environment. The end of the Conference was marked by the admission of a Forum Resolution on how Christian democrats must act and must urge others to act according to Christian values, understanding their responsibility to the future of the whole European community and for the new stage in the development of Christian democracy in Ukraine and in the whole world. Read more on the event/news page on our website, www.ecpm.info.





SECOND QUARTER

European Advocacy Academy Communication

The European Advocacy Academy (EAA), a semi-annual, international, political training event organised by European Dignity Watch and sponsored by ECPM, took place in Brussels between 5-8 April 2017.

Attended by 24 participants from 13 different countries, it focused on developing key messages on the topics of human dignity, sanctity of life, marriage and the gender agenda. The academy was also attended by ECPM's General Director, Guido van Beusekom, who shared a message at the opening reception. Director for European Affairs, Leo van Doesburg, presented the work of ECPM in Brussels and gave the participants valuable insights on various projects relating to human dignity and the protection of family.



5-8 April 2017 | Brussels, Belgium
organisers: ECPM, European Dignity Watch
main speakers:

- Gabrielle Kuby, Sociologist & Writer
- Sophia Kuby, ADF International
- Jack Valero, Catholic Voices
- David Quinn, The Iona Institute
- Guillaume de Thieulloy, Nouvelles de France
- Kishore Jayabalan, Acton Institute
- Guido van Beusekom, ECPM General Director
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs



Thank you, Great Britain

ECPM President Branislav Škripek (MEP) hosted an event with the title Thank you (for) Great Britain. The two speakers at the event, Jirko Čihulka (from the Czech Republic) and Martin Vrábel (from Slovakia), presented on the historical experience of the dissolution of Czechoslovakia into two new republics. This transition

was made peacefully and amicably. In this spirit, participants thanked the United Kingdom for its contribution to Europe and prayed for a new spirit of unity among European peoples.

27 April 2017 | Bratislava, Slovakia

organisers: MEP Branislav Škripek

main speakers:

- Branislav Škripek, ECPM president and MEP (SK)
- Jirko Čihulka (CZ)
- Martin Vrábel (SK)

Personhood, Family and Society: Global Challenges, Global Responses

The second Transatlantic Summit of the Political Network for Values brought together in the European Parliament more than 100 key political players, civil society leaders and experts in various fields, as well as legislators from Africa and North, Central and South America, around the nodal themes of human dignity and life, family and society, freedom of conscience and religious freedom.

Participants reflected on various aspects of the world scenario, addressing relevant issues such as the European Parliament resolution on the systematic massacre of religious minorities, positive examples of public policies to strengthen the family, providing palliative care for people with terminal illnesses and protecting the lives of the most vulnerable. A thriving space was created for the exchange of opinions and experiences on the work that can be done in favour of human rights in various international settings, such as the European Union, the United Nations and the Organization of American States, taking into account the key role that the family plays in the sustainable development



27-28 April | European Parliament, Brussels
organisers: ECPM, Political Network for Values, Citizen Go, Alliance Defending Freedom, International Organisation for the Family (IOF)/ National Organisation for Marriage (NOM), Family Watch International, EPP GROUP
main speakers:

- Marian-Jean Marinescu, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- Jaime Mayor Oreja, Chair of the Political Network for Values
- Laima Andrikienė, MEP
- His Excellency Msgr. Gintaras Grušas, Archbishop of Vilnius
- Leo van Doesburg, Director for European Affairs ECPM



of nations, as well as the fundamental rights to life, freedom of conscience and religious freedom. Leo van Doesburg spoke and chaired a session specially dedicated to the issue of surrogacy. Within the Summit, a special programme took place for young leaders who aspire to take responsibility for the future

in the promotion of human dignity and the common good and who are committed to an understanding of leadership as service. Participants in the programme came from Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, Spain and the United States of America. Read more at www.ecpm.info.

Slovakian Prayer Breakfast

More than 30 people from different spheres of influence gathered for the breakfast. We had guests from the city council, people actively engaged in educational and media work, business representatives and also pastors and Christian activists. After the introductory speech from Branislav Škripek, we asked some questions regarding social issues in this specific region and people had the opportunity to discuss them. This was followed by time for sharing, networking and a closing prayer at the end of our meeting. This prayer breakfast was successful, and we are expecting further cooperation.

4 May 2017 | Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
organiser: ECPM
main speaker: Branislav Škripek,
ECPM president and MEP (SK)



14th ECPM General Assembly

This week, ECPM's 14th General Assembly was held in the city of Warsaw, Poland. It was a fruitful GA with many highlights: a new MEP was welcomed, a new President and board members were chosen and three resolutions were successfully accepted. We had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to the party: firstly, Polish MEP Kazimierz Ujazdowski, who joined our party at the beginning of this year. In a short speech, he shared that the right to life, solidarity

23 May | Warsaw, Poland

organiser: ECPM

main speakers:

- Marek Jurek, ECPM MEP and president of the Right of the Republic party
- Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, ECPM MEP (PL)
- Branislav Škripek, ECPM president and MEP (SK)

and subsidiarity together form the basis of Europe and how he is glad to have joined ECPM to play an active role together, for the good future of our continent. Also, Slovak MP Jan Marosz was welcomed to ECPM.

ECPM MEP and interim President Branislav Škripek was unanimously voted for as our new President. In a word of gratitude, he thanked the previous ECPM President Peter Östman and reiterated the importance of Christian principles as solutions for the problems Europe is facing. For the term of 2017-2021, current board member Stieneke van der Graaf was re-elected and four new board members were chosen: MP Ladislav Ilčić from Croatia, MP Valeriu Ghilețchi from Moldova, Filip Łajszczak from Poland and Jacques Bazen from the Netherlands.



After discussing an upcoming EU vision document and some reports on our activities in the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, a vote took place for three resolutions. Firstly, an ECPYouth resolution calling upon the European Commission to ensure that UK and EU students will still be able to participate in student exchange programmes after Brexit was accepted. Secondly, a resolution tabled by ECPM MEP Marek Jurek, stating that ECPM will keep on pursuing policies that will mainstream Christendom on a local, regional, national and European level and in all institutions in which the Movement is active, was adopted with one amendment. Lastly, another resolution by ECPM MEP Marek Jurek was adopted on the EU mechanism for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, warning that extra-treaty attempts to create institutions that would perform the same function constitute a usurpation of power. Read more on www.ecpm.info.

