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“So that all may be One. Ut omnes unum Sint”

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Dear Friends of WSCF-Europe

This is the 4th year for me personally that I am encapsulating the year in my role of the Chair of WSCF-Europe. I would like to share my reflection not just on this year but with a brief attempt to do it holistically on all past four years since 2013 when I was given trust to be in this role. Our small yet internally strong international movement with Christian roots and vision for humanity, justice and peace is going through some years of transformation as we witness internally (financial challenges and WSCF global structural concerns) and also externally when our mission takes also old/new positive shapes in our approaches as we work more and more in partnerships with other organisations, bring our movements the global dimension of the Federation through increased global participation and creating exchange platforms; and being the enabler of the responsible Christian life in the secular context of our societies where we can create synergies for shared futures. All three mentioned elements show our visibility inside and outside of our immediate Christian platforms as I believe that what our increasing diverse societies that Europe is witnessing need- is an ecumenical movement which is united inside and can serve as the connector not just inside Christianity but also outside of her immediate audience. We continue translating our biblical core with students to actions for humanity, peace and justice which go wider and wider and can reach many young people and our communities.

In this context of last years and again the year 2017 which was a year of internal changes—in terms of financial and structural concerns—what remains is the dedication of people. Since I joined the organization in 2013 in this role we have had a strong team—regional committee and staff who showed commitment to what we are doing. I am very grateful for the team that we have had and people who choose to give their time and staff who works with exceptional commitment and who decided to remain for longer period and mutual inspirations the team can give among each other. This choice to dedicate time and energy in times which are challenging is what I see as team’s resilience and deeply hold belief in our mission. And importantly also- the appreciation of the atmosphere the team can create for itself that keep us going too. I am honored to be still part of this team. Our assembly and election in 2017 also demonstrated continued perseverance and enthusiasm of many young people to our mission in what is known as challenging environment of finances which affects the organization in all its parts. I am grateful for support coming also from our friends of WSCF -former staff, ERC members and many others who never hold any official role yet support us with trust and encouragement as well as long term donors who support us on the road to serve our shared goals. I would like to thank all supportive people that cared about small or big elements of our work. The team shall continue as best as we can with our educational and advocacy mission for young people and their communities to be bearing witness to Jesus Christ.

I encourage everyone to give a hand to WSCF mission as that has been done for almost 50 years since 1969 in the Europe region of WSCF- in the spirit of dialogue and good will that we wish to keep sharing through WSCF.

With sincere thanks to All

ZUZANA BABICOVA
WSCF-Europe Chairperson
Last year the Federation went through the challenging and transitional period which was met with compassion and resilience by the regional team in Europe. We put huge efforts to face these challenges internally and at a wider European level. This was a period of an extreme financial and organisational turbulence but it also showed the potential and capacity of the Federation how to mobilise resources, find creative ways of setting priorities and delivering its mission by play an important role in the development process. We continue to adhere to unique character of our progressive ecumenical movement which inspires and empowers Christian students and young people from diverse backgrounds i.e. different cultures and traditions, political, social and economic situations.

The work programme last year focused on responding the need and challenges of young people from our member movements in Europe as well as on the current important issues in the region. We looked at these issues from local, national, European and global perspectives and reflected through our strategic plan. For 2017 we decided (based on the surveys and suggestions given by the SCMs in region) to focus on pan-European issue that to some extend concerns many, if not all, European countries. Our approach was based on promoting equal opportunities, human rights and respect for a human dignity as core principles of every inclusive and diverse society. Given the challenges of current immigration and refugee crisis in Europe, we believed that addressing these issues were of utmost importance. The immigration and refugee crisis, radicalisation and terrorism have fuelled and triggered racism and xenophobia against religious and ethnic minority groups in general. It is essential that in the current situation of growing hate speech and hate crime, we focus our efforts on fostering intercultural and inter-religious understanding in our society.

