



**Church & Society Commission of CEC and
Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy**

**CHURCHES' VOICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
TRAINING ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
IN THE EUROMEDITERRANEAN REGION**

***Proverbs 31:8-9** "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."*

**30 October - 1 November 2013,
La Noce Centro Diaconale, Palermo, Italy**

Programme

Wednesday 30 October

- 15:00-15:30 **Opening Prayer and welcome** (introduction) by the organisers
- a) Rev. Luca Baratto, Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy – FCEI
 - b) Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic, HR Secretary Church & Society Commission of CEC
 - c) Rev. Francesco Sciotto, Director of La Noce Centro Diaconale
 - d) Rev. Peter Ciaccio, Methodist Church in Italy – FCEI
 - e) Prof. Valdo Spini, former MP
- 15:30–17:00 **Market Place:** familiarizing with current Human Rights challenges in the Euromed Region and the world (**Chatham House Rule**)
- Moderator: **Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic, HR Secretary Church & Society Commission of CEC & Rev. Peter Ciaccio, Methodist Church in Italy – FCEI**

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Speakers:

- a) Dr Paolo Naso, Sapienza University - FCEI
- b) Ms Allyson Stroschein, Development Advisor NATO/SHAPE
- c) General Ivan Beneta, former Assistant Chief of Staff for Civil Military Cooperation in NATO/SHAPE

17:00-17:30 Coffee break (Family photo)

17:30-19:00 **Market Place:** familiarizing with current Human Rights challenges of social, economic and cultural rights in the Euromed Region

Moderator: **Rev. Peter Ciaccio**, Methodist Church in Italy – FCEI & **Ms Kati Jääskeläinen**, Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland

Speakers:

- a) Ms Vivi Akakpo, All Africa Conference of Churches
- b) Ms Gayane Manukyan, Armenian Apostolic Church, Diocese of Artic

19:30-20:30 Dinner

20:30-22:30 **Social evening** (sharing and presenting food and drinks from the Euromed region)

Thursday 31 October

08:45-09:00 **Prayer**

09:00-10:30 **Bible and Human Rights**

Moderator: **Ms Natallia Vasilevich**, World Student Christian Federation - Europe

Speakers:

- a) Prof Dr Vassiliki Stathokosta, Church of Greece
- b) Rev. Luca Baratto, Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **Introduction to the concept of International Organisations and Human Rights Law** - (social, economic and cultural rights)

Moderator: **Ms Kati Jääskeläinen**, Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland

Speakers:

- a) Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic, HR Secretary Church & Society Commission of CEC

b) Dr Mohammed Amin Al-Midani, Arab Centre for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Education

c) Prof. Leoluca Orlando, Mayor of Palermo

12:30-14:00 Lunch (Family photo)

14:00-15:30 **Introduction to the International Human Rights instruments and mechanisms I (UN) - (Social, Economic and Cultural rights)**

Moderator: **Rev. Peter Ciaccio**, Methodist Church in Italy - FCEI

Speakers:

a) Dr Mohammed Amin Al-Midani, Arab Centre for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Education

b) Dr Göran Gunner, Church of Sweden

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Introduction to the International Human Rights instruments and mechanisms II (EU, CoE) - (Social, Economic and Cultural rights)**

Moderator: **Ms Natallia Vasilevich**, World Student Christian Federation – Europe & **Dr Göran Gunner**, Church of Sweden

Speakers:

a) Mr Klaus Lörcher, Expert on fundamental social rights

17:30-18:00 Coffee break

18:00-19:30 **How to approach Complaint Mechanisms which relate to social, economic and cultural rights as church or individual? National Human Rights instruments & mechanisms**

Moderator: **Ms Kati Jääskeläinen**, Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland

Speakers:

a) Prof Dr Vassiliki Stathokosta, Church of Greece

b) Ms Carolina Bueno Calvo, Representative of FEREDE

19:30-20:30 Dinner

Free time

Friday 1 November

08:45-09:00 **Prayer**

09:00-10:30 **I Violation of Social Economic and Cultural Rights in Euromed region – making people flee – What could churches do? ([Chatham House Rule](#))**

Moderator: **Ms Franca Di Lecce**, FCEI Commission on Migration & Refugees

- a) Ms Vivi Akakpo, All-Africa Conference of Churches
- b) Rev. Vivian Wiwoloku, Pellegrino della terra
- c) General Ivan Beneta, former Assistant Chief of Staff for Civil Military Cooperation in NATO/SHAPE
- d) Mr Giovanni Pagano , Libera Palermo

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **II Violation of Social Economic and Cultural Rights in Euromed region – making people flee – What could churches do?**

Discussion and conclusions - what did we learn?

Moderator: **Rev. Peter Ciaccio**, Methodist Church in Italy – FCEI & **Mag. Elizabeta Kitanovic**, HR Secretary Church & Society Commission of CEC

12:30-13:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 **VISITING LIBERA** (Family photo)

16:00 **Departures**