Pro-family and Pro-life Events

Four important pro-family and pro-life events were organised in Budapest: The Hungarian Demographic Forum, The World Congress of Families, The International Forum of Families and the One Of Us Conference. ECPM's Director for European Affairs attended these events as an official guest of the Hungarian government. He also spoke at the Hungarian Demographic Forum, in the International Forum of Families and at an event with representatives of the Hungarian KDNP party.

25-28 May 2017 | Budapest, Hungary
organisers: The Hungarian Demographic Forum, The World Congress of families, The International Forum of Families, One Of Us
main speakers:

- Prime Minister Viktor Orbán
- Minister of Human Capacities Zoltán Balog
- Minister of State for Family and Youth Affairs Katalin Novák
- Máriusz Révész, Government Commissioner
- Bence Rétvári, Deputy Minister of Human Capacities
- MEP Anna Záborská (Slovakia)
- MEP György Hölvényi (Hungary)
- MP Vladimir Gjorcev (Macedonia)
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs
- Jaime Mayor Oreja, President of the One Of Us Federation, Former Interior Minister, former MEP, Spain
- Dr András Cser-Palkovics, Mayor of the Municipality of Székesfehérvár



International Berlin Gathering 2017

The International Berlin Gathering has become the biggest annual Christian political event in Europe. Each year up to 400 politicians, mainly from Europe but also from Africa, Asia and the Americas, gather to listen to the topic of the year, to discuss and to pray together. The event also provides a good platform for meeting Christian politicians from all over the world and having fellowship together. Rudolf Decker, a former MP, founded the Berlin Gathering and is the main organiser of the event. The main theme of the Berlin Gatherings is "Responsibility before God and Man",

a quote from the Constitution of Germany. Each year a different sub-theme is added to it – this time it was “A Source of Spirit and Values in Europe and around the World”. The main event of the International Berlin Gathering, the Prayer Breakfast, took place on the morning of June 2, moderated by Friedrich Ostendorff, MP.

1-3 June 2017 | Berlin, Germany
organisers: Rudolf Decker and the organising committee
main speakers:

- Dr Norbert Lammert, President of the Bundestag
- Johannes Singhammer, Vice President of the Bundestag
- Rudolf Decker, the main organiser
- Dr Franz Josef Jung, MP
- Barbara Woltmann, MP
- Dietmar Nietan, MP
- Hery Rajaonarimampianina, President of Madagascar



2 June 2017 | Trnava, Bratislava
organiser: ECPM
main speaker: Branislav Škripek, ECPM president and MEP (SK)

Prayer Breakfast Trnava

On the second of June 2017 we have organized a prayer breakfast in the city of Trnava. More than 30 people from different spheres of influence have come. We had guests from the city council, people actively engaged in business and also priests and Christian activists. We had six mayors from smaller villages around the city joining us in prayer. Also, three members of local city council participated at the meeting. After the introductory speech from Branislav Škripek, we have asked some questions regarding social issues in this specific region and people had the opportunity to discuss them. This was followed by a time for sharing, networking and closing prayer at the end of our meeting. This prayer breakfast was successful and we are expecting further cooperation.



Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast

The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast and related side events took place in Jerusalem. Leo van Doesburg, ECPM’s Director for European Affairs, was involved in the breakfast as he is one of the Founders of the event. The Foun-

ders, together with the M(E)Ps that participated in the Breakfast, were invited to a reception with the President of Israel Reuven Rivlin at his residence.

The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast itself, which took place on the 7th of June, was very successful. It was attended by Israeli government ministers, members of Knesset, Members of the European Parliament and National Parliamentarians,

pastors and NGO representatives. There were prayers and Scripture readings based on Psalm 122, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem". The Breakfast was attended by the ECPM President and former presidents. Branislav Škripek, Peter Östman and Pavel Unguryan had the opportunity to read Bible verses during the Prayer Breakfast.

The events were concluded with a Founder's Closing Dinner, which was also chaired by Albert Veksler. During this meeting, coordinators of different Prayer Breakfasts in Europe gave their testimony and exchanged practical information on how to organise a Prayer Breakfast in their respective countries. Finally, Leo van Doesburg had the privilege to read some verses from the Scriptures.

6-8 June | Jerusalem, Israel

organisers: Albert Veksler, Founders of Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast

main speakers:

- Albert Veksler, coordinator of the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast
- Robert Ilatov, MK President of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
- Josh Reinstein, Director of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
- MK Michael Oren, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office
- Yariv Levin, Minister of Tourism
- Sofa Landver, Minister of Immigrant Absorption





Politicians' Lunch Meeting in Jerusalem

The ECPM had the opportunity, together with the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus, the Israel Allies Foundation and the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast organising team, to organise a lunch meeting for Members of the (European) Parliament who participated in the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. The meeting was chaired by Renee Sharon (Knesset Christian Allies Caucus) and Peter Östman, ECPM's former president, addressed the meeting. The lunch was also organised as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem and was an excellent opportunity to look for ways to strengthen the relationship between European and Israeli politicians and Knesset Members. It was encouraging to see how the work of the ECPM in the European Parliament and in the Council of Europe is appreciated by our Israeli partners.



8 June 2017 | Israel

organisers: ECPM, Knesset Christian Allies Caucus, the Israel Allies Foundation, the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast organising team

main speakers:

- Robert Ilatov, President of the Knesset
- Christian Allies Caucus
- MEP Branislav Škripek, President of ECPM and MEP (SK)
- Josh Reinstein, Director of Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs
- Peter Östman, ECPM president (2013-2017)

IV Christian Social Congress “Free nation”

Under the slogan “Free nation”, the IV Christian Social Congress took place on Saturday in Warsaw. As emphasised by Marek Jurek, President of the Right of the Republic and ECPM MEP, the Congress encouraged debate on the direction of constitutional changes, among other matters.