During the evaluation process we found ourselves pleasantly surprised and overjoyed by many tangible and intangible positive outcomes achieved in 2017. We are proud to be responsible for:

- reaching over 200 young leaders through national and international activities;
- implementing over 10 local initiatives by youth groups across Europe;
- strengthening our links and collaboration with the member movements especially in Lithuania, Ireland, Germany, UK and Finland;
- welcoming a new member movement from the Netherlands into WSCF family and establish contacts in countries where WSCF has no member movements;
- developing new initiatives of networking and partnering with other ecumenical organisations, inter religious networks and other stakeholders;
- Finding new ways of engaging with members of the regional committee and movements in the consultations and working groups;
- collecting critical and theological reflections of our young people in the thematic edition of the WSCF-Europe journal “Mozaik” dedicated to the topics of integration, diversity and migration;
- strengthening the network of WSCF-Europe Friends that we started year before which inspired creation of regular communication and supporting platforms;
- progressing in utilising social platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Flickr) and website to promote our work, issue solidarity statements and create online platform for sharing;
- creating Regular Donation System;
- advancing our role as ecumenical youth organisation in Europe by bringing closer WSCF mission and working directions to partners and donors;

I would like to congratulate personally to the staff and regional committee members for their commitment, passion and resilience to address some tough challenges during the transition period. I would like to thank all, staff and members of the regional committee, supporters, member movements and those simply believing in our cause. Our future strategic approach is to further strengthen our members’ participation, inclusion and development as leaders in all aspects of life. The work programme in 2018 is built on these concepts and approaches.
Year at a Glance

Communications:

Facebook
- reaching more people than ever on our Facebook page:
  210 posts
  65,201 people reached

Twitter
- reactivating and engaging more on our Twitter page:
  916 followers
  1974 tweets

Blog
- we have welcomed thoughts from our volunteers and supporters:
  4 blog posts

Mozaiik
- our journal has received many contributions and has reached our volunteers and supporters:
  22 Mozaiik articles and contributions

Newsletter
- widely read monthly newsletter, reaching people in different corners of Europe and beyond:
  12 newsletters
  531 subscribers

Most of our readers come from: the UK, Germany, USA, Sweden, France, Romania, Ukraine, Slovakia, Italy, Finland, Russia, Austria and Malta.

Visuals
- improved visuals:
  1 video
  500 photos
  7 posters

Website
- record number of visitors on our website:
  14,807 website visits
  5.4% more than in 2016

Volunteers and Partners:

Beneficiaries:
Over 850 beneficiaries who have attended our or partner events, have received communications from WSCF-Europe, and have engaged with WSCF-Europe, as part of working groups, or as part of event preparatory committees.

Solidarity statements
- we have been more reactive to difficulties experienced by people in the region and beyond:
  17 solidarity statements shared on our website and social media

Partner events
- we have actively engaged with our partners, building bridges and maintaining connections:
  13 partner events attended
  15 delegates
Mission
Putting our faith into action to contribute to the renewal of the ecumenical movement and to promote justice and peace in the world.

Strategies
Bible and Theological Advocacy and Solidarity Transformative Diakonia Capacity Building Movement Building

World Student Christian Federation in Europe (WSCF-Europe) was launched as a regional body of the World Student Christian Federation in 1968. Before having a designated office and staff in Europe, all activities were managed through our global office since its foundation in 1895. The WSCF-Europe remains its close ties with global office and all other regional bodies represented in across other continents. We share our overall vision with the global movement, however the WSCF-Europe has its own strategic objectives and annual priorities in line with the needs and challenges of its member movements in Europe.

Empowering and inspiring of Christian young people to serve the humanity within and beyond their communities, has always been basis of our work. We aim to translate our Christian values and principles of love, respect and unity in serving the most deprived and vulnerable people. We work towards building of a just and peaceful society where all human beings are respected and represented in the development of their shared future.

WSCF-Europe organises thematic awareness-raising conferences, capacity-building events and networking activities across Europe. These events are primarily targeted at our member organisations to sustain connections, facilitate best practice sharing and celebrate unity. However, we are open to anyone outside our movements who share our values and could contribute to a better future with us. WSCF-Europe has been a strong voice for Christian young people over decades, giving them platform through our flagship projects and initiatives that has reached over thousands young people.

The WSCF-Europe is governed by the constitution and management Regional Committee is its decision-making body. It is an umbrella organisation that serves 30 movements across 25 countries in Europe. The members of the European Regional Committee (ERC) are democratically elected by the Regional Assembly for two years. The main function of the ERC includes to approve strategic and annual plans, budgets, overview financial administration and hiring of staff. The decisions and proposals agreed by the ERC are implemented by the WSCF Executive for Europe and regional staff members.
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“I stand up to hate speech: tools for newcomers” was a 4-day capacity-building training course on advocacy and campaigning for all WSCF-Europe member movements.

