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| **Why?**                | **Working groups has long tradition in WSCF-Europe. Back in 1990es when there were ERAs without advanced communications means, working group members used to fax and call each other to communicate across countries in Europe to get some of WSCF mission happening. The very aim was to gather people with the same interest and work together over period of time on vision that mattered to them. Some working groups themes have changed, but most of them stayed relevant. On 25th October 2015, we would like to continue the work our predecessors were paving with the same interest and passion we all have for different mission of WSCF-E. Working groups sessions will be prepared by facilitators who are current ERC members.**

**What is the expected outcome?**

Working group will be asked to discuss together themes and produce specific recommendations which shall become guiding policy papers for next two years in WSCF-Europe:

**Thematic groups specific outcomes**

- One or more theme for a conference in that working area
- 1-2 priorities in that working area that could become campaigning idea
• Suggestion for the tool of campaign
• Other additional specific recommendations in that working area
• Creation of group of people offering support to this working group goals over 2015-2017 (optional for group members). The aim would be to create a platform to stay in touch (fb group) and discuss there possible projects over 2015-2017. The group to be led by a future ERC member age ERA

**Operational working groups**
• General recommendations to the work of WSCF Europe in the given area
• Provide concrete ways of fulfilling specified recommendations
• Creation of group of people offering support to this working group goals over 2015-2017 (optional for group members). The aim would be to create a platform to stay in touch (fb group) and discuss there possible projects over 2015-2017. The group to be led by a future ERC member age ERA

**Can I contribute to preparation of working groups?**
Yes you can! Your skills, support and initiative is very welcome and appreciated. Whether it is methodological help, knowledge of the subject or any other, do not hesitate to contact working groups facilitators-

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**How will working groups work?**
A member of the new and old ERC will jointly facilitate each working group. Please make sure to choose someone in your working group to take detailed minutes of the discussions! The working groups will feed back to the plenary after a coffee break, before their recommendations are approved by the whole ERA. The working groups should have a subregional, denominational and gender balance. This is to make sure that the recommendations made will be acceptable to plenary without extensive discussions, as there will be very little time to reflect on the individual recommendations during the plenary session. If you have a question, please make sure it is relevant and specific. The working groups’ recommendations can only be adjusted in plenary, if there is a major objection.