In his inauguration speech, Jurek emphasised that Saturday's congress was taking place at a special moment. “When the whole world starts making very dynamic changes, often dangerous changes, we will have to take a position in Poland,” he said. Among these changes and challenges he mentioned redefining human rights, the family crisis, and the demographic crisis. “Meanwhile, the Polish public debate,

as we see it with the naked eye, is not focused on problems.” The Polish public debate is focused on the struggle of the opposing parties, or rather party centres, he said. Jurek emphasised that Polish public opinion does exist, but it must actively influence the state’s affairs. “Really deep political reform is needed,” he said.

In this context, Jurek recalled some of the constitutional demands of the Right of the Polish Republic: the right to life, unblocking changes in electoral law (as he emphasised, strengthening MPs’ mandate and strengthening social control) and introducing single-member constituency electoral and majority elections. During the congress, questions and issues were discussed: “What Constitution Poland needs” and “Respect and community: Reconstruction of national solidarity”. The Christian Social Congress, as its organisers emphasise, is a platform of understanding for Catholic and conservative circles to create strength for the Republican and Catholic right wing.

17 June 2017 | Warsaw, Poland
Organisers: ECPM, Right of the Republic Party

Main speakers:

- Marek Jurek, ECPM MEP (PL) and president of Right of the Republic
- Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, ECPM MEP (PL)
- Tomasz Rzymkowski, MP
- Marian Ball and Krzysztof Kawęcki, councillors on the regional council of Mazovia Province, Right of the Republic Party
- Prof. Piotr Mazurkiewicz, priest
- Prof. Aleksander Stępkowski from Ordo Iuris and publicists
- Łukasz Warzecha, Weronika Kostrzewa, Tomasz Krzyżak





THIRD QUARTER

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in the European Migrant Crisis

The topic of unaccompanied refugee minors (URMs) in the European migrant crisis was analysed on several spectra by policy officers, researchers and advocates who analysed the legal, judicial, political and social aspects of the phenomenon.

The speakers underlined several inconsistencies in the reporting of the total number of unaccompanied refugee minors who are relocated.

The current situation in the field was described by the speakers who, among other topics, gave recommendations and potential measures to be taken by each Member State. In their analysis, they included the poor reception conditions as well as the lack of information, and they stressed the need for better training for the professionals in charge of coordination at the national or cross-border level. The speakers pointed out various legal and practical obstacles to accessing asylum procedures that are encountered by unaccompanied refugee minors. Other challenges, as they pointed out, are related to age assessment procedures and legal guardianship. A proposed Asylum Procedures Regulation that is currently under discussion offers a crucial opportunity to further clarify the fundamental principles applicable to age assessment of unaccompanied asylum-seeking

children. ECPM MEP Arne Gericke assessed the possibility that the child may be a victim of trafficking, labour or sexual exploitation and other crimes. He concluded that missing children should concern everyone and that children should be treated first and foremost as children. Read more on www.ecpm.info



11 July 2017 | European Parliament, Brussels
organisers: ECPM

main speakers:

- Arne Gericke, ECPM MEP (GE)
- Marta Wallander, Refugee Rights Data Project
- Elona Bokshi, European Council of Refugees
- Teuta Vodo, ECPM European Policy Researcher
- Torsten Gumbrecht, B-UMF
- Maria Vilarino Dapena, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
- Delphine Moralis, Missing Children Europe



ECPM Leadership Retreat

A few amazing days of relaxation, meaningful talks and valuable lessons with influential people. These are a few words to summarise the ECPM Leadership Retreat 2017. Around 20 participants from different countries, all active in politics at all levels, some of them together with their partners, enjoyed a programme that reserved time for spiritual building, gaining knowledge on the subject and simply thinking.

8-11 August 2017 | Langesund, Norway

organiser: ECPM

main speakers:

- Tamrat Layne, former prime minister of Ethiopia
- Prof. Dr G.J. Buijs, Free University Amsterdam
- Lars Rise, former MP, Norway
- Valeriu Ghiletschi, ECPM board member and MP, Moldova
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs

The main topic of the conference was “Christian reasoning in secular politics”, a question every Christian politician asks himself or hears from other politicians, journalists or voters.

Tamrat Layne, former prime minister of Ethiopia, joined us during the retreat and shared some of his vast experience with

the participants, teaching valuable lessons. Some of his lessons included what it means to trust God from the darkness of your cell when you have no certainty that anything is happening outside, how to forgive when forgiveness is not asked and how to wait patiently for a miracle to happen. His talks helped the participants come to a deeper understanding of how God works in human lives and politics. Read more on www.ecpm.info





FOURTH QUARTER



Women and Families at the mercy of Ideologies and Politics

On the 4th of October, Gudrun Kugler, Member of the City Council, organised a conference in collaboration with ECPM with the participation of best-selling author Birgit Keller as keynote speaker.

The meeting was focused on the fact that the relationship between women and family is gradually turning into a ball game between ideologies and politics. Mrs Kugler moderated the meeting and Leo van Doesburg, ECPM's Director for European Affairs, shared a message on behalf of ECPM. Then, Birgit Keller gave her presentation, which was followed by an interactive discussion. The meeting was attended by 96 people. Read more on www.ecpm.info

4 October 2017 | Vienna, Austria

organiser: ECPM

main speakers:

- Birgit Keller, best-selling author
- Gudrun Kugler, politician
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs



Israel Allies Chairman Conference

This annual conference is a gathering of Israel Allies chairpersons from parliaments all over the world. They hold political discussions and meet with representatives of the Israeli government and experts who brief them on the latest developments in the Middle East. Parliamentarians shared their experiences in advocacy for Israel and received practical advice on the challenges in their respective countries. Additionally, Leo van Doesburg

8-10 October 2017 | Jerusalem, Israel

organiser: Israel Allies Foundation

main speakers:

- Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat & Chief Foreign Envoy of YESHA Council
- Daniel Williams, IAF Executive Director
- Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem
- Naftali Bennett, Minister of Education
- Ayooob Kara, Minister of Communications
- Gila Gamliel, Minister for Social Equality
- David Friedman, US Ambassador
- Ambassador Ronald Lauder, WJC President



had the opportunity to meet Israel's Minister for Social Equality, Gila Gamliel, together with Robert Ilatov (Chairman Knesset Christian Allies Caucus) and to discuss issues of mutual concern with her.