The capacity-building training course for staff and officers from our member movements was organised in Vilnius, Lithuania during 1-6 April and it aimed to address the issue of hate speech and xenophobia by mobilising students and young people in our movements. 25 young people representing 16 different countries were inspired and trained how to develop and run successful and effective campaigns and grassroots interventions at national and local levels.

During the event the participants got acquainted to the terms and concepts related to human rights, hate speech and situations in their realities in order to build a common frame of reference. In the small groups they have shared and discussed the challenges and realities in their home countries. They had to map problems and issues both common with other participants and specific to their communities. The results of this session were used by the participants during the action planning part of the programme.

Other two sessions were dedicated to the human rights education. Through the non-formal educational methods the participants got theoretical
knowledge and learned about the tools, techniques and approaches they can apply in their work to combat discrimination, racism and exclusion. As the best practice models of working on the issue we used already existing educational materials, toolkits and exercises created by the NHSM and CoE. Participants appreciated very much the learning process through the creative methods of simulation games, debates, small group discussions and presentations on general human rights, prejudices, stereotypes, intercultural communication and conflict solving.

We had the opportunity to meet the activists from the No Hate Speech Movement and Human Right Monitoring Institute and have learned about the best-practice projects and successful actions on advocacy and campaigning targeting youth. In the afternoon during the parallel workshops participants discussed various issues and cases emerged from the previous days’ discussions.

The last day was dedicated to the Year with No Hate campaign. They worked in groups to elaborate the plans of actions at national and local levels.

Apart from an official part of the programme, participants enjoyed the informal programme in the evenings and prayer moments that were linked to each theme of the day. These moments helped a lot participants to know each other on a more personal level and create a friendship and personal ties that still continues.

The meeting was supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe as part of our Annual Work Plan 2017.

The photos from the sessions are available at the WSCF-Europe flick account. https://www.flickr.com/photos/wscfeurope/
Taylor Driggers
SCM Britain General Council

I’m not sure what I was expecting when I showed up to the WSCF Staff and Officers’ Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania on combating hate speech, but I came away with a renewed desire to engage in healthy and nonviolent conflict, new practical tools to help me do that, and quite a few reminders of why I got involved with SCM in the first place. […]

The variety of the programme, which included role-playing exercises as well as more traditional group discussions, also kept the material refreshing and helped us explore and discover where we stand in relation to issues of hate speech, xenophobia, and the politics surrounding migration, gender, and race. I was struck by how similar the realities we all live with were, and how much the week seemed to be a process of uncovering different ways we could work together—even from afar—toward similar goals. […]

I feel like I could go on for ages about every aspect of the week, as I felt like every minute of every day I was learning something new, whether it was in our workshops, the times of prayer and reflection, or conversations with new friends at meal and break times. If I take away one thing from the WSCF Staff and Officers’ Meeting, however, it will be this reminder: that communities dedicated to praying together, slowing down and paying careful attention to everyday interactions, and understanding each other are something I desperately need if I want to make the world a better place. I felt safely held within such a community while in Lithuania, and I’m excited for us to continue to learn from each other as we share the progress of our campaigns from afar going forward.

Elisa Silvana Ghelli
Italy

It was a very interesting and amusing night, full of discoveries, laughs and happy moments. We were pleased by the Armenian girls, Shoghakat and Mariam, singing a wonderful song in their language. We also listened to the American-Scottish guy, Taylor, whose voice was amazing, and the Austrians, Mirjam and Severin, that, with their typical clothes, let us discover the “Yodel”.

Everything was tasty and everyone was so interesting for me to meet and know. […]

Alina asked what it was for us the meaning of human rights and which ones were respected in our realities. I was shocked when I discovered that in some countries there are almost no human rights observed while in Italy, where I live, some of them are so natural that I forget that unfortunately it is not like this everywhere. […]

I learnt a lot and create new relationships with people from all over Europe. I wish I could participate to other WSCF events and wish everyone could have the opportunity to do it, once in a lifetime.
In autumn WSCF-Europe hosted the youth conference “(I)migrant: perspectives of minority integration in Europe”. It brought together 20 young people coming from 13 different countries and took place between 8-13 October 2017 in Prosperous, Ireland.

The programme was designed to allow participants to gain the knowledge, experiences and competences to deal with promotion of human rights, integration and cultural diversity while standing against extreme violence, radicalisation and exclusion of migrants and other minority groups. During the meeting participants reflected, learned and discussed different approaches and perspectives on integration with special focus on the roles and potentials of churches.

Five days of the meeting were full of both theoretical and practical discussions, exchanges and forward looking planning. Innovative and interactive learning approaches were used by the preparatory team to achieving the objectives of the conference. We believe that the following objectives were achieved:

- keynote contributions of the external speakers during the panel discussions gave participants input about concepts and perspectives on minority integration and inclusive practices towards migrants and refugees;
- workshops delivered by the local practitioners and experts during the study visits in Dublin provided the participants with the skills and knowledge on advocacy and campaigning;
- participatory sessions where participants shared and discussed about the challenge of raising racism, extremism and social exclusion of migrants and other minorities and marginalised groups at their local level and across different countries in Europe;
- solidarity evening with migrants and minority youth that allowed participants in more informal environment to talk with young people from minority backgrounds residing in Ireland, share the evening together, listen to their stories and make links and friendships;
- the participants were given an open and safe space for exchange and discussions on the common approaches and strategies for overcoming violence and preventing radicalisations in their local contexts;
empowered by the learned experiences and knowledge participants created concrete follow up activities and campaigns for their grassroots movements and for the WSCF-Europe.

The participants of the meeting came from different countries and with different backgrounds with very valuable ideas and commitments perfectly fitted in the learning process of the meeting. We certainly achieved the main result of the meeting - to empower young people to make a change! We also managed to set clear direction for the WSCF-Europe to take its strategic plan to a next level in 2018.

The meeting was supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe as part of our Annual Work Plan and Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission.

The photos from the sessions are available at The WSCF-Europe flick account.

**WHAT PARTICIPANTS REPORTED ABOUT THE MEETING:**

“We learned a lot of things about each other and were provided with some very useful information about the general direction of the week”

“The panel discussion this morning proved that integration, despite its inconsistencies and problems in Europe, is possible given the right conditions. It acted as a reminder to maintain enthusiasm and energy within ourselves in order to promote continued positive inter-cultural co-existence”

“I find concrete activities are the best activities to let us experience what other perspectives can be. The roles were carefully assigned and it was a successful activity.”

“This was my favourite day! I really like to see things come to fruition and become more concrete. I feel more time should have been spent discussing concrete ideas for campaigns and projects and actively trying to plan these projects”

“This conference went well beyond my expectations. I really feel I’ve learned something that I can bring back to university and share with others. I’m part of a group that is learning about how to do activism, campaigning and volunteering. I’ll definitely be sharing what I learned here particularly the advice Fenna gave me about how to carry out activism when you are just a small group”
Last year we successfully run the campaign *A Year With No Hate*. It was launched at the training course in Vilnius and aimed to create a platform for raising awareness and empowering students and young people across WSCF-Europe member countries to challenge discrimination, inequality and exclusion of marginalised and disadvantaged groups.

Number of European and local activities were implemented within the campaign throughout the year. It was a great learning point for us as it was the first time when the WSCF-Europe coordinated an Europe-wide actions driven by a common campaign spirit. The idea of the campaign was built on the WSCF-Europe member movements’ requests to provide the training on advocacy and campaigning techniques, skills and competences needed to challenge and address the concerning issues at the local and European levels. The Campaign team did its best to reach the expected results by the end of the year and to increase capacity and motivation of young people in the member countries to become more engaged in promoting equality, inclusion and justice.

The regional office through the Campaign team has coordinated all the activities, while the planning and implementation of the local initiatives was conducted by the students and youth representatives of our member movements in their local communities. These were mostly the young people who were trained during the training course in Vilnius.

The best and most successful actions included:
- small-scale activities planned and implemented by young people in the member movements;
- photo completion;
- calendar with the highlight photos from the Campaign;
- thematic edition of the WSCF-Europe journal “Mozaik” dedicated to the topics of integration, diversity and migration.

The enthusiasm and commitment of young people encouraged us to continue working on the campaign in 2018. We are happy by the achieved results in terms of the number of young people reached, topics addressed, great experience and spirit of solidarity witnessed throughout the WSCF-Europe member movements in many countries.