500th Anniversary of Reformation – impact on the Cultural, Social and Political life of Europe

On 11 October, ECPM held two events in Strasbourg to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. These were side events to the October 2017 session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and were organised in collaboration with ECPM MPs Pavel Ungurian and Valeriu Ghilețchi.



11 October 2017 | Strasbourg, France
organisers: ECPM, R500 Committee
main speakers:

- Pavel Ungurian, MP (UA)
- Valeriu Ghilețchi, MP (MD), ECPM board member
- Jeff Fountain, Director of the Schuman Centre for European Studies
- David Fieldsend, President of Sallux

The first event took place in the Palais de l'Europe, the main building of the Council of Europe, and had the title: "500th Anniversary of Reformation – impact on the Cultural, Social and Political life of Europe". It was attended by Members of the Parliamentary Assembly, religious leaders, members of the press and representatives of NGOs. Firstly, MP Pavel Ungurian, who also chaired the meeting together with MP Valeriu Ghilețchi, presented the results of a study he conducted in collaboration with Vernon L. Smith, Ph.D. (Economic Science Institute) and Roman



M. Sheremeta, Ph.D., (Case Western Reserve University and Economic Science Institute). The study examined the effects of the reformation on education, work ethic, entrepreneurship, social ethics, civil society and institutional changes. Jeff Fountain presented on the positive impact of the Reformation on European countries in social fields such as economic progress, art and music, marriage and family, law and the fight against corruption. These contributions were followed by an open discussion between the speakers and participants in the event.

On the same afternoon, the Strategic Forum for the “Preservation and Promotion of the Principles of the Reformation on the European Continent” was held in the premises of the European Parliamentary Association. It was attended by a delegation of Ukrainian church leaders, as well as members of different Non-Government Organisations. The main speaker for this event was David Fieldsend, President of Sallux (an ECPM Foundation). Read more on www.ecpm.info

Workshop on Election Campaign Management

YCD Georgia, together with the ECPM and SGP, organised a one-day workshop on election campaign management. The conference was attended by YCD party members from Tbilisi and other regions of Georgia. The conference was opened by YCD Leaders Giorgi Taktakishvili and Giorgi Papelishvili. The topic of their workshop was “Manifesto and campaign management”. Panel discussions were followed by Q&A sessions. The second panel of the conference was devoted to sharing international experience in election campaign management. It was opened by ECPM Vice President George Rukhadze. The special guest speakers were Mr Jacques Bazen, an ECPM board member, and Mr Ewart Bosma of the SGP party. Panel discussions were followed by active and lively Q&A sessions, panel speakers and the audience comparing Dutch and Georgian election-management experience and practices. After lunch, during the third panel of the day, Mr Giorgi Targamadze, former CDPP leader, MP and Parliamentary Minority Leader, and Mrs Khatuna Lagazidze, former SPM national campaign manager, joined the workshop and discussion. The training session focused on election day rules for candidates, observers, parties and third parties. The last workshop of the conference, which was moderated by YCD leader Giorgi Taktakishvili, was devoted to the state of Christian politics in Europe. The discussion focused on challenges and opportunities for Christian politics in the countries of Eastern and Western Europe. Read more on www.ecpm.info



14 October 2017 | Tbilisi, Georgia
organisers: ECPM, YCD Georgia,
Foundation for Training Activities in Eastern
Europe (SGP party)

main speakers:

- Giorgi Taktakishvili
- Giorgi Papelishvili
- George Rukhadze, ECPM Vice President
- Jacques Bazen, SGP party
- Ewart Bosma, SGP party
- Giorgi Targamadze, former CDPP leader,
MP and Parliamentary Minority Leader
- Khatuna Lagazidze, former SPM national
campaign manager



16 October 2017 | Žilina, Slovakia
 Organiser: ECPM
 Main speaker:
 Branislav Škripek, ECPM President
 and MEP (SK)

Prayer Breakfast Žilina

On the 16th of October 2017, the ECPM organised a prayer breakfast in the city of Žilina. More than 35 people from different spheres of influence attended.

We had guests from the city council, people actively engaged in educational work and business, priests and Christian activists. After the introductory speech from Branislav Škripek, we asked some questions regarding social issues in this specific region and people had the opportunity to discuss them. This was followed by time for sharing and networking and a closing prayer at the end of our meeting. This prayer breakfast was successful, and we are expecting further cooperation.

Bridge Conference

Christians working against sexual slavery gathered in Berlin to “speak with one voice”. About 200 women and men met in Berlin – one of the European cities with the highest number of prostituted women – from 16-19 October to discuss human trafficking and sexual slavery in Europe. This year’s gathering focused on “learning how to become media savvy, work together to make our collective voice heard and help survivors to speak out for themselves”. The network is very much based on personal relationships and has “action groups” in areas such as education, health, voice, research, refugees, prayer, pornography, etc.

16-19 October 2017 | Berlin, Germany
 organisers: ECPM, European Freedom Network
 main speakers:

- Rebecca Bender, survivor and writer
- Anne Abok, missionary with Youth With A Mission
- Dr Becca Johnson, psychologist
- Andrew Graystone
- Viv and Sheila Thomas



The purpose of this issue is to create content and initiatives that, combined, help the EFN “speak to institutions like the European Union, the United Nations and the media with one voice”, explained Jennifer Roemhildt Tunehag, chair of the team. Read more at www.ecpm.info

Latvian Prayer Breakfast

On 3 November, Leo van Doesburg, ECPM’s Director for European Affairs, participated in the Latvian Prayer Breakfast. It was an impressive event with powerful testimonies, touching music and a great atmosphere. He also had the opportunity to meet the party leader and the secretary of foreign affairs of the No Sirds Latvijai (For Latvia from the Heart) party.