**Photo Competition**

From October to December, a photo competition on Diversity and Integration was organised and creative young people across Europe were invited to share their best photographs reflecting the topics of the Campaign.

The first three winning photos have received the prizes and their works were included in the journal Mozaik and calendar dedicated to the topic of human rights, diversity and integration.

David Enriquez from Germany won the first prize with its picture “Breaking the Bubble”. The second prize was awarded to the Serbian Mirjam Balovski for the picture “Heart of hands” and the third one to Diana Yeghiazaryan from Armenia for her picture “Inside we are all the same humans”.

“I wouldn’t call myself an activist but I have the feeling that I need to defend the positive values of many people who accepted me as I am in this new country. Europe is, and I strongly wish it will always be, one of the best examples in the world for multiculturalism and integration, yet it needs to be dynamic and continuously progressive to fight against racism, xenophobia and despotism. This picture represents for me the opposite of what adults and in particular right-wing believers view. In their world, children don’t know differences between us and everyone is treated as a pair, as an equal. Breaking the Bubble, getting outside our space, share it with others. That’s a closer world image of the Europe I want to live in.”

David Enriquez from Germany
1. David Enriquez from Germany “Breaking the Bubble”
2. Mirjam Balovski from Serbia “Heart of hands”
3. Diana Yeghiazaryan from Armenia “Inside we are all the same humans”
Finland Lutheran Movement Sky organised a study trip to Tallinn, Estonia on 27th October. 12 young people from both countries have discussed and learnt about the situation in Estonia regarding the migrants, asylum seekers, ethnic and religious minorities and the role and position of the Church. Further, the issues of sexual minorities in Tallinn has been presented and discussed. Two groups worked together on the future actions and how to address the challenges they face in both countries engaging youth groups from minority backgrounds.

“The students felt that ecumenism and speaking about social inequity is important. It is important for a Christian organization to address social inequity. The students also felt that the long history and the international extent were important. It is important that we are part of the WSCF. This all separates us from other student organizations in Finland.”

Katri Jussila, General Secretary of the SCM Finland
Highlight Local Initiatives
A Light for All

Student Christian Movement in Britain organised the workshop “A Light for All”. 15 young people from the SCM, Senior friends, Staff and local University Chaplains came together to Lancaster University Chaplaincy and with invited speakers explored the Bible in an inclusive and diverse atmosphere.

Rev Dr Anderson Jeremiah with his talk “The Bible as a Catalyst for new life: an immigrant’s perspective”, Rev Kara Cooper, Regional Worker from Christian Aid, and Rev Kevin Huggett were the speakers who tackled different cultural perspectives, reflected about campaigning and speaking for justice from the Christian perspective. It was both interesting and useful for young people to tackle the difficult questions and find the answers to end hatred among people.

“The financial support received has enabled us to bring speakers with differing backgrounds to the event, as well as gathering together young people from across the North West of England and beyond. This rich diversity made this day the success it was” shared with us Rach Collins, the coordinator of the activity.
Our SCM in Italy — Federazione Giovanile Evangelica Italiana (FGEI) — has been busy this year organising a big event celebrating the 500th year of the Reformation, in collaboration with all Churches around Italy. The event was held in Milan, and the topics covered were broad. It concluded with a Church service and a less traditional flashmob. Apart from this event, our Italian movement was busy last December organising the annual Campo Study, which was held in Ecumene, between 7-10th December. This is a tradition and one of the biggest events held by FGEI, in collaboration with “Il Congresso”. Youth from all around Italy joined the event to discuss various issues, with the theme of focus being that of body and sexuality.
In early 2017, SCM Finland participated in the “Universal Day of Prayer for Students”, by launching a writing competition for students and young people. The subject of the competition was ‘Berättelse om tro’ (in Swedish), which in English means ‘Story of faith’. The competition had three judges in the field of literature, blogging and communications.

“Fairtrade churches” communication and a global education project were also launched by the movement in early 2017. The projects provided training for young people and students on how to communicate about Fair Trade and Global Responsibility in their own communities and churches. The participants of the training outlined their own influence as consumers and world citizens. The project recruited a volunteer group to produce materials for parishes, and other groups to work on the same topic.

Additionally, the Helsinki Local Association organized a series of religious dialogues, at the University of Helsinki, at the beginning of the year. Local volunteers in Helsinki cooked soup for Stop Deportations demonstrators, during the Anti-racist Week, in March.

The autumn months were also busy for our students in SCM Finland. The season with an event for the new students joining the movement, a prayer and discussion evening. The theme of the event was the role of prayer in the student’s everyday life. In Turku, Joensuu and Helsinki, religious dialogue nights for students were organized in cooperation with Forum for Culture and Religion FOKUS ry. These events focused on discussing stereotypes and how they influence the way one thinks about other religions.
"Reformation" was the main topic for the 120 local SCMs in Germany. In 2017, we have celebrated the 500th jubilee of the start of the reformation of Martin Luther in Wittenberg. That's why, many activities were prepared in the SCM. For example, one of the churches had the idea to celebrate worships at unexpected places. So, the SCM of Cologne invited into the underground of the sewerage system for their worship. There was also a summer school for students in Wittenberg and the "Kirchentag" in the capital Berlin with a stall at the market. At the stall, the international students wanted to get in contact with the visitors with a game and the WSCF Europe putted together a jigsaw puzzle of Europe with the visitors. The International Youth Camp in cooperation with the protestant youth movement in Germany has been one of most important events. There were a lot of exchange programs with other countries between the youth groups. They were invited to spend a week with their partner group in Wittenberg. So, 250 young people coming from 25 nations lived together a week in tents, played and prayed together, offered workshops and discussed what reformation means for us today. Students of the SCM Germany spent the week with a group of students from Indonesia there. SCM of India was also invited and spent the days with a Waldensian group from Italy, Uruguay and Argentina. The atmosphere was amazing and it was so wonderful how easily the participants get in contact with each other.

Our annual assembly was also located in Wittenberg. We had elections for our board and several delegations. My favorite meeting was our choirmembers meeting in November. 180 SCM choir members met for one weekend to sing all together and in workshops.

In 2018, we are able to have our normal program. So, our 120 local units will have only their weekly program which is planned by student groups and the chaplains of the SCM. But we will also have fun (without a jubilee ;-).

ANNETTE KLINKE
Consultant for International Relations and Ecumenism
More than 30 delegates from all Student Christian Movements’ in Europe gathered in Ireland for the WSCF European Regional Assembly (ERA). The ERA is the highest decision-making body of the WSCF-Europe and it meets bi-annually to discuss and decide the strategic directions of the Federation.

The agenda of the ERA included:

- receive and approve the activity and financial reports of the past two years;
- discuss and vote on the organisational and thematic direction of the region for the upcoming two years 2018-2019;
- elect new European Regional Committee (ERC) members;
- review and vote upon the changes of the ByLaws
- celebrate unity and pray together for a common vision.

We were pleased to be joined by our Senior Friends from Ireland and our partner organisations in Europe. Our dear guests Mr. Henrik Hansson from the Conference of European Churches and Ms. Hannah Weber from the Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe gave a valuable contribution to the strategic planning sessions and thematic working groups’ discussions. For the first time the General Secretary of the WSCF, Ms. Necta Montes attended the ERA. She gave a talk about the Federation’s current situation and presented the global strategic directions.

Two working days were full of discussions, reflections and sharing. The Assembly proposed the strategic directions for the years 2018-2019. Young delegates representing the member movements created the following thematic working groups during the ERA: Working group on gender, working group on eco-justice, working group on theology and spirituality, working group on interfaith dialogue. The sessions were dedicated to organisational matters as well.

Our students worked on and proposed directions for fundraising, regional and global networking, marketing and communications;

Spiritual moments and cultural night created a special atmosphere among the delegates. Everyone, young people who attended the ERA for the first time as well as those who already many years serve the Federation, felt equally inspired and excited about the meeting. We worked hard, but we also had a lot of fun and joy together. Another successful Regional Assembly marked a start of two-years term for the new leadership team. We would like to express the gratitude to our Irish movement who provided enormous support and fellowship during our stay in Ireland. A special thanks to our dear friends, John Delap, David Cleary and Vera Papp.
From 8 to 11 April the WSCF European Regional Committee members, WSCF Executive for Europe and Communications Officer met in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The agenda of the meeting included detailed programmatic planning for 2017-2019, finances, communication strategies, staff changes, WSCF Global matters and planning the upcoming Regional Assembly.

The meeting was hosted by the member movement in Lithuania and informal sharing evening was organised with the local Senior Friends.
## 2017 Financial Report

### Expenditures

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