3 November 2017 | Riga, Latvia
organiser: Parliament of Latvia
main speakers:

- Jānis Pujats, Cardinal of the Latvian Roman Catholic Church
- Pavils Bruvers, Latvian Lutheran Church
- Jānis Vanags, Latvian Lutheran Church

Romanian Prayer Breakfast

Between 7-9 November, Leo van Doesburg participated in and addressed the Romanian Prayer Breakfast. The theme of the meeting was “Integrity in the public sphere”. More than 300 people participated, including Members of Parliament and



other Romanian leaders in the fields of education, politics, health, business, civil society, and other spheres of Romanian society. It was an opportunity to connect with Romanian deputies and senators.

7-9 November 2017 | Bucharest, Romania

organisers: Chamber of Deputies of Romania, the Senate of Romania, The Ecumenical Parliamentary Prayer Group

main speakers:

- Florica Cherecheș, MP and member of the ECPM Advisory Council
- Ben-Oni Ardelean, MP
- Titus Corlățean, Senator
- Valeriu Ghilețchi, MP (MD) and ECPM board member
- Petru Andea, State Secretary of the Romanian Ministry of National Education

Christian Foreign Affairs Academy

Sallux, in cooperation with the Christian Democratic Forum (KDF), KÉSZ and the Barankovics Foundation, organised a study weekend at the conference of the Carpathian Diplomacy – Academy of Christian Foreign Affairs. Over 40



young people participated in the event. The aim of the training programme was to create a common forum for those of 18-35 years of age, dedicated to Christianity, for young people who are interested in or are involved in foreign affairs. Experts, consultants, ambassadors and policy-makers at the forefront of foreign affairs as a profession, both domestically and internationally, presented on and discussed current issues. Immigration, minorities, European defence policy and support for persecuted Christians were some of the topics discussed during the event.

10-12 November 2017 | Esztergom, Hungary

organisers: Sallux, Christian Democratic Forum (KDF), KÉSZ, the Barankovics Foundation
main speakers:

- Johannes de Jong, Sallux General Director
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs

Leo van Doesburg gave a lecture on how to promote Christian Democratic Values in a post-modern society. Read more on sallux.eu

European Advocacy Academy: Effective Campaigning

The European Advocacy Academy was held in Brussels from the 22nd to the 25th of November and focused on effective campaigning from a political, civil society and media perspective.

We are pleased to say that we met our objectives by training a very active group of stakeholders on effective campaigning. The lectures included topics such as Politics, Planning a Campaign, Presidential Campaigns, Civil Society Campaigning, Fundraising and Crisis Management. The seminars enabled our participants to learn more and acquire new skills to be better campaigners. We had very practical workshops on Social Media, where participants received input to use in their campaigns in Europe. Finally, we are building and strengthening a network of competent and like-minded stakeholders in Europe, by connecting them and offering them further training designed for them. Our group of participants included NGO leaders, politicians, pro-life activists and public speakers. They are all very active in the public debate in their countries, running different NGOs or projects on local or national levels. All of them were well prepared and able to actively participate in the debates and discussions, raise important questions and create room for sharing experiences. Read more at www.ecpm.info



22-25 November 2017 | Brussels, Belgium
organisers: ECPM, European Dignity Watch
main speakers:

- Ron Nehring, Director of International Training at The Leadership Institute
- Mark Campbell, former National Political Director
- Željka Markić, President of In the Name of the Family
- Andreas Thonhauser, Director of Communications for ADF International
- Ignacio Arsuaga, President of the CitizenGO Foundation

SGPJ Conference “Reforming”

On the 25th of November, Leo van Doesburg spoke at the SGPJ conference on the topic of European Christian politics and the ECPM. He gave practical advice to the conference participants on how to promote Christian values. He also presented

ECPM's philosophy on this topic, mentioning recent examples from the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.



25 November 2017 | Putten, Netherlands

organisers: SGP-jongeren (the Youth Wing of the Dutch Reformed Party, SGP)

main speakers:

- Prof. Dr G. Harinck, Professor of History and NeoCalvinism at the Free University of Amsterdam, director of Historical and Documentary Centre for Dutch Protestantism
- Prof. Dr G.C. den Hertog, Reverend and of professor Systematic theology
- Hans van den Heuvel
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs

The Political, Legal and Scientific Aspects of Human Dignity

This event was attended by seven MEPs from three different European Parliament Political Groups. From ECPM, its President, MEP Branislav Škripek and MEP Arne Gericke took part in the discussions. The Chairman of the Working Group is ECPM MEP Bastiaan Belder. Leo van Doesburg, ECPM's Director for European Affairs, is the Working Group's Secretary General. Read more at <https://www.ecpm.info/news/the-political-legal-and-scientific-aspects-of-human-dignity.html>

29 November 2017 | European Parliament, Brussels

organisers: Human Dignity Working Group

main speakers:

- Bastiaan Belder, chairman of the Working Group and ECPM MEP (NL)
- Arne Gericke, ECPM MEP (DE)
- Alojz Peterle, MEP Slovenia
- Luigi Morgano, MEP Italy
- Marijana Petir, MEP Croatia
- Branislav Škripek, ECPM President and MEP
- David Fieldsend, Sallux President
- Adina Portaru, Legal Counsel, ADF International



From Balfour Declaration to Start-Up Nation: How Can Europe and Israel Prepare for the Future?

On Wednesday, 6 December, ECPM organised a conference together with ECPM MEPs Bastiaan Belder and Branislav Škripek and the European Coalition for Israel.

The conference centred on the significance of the Balfour Declaration, a turning point in contemporary history.

The Balfour Declaration stood as the basis of the foundation of the Jewish State of Israel.

This conference was organised to commemorate the Declaration as it was written 100 years ago this year.

Keynote speaker MK Gilad Erdan stressed that “Europe and Israel can enhance their cooperation in every field, from fighting terror to developing high technology”.

Israel is known worldwide for its leading role in high technology and innovation. Examples of Israeli innovation projects were presented by Liron Rosenbaum, Director of Business Development of the renowned company OrCam Technologies.

Other examples were shared by Hila Glick, co-founder of

Innovation Without Borders, who said that Israel has a vibrant dynamic because more than 45 countries have active representation in innovation there. Glick stressed that governments are enablers for technology, creating possibilities and supporting start-ups. ECPM Director for European Affairs Leo van Doesburg ended the conference by thanking all participants and concluding that it is important to encourage innovation and see how we can increase, continue and strengthen the cooperation between Europe and Israel. The conference was attended by several Members of the European Parliament and a wide range of representatives from different communities and NGOs. Read more at www.ecpm.info

6 December 2017 | European Parliament, Brussels
organiser: ECPM

main speakers:

- Bastiaan Belder, ECPM MEP (NL)
- Branislav Škripek, ECPM MEP and ECPM President
- Arne Gericke, ECPM MEP (DE)
- Gilad Erdan, Israel’s Minister of Public Security and Strategic Affairs
- Lord Turnberg, MP (UK)
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs
- Robert Ilatov, Chairman of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
- Yoel Hasson, Deputy Chairman of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
- Liron Rosenbaum, Director of Business Development at OrCam Technologies
- Hila Glick, co-founder of Innovation Without Borders





Annual Cornerstone Dinner

On 6 December, the Annual Cornerstone Dinner for Young Professionals took place in Brussels. For many years, this event has provided young people with the opportunity to meet, network, enjoy music and discuss different aspects of what we can learn from Jesus in our personal lives and respective spheres of influence. As in previous years, the ECPM had the honour of sponsoring the dinner. It was a well-attended event with more than 70 participants. Gospel singer Arvid Pettersen performed a selection of Christmas carols during the dinner, as well as a special song for peace that he composed. The keynote speakers were Heather Staff (Christians on the Left) and ECPM Board Member and MP Valeriu Ghilețchi. Additionally, there was a panel on the role of Christian faith in our personal and professional lives. Participants were young professionals who are active in politics.

6 December 2017 | Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: ECPM

Main speakers:

- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs
- Heather Staff, director for the youth leadership board of Christians in Politics UK
- Valeriu Ghilețchi, ECPM Board Member and MP

European Prayer Breakfast

The 20th annual Prayer Breakfast took place in Brussels on December 6, 2017. Hundreds of Members of European Institutions, politicians, high officials and many other opinion leaders from all over Europe and beyond gathered in Brussels for the breakfast. Many of them joined the welcome dinner prior to it and the panel discussion and lunch after it.

The gathering was organised by the Prayer Breakfast Committee and the organising team led by Alojz Peterle, MEP and former PM of Slovenia. The theme of the event was “Unity”, as expressed by Psalm 133:1 of the Bible: “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”

6 December 2017 | European Parliament, Brussels

organisers: Prayer Breakfast Committee and the

organising team lead by MEP Alojz Peterle

main speakers:

- Tunne Kelam, MEP (ES) and his wife Mari-Ann Kelam, former MP of Estonia
- Alojz Peterle, MEP and former PM of Slovenia
- Catherine Stihler, MEP (UK)
- Arne Lietz, MEP (DE)
- David Hallam, former MEP (UK)
- Peter van Dalen, ECPM MEP (NL)

15th ECPM General Assembly

Our President and ECPM MEP Branislav Škripek welcomed all who were present at our General Assembly. He thanked all of the members and staff for their efforts in the last year. He paid special attention to our General Director Guido van Beusekom who, sadly, will resign his position.

Several new members were welcomed during the General Assembly. Firstly, a new member party, Alleanza Bidla from Malta, introduced by Ivan Grech Mintoff. Four new individual members were welcomed as well: Maltese MP

Edwin Vassallo, MP Marek Krajčí from Slovakia and Romanian MPs Luminița Jivan and Robert-Ionatan Sighiartau. A report of the activities of the Advisory Council during 2017 was given by its vice president Wijbren Jongsma. Resolutions were submitted to the General Assembly. ECPM Board Member and Moldovan MP Valeriu Ghilețchi (Member of the Council of Europe) presented his activities

in the Council of Europe regarding the report on “Protecting the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities” and shared with the members that he is working on a report on the rights of pregnant women who are working abroad. ECPM MEP Kazimierz Ujazdowski also shared his activities in the European Parliament. ECPM’s Director for European Affairs Leo van Doesburg did so as well, sharing that he participated in several meetings throughout Europe and one in Israel, where he promoted ECPM and has made new and interesting contacts. The General Assembly was then concluded by two short presentations by Sallux. Firstly, Rob Nijhof presented the new Sallux publication “Political wisdom” followed by a short presentation by Arleen Westerhof. Thanking all the participants for attending, Škripek announced that our next and 16th General Assembly will take place in Slovakia on 11 and 12 May. Read more at www.ecpm.info



7 December 2017 | European Parliament, Brussels
organiser: ECPM

main speakers:

- Branislav Škripek, MEP (SK) and ECPM president
- Ivan Grech Mintoff, president of Alleanza Bidla
- Wijbren Jongsma, Vice President of the Advisory Council
- Guido van Beusekom, General Director
- Valeriu Ghilețchi, MP (MD) and ECPM board member
- Leo van Doesburg, ECPM Director for European Affairs

Conference on Trafficking in Human Beings

In Serbia, a country that qualifies as a country of origin, transit and destination when it comes to trafficking in human beings, children, women and men are traded for

14 December 2017 | Novi Sad, Serbia

Organisers: ECPM, Evangelical Students' Association (IFES Serbia), Foundation for International Christian Democracy Development (Christian Union party)
main speakers:

- Mitar Đurašković - Head of the Office for Coordination of Activities in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Department of the Police
- Đorđe Dogandžić - Centre for the Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings
- Jelica Bojanić Kerkez - First Deputy President of the Appellate Court in Novi Sad
- Katarina Ivanovic - NGO ASTRA
- Čila Stojanović - Novi Sad Humanitarian Centre
- Nada Padejski-Šekerović - Novi Sad Centre for Social Work and Local Network for Combating Human Trafficking
- Vesna Čerimović and Natalija Ignac - Association of Roma Novi Bečej
- Nataša Igić - Novi Sad Youth Capital of Europe 2019 - OPENS

sexual and labour exploitation, coercion to commit crimes, forced begging and forced marriages. Despite the identification of victims, most of our citizens still believe that this is not happening in our country.

The aim of the Conference was to raise awareness of trafficking in human beings and to gain new knowledge and skills for preventing the trade of people from distinguished lecturers and experts who are facing this problem daily. Total participants at the conference: 80 participants (students, professionals, employees and associates of NGOs and institutions, members of the Local Network for Combating Human Trafficking, etc.).

All of the topics covered at the conference were discussed within the envisaged scope and within the established schedule. In terms of the number of questions and of participants' interest in the conversation with the lecturers, we could see that the topic was highly welcomed and that we managed to animate the participants and encourage them to think about this topic. Read more at www.ecpm.info



Let's Say the Truth – Education About the Istanbul Convention and Gender Theory

Let's say the truth – Education about the Istanbul convention and gender theory. The project was carried out as planned and the results are better than we expected. At the beginning of the project (November 2017), most of the Croatian population did not know anything about the Istanbul convention. This situation has changed significantly in the last two months. Not only did we inform and educate numerous people, but we also opened this topic up in the media. A public debate has now started. The Croatian government, who claimed that the Istanbul convention would be ratified in the Croatian Parliament by the end of 2017, has decided to postpone its proposal for ratification by Parliament. The public debate is continuing and the debate in the Parliament will occur in 2018, so our project is also continuing, as planned.



November-December 2017 | Croatia
 Organisers: ECPM, Parents' Voice for Children - GROZD
 Main speaker:
 Ladislav Ilčić, ECPM board member and chairman of the Hrast party



ECPYOUTH

Introduction

The year 2017 was a very positive one for ECPYouth, with lots of new opportunities. Our highlights have been our successful International Summer School in Odessa, our General Assembly and political café in February and our impact on a Christian conference in Jordan. We are looking back gratefully, and we are very happy with the support of ECPM and everyone involved with ECPYouth. One important decision we made is to start working with annual themes, to focus our energy and resources.



Events

- In February 2017, a Political Café (new concept!) and a General Assembly took place in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. We welcomed representatives from our Member Organisations, as well as members of our Dutch Member Organisations.
- In April we organised a Regional Conference in Paris, France together with our French Member Organisation about “Frexit”, the question of whether France should leave the EU or not. It was attended by French, Dutch and Belgian participants.
- Our annual International Summer School took place in Odessa (Ukraine) and was a great success. Over 40 participants from abroad and more than 20 from the local area came together to think about the

topic “Overcoming Divisions as a Main Challenge for Christian politics”. We chose this theme because we believe the love and grace of Jesus Christ not only bridges the gap between God and this corrupt world but also makes it possible to overcome conflicts between people. At the GA at this Summer School, we adopted the Odessa Declaration, a document on ECPYouth’s core (political) values written by the Working Group on Politics (see below). The Summer School was organised together with our Ukrainian Member Organisations, the Democratic Development Foundation and the Christian Democratic Union of Youth.

- In December 2017, a group of Board Members and the International Secretaries of Perspectief and SGPJ went to Jordan to join the local Maranatha conference. In partnership with FICDD (International Secretariat of ChristenUnie), which supported us financially, we were able to contribute to this conference. Our main goal was to give the event a political focus and to build up the Christian political movement in Jordan. Lots of young people went to Maranatha and heard about the opportunities of Christian politics.



Changes in the Board

At our International Summer School, Błażej Duber, Head of Office of the Polish MEP Kazimierz Ujazdowski, joined our Board. We are very happy to have him, as he is a warm person and capable Board Member. Also, Ardjan Boersma from SGPJ has been re-elected for another two years.

We are very happy with everything that Ardjan does for ECPYouth and for his decision to stay for another two years. In September, Hepke Deelstra left ECPYouth as General Secretary and Floris Wagenaar became the new General Secretary. Finally, we are building up Working Groups. In a couple of years, we hope to have Working Groups assisting every Board Member in his or her tasks. To have a more political focus, we decided to set up a Working Group on Politics. At the moment, five members from all over Europe are working on the annual theme for 2018, ‘Combating Human Trafficking’.



Looking forward

In December 2017, we decided to start cooperating with European Dignity Watch and supporting them financially. Part of this cooperation is that we can bring more young professionals to be trained at their well-known European Advocacy Academy. The new year will also be the first year we are working with an annual theme. We are looking forward to seeing what fruits this new structure will bring. We expect everything from our Lord and Saviour.

Blessings,

Floris Wagenaar | General Secretary, ECPYouth



RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTED DURING THE ECPM GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Resolution 'Student Exchange after Brexit

Tabled by ECPYouth

The General Assembly of ECPM, gathered on the 23rd of May 2017 in Warsaw,

Considering that it is unsure which possible difficulties the European Union (EU) will face in the future in working together with the United Kingdom (UK) after they have left the EU.

Considering that the European Commission and the main European leaders want the UK to pay a high price for leaving the EU.

Stressing the fact that a good relationship with the UK is crucial and beneficial for both the UK and the EU in many different areas such as trade, security and education.

Considering that the Brexit will most likely affect a large number of youth in the UK and in the EU Member States, as it is expected that studying in the UK will be much more difficult for foreign students and it is uncertain whether the UK can stay in exchange programmes like Erasmus.

Considering that studying abroad strongly contributes to the development of young people in many ways.

Considering that in the past both thousands of European and UK students have participated in such programmes and exchanges.

Urges the European Commission to negotiate a deal with the UK that ensures the mobility of students in the UK and the EU.

Calls upon the European Commission to make sure that UK students and EU students will still be able to participate in Erasmus and other exchange programmes offered by universities in the UK and in the EU, at reasonable costs.

Resolution on Christendom mainstreaming

Tabled by Marek Jurek, Right of the Republic, Poland

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Considering that the values of Christendom, by which are meant not only the teachings of Jesus Christ and the common cultural roots of the nations of Europe but also the reality of Christian life in Europe, are a universal and essential element of Europe's common good.

Considering that according to the Treaty of the European Union, the 'religious inheritance of Europe' is the vivid inspiration for our nations as well as the fundament of our institutions.

Being aware of attempts by political forces in Europe to remove or neglect these values that could lead to a breach of justice, freedom, common good and eventually democracy itself.

Emphasises that the right to life from conception to natural death and the right of parents to raise their children in accordance with morality are the inviolable part of the reality of Christendom.

Firmly states that it will pursue policies that will mainstream the reality, values and virtues of Christendom on local, regional, national and European level and in all institutions in which the Movement is active.

Resolution on EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights - Tabled by Marek Jurek, Right of the Republic, Poland

The General Assembly of ECPM, gathered on the 23rd of May 2017 in Warsaw,

Taking notice of the proposal to establish an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.¹

1. [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2016/579328/EPRS_IDA\(2016\)579328_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2016/579328/EPRS_IDA(2016)579328_EN.pdf)

Considering that this proposal constitutes a radical breach of the Treaty of the European Union and of the separation of powers and of the rule of law.

Reminding that in the case of the breach of the values that are considered common by the Union, the Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union reserves the judgment on the breach done by one of the Member States to other Member States authorities.

Reminding that the governments of the Member States acting through European Council “hear”, “address recommendations” and “call” the Member State to correct its actions if they see reason to do it.

Considering that the requirement of the common opinion of four fifths of the Member States to state the “clear risk” of a serious breach of the values of the European Union by a Member State is by no means an evidence of weakness or ineffectiveness of the Treaty.

Stresses that the need of that high majority is the result of the simple fact that since the Treaty of Rome the European integration has aimed at putting an end to any plans to dominate Europe by anyone and at avoiding creating any new mechanisms of domination, for example ideological ones.

Reminds that Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union makes a space for European Commission, European Parliament and groups of Member States to express their opinion on upholding of the common values.

Emphasises that it is the intergovernmental mechanism expressed in the European Council which is the only authorized judge of that opinions.

Warns that the extra-treaty attempts to create institutions which would perform the same function do constitute a usurpation of power.



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political party: Hrast



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Previously he worked in education and was the editor for international affairs at the *Reformatisch Dagblad* (Reformed Daily).



Peter van Dalen

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Peter van Dalen is a Dutch politician and former civil servant. He is a member of the ChristenUnie party, and was formerly a member of the Reformatory Political Federation (RPF), which merged with the Reformed Political League (GPV) to form ChristenUnie. He is a Member of the European Parliament.

Van Dalen studied history and international relations at Utrecht University. He worked in the House of Representatives of the Netherlands as a member of staff for Meindert Leerling, with responsibility for health policy. He became a senior policy officer for Leen van der Waal, a Member of the European Parliament for a joint RPF/GPV/SGP ticket in 1984. In 1989, van Dalen joined the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, dealing with the then-European Economic Community (EEC). From 1990 to 2009, van Dalen held increasingly senior positions in the Ministry, reaching the position of Superintendent-Director of the Inspectorate of Transport and Public Works. From 1994 to 1998, Van Dalen was a member of the municipal council of Houten for the RPF/GPV combined fraction and also leader of this fraction.

In late February 2009, van Dalen was designated leader for the 2009 European elections of the ChristenUnie. During this term, Van Dalen was vice chairman of the Committee on Transport and Tourism in the European Parliament. In 2014, van Dalen was re-elected as member of the European Parliament, where he is a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, the Committee on Fisheries and the Delegation for relations with India. Furthermore, he is a substitute in the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia.



Branislav Škripek

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Branislav Škripek was born in Piešťany in Slovakia and studied theology. He worked as a caregiver for disabled youth in Bratislava. He was involved in community development in St. Martin, Bratislava. In 2000, he co-founded a nongovernmental organisation that organised public Christian meetings, worked with young people, travelled through Slovakia with the 'Campaign for Jesus' and organised training seminars and workshops. In addition, he made a living as a translator and interpreter. In 2012, Škripek was elected into the Slovakian parliament.

In May 2014, he was elected for the first time as a member of the European Parliament, where he is a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and of the D-IL Delegation for relations with Israel. As a substitute, he sits in the REGI Committee on Regions and the Delegation for relations with Mashreq countries.

Branislav Škripek is married and has two sons.



Arne Gericke

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Gericke was born in Hamburg in 1964, but grew up in Papua New Guinea until 1979, when he returned to Germany. He is married and has seven children (four of his own and three adopted). In 2004, he quit his job and became an orator and pastor in order to have more time for his family. Politically, he wants to ensure that educational work (the work of raising children at home) is recognised as gainful employment. He stands for family-friendly business, rather than a business-friendly family. In 2014, he was elected for the first time as a Member of the European Parliament, and he is a

member of the EMPL Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the DACP Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. Furthermore, he is a substitute in the FEMM Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, the DROI Subcommittee on Human Rights and the DASE Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



Marek Jurek

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Marek Jurek is a politician and Member of the European Parliament. Since 20 April 2007, he has been the leader of the aspiring party Right of the Republic, which does not have any MPs. In the 1980s, he was an activist in the anti-communist movement in Poland. After the fall of the communism in 1989, he was one of the founders of the now-defunct political party Christian National Union. Marek Jurek declared full support for the teachings of the Catholic Church, as he is pro-life. He supports the traditional family model.

In the European Parliament, he is a member of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence and the Delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament. Additionally, he is a substitute in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Delegation for relations with Belarus and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly.



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Kazimierz Ujazdowski is a Polish politician and Doctor of Law. He is an independent Member of the European Parliament. He sits in the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs, the Delegation for relations with Belarus and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Ujazdowski is a substitute for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and for the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Association Committee.

Ujazdowski held office in the Polish government as Minister for Culture and National Heritage in 2000-2001 and 2005-2007. He was a member of the Sejm (national Polish parliament) for 19 years before becoming an MEP.



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