

European Values and Migration – the added value of Churches and religious communities

Date and venue

Wednesday 23 October 2019 13:30 – 16:30, Europe House, Malminkatu 16, Helsinki

Coffee will be served from 13:00

In connection with the EMN Conference From Tampere 2.0 to Tampere 2.0. (<https://eu2019.fi/en/events/2019-10-24/european-conference-from-tampere-20-to-tampere-2.0->), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland organizes a discussion event re. European Values and Migration. The aim is to reflect on the impact of common European values – such as solidarity and promoting human rights and human dignity – with regard to EU migration policies and on the potential role and added value of Churches and religious communities in this respect.

Kindly note that places are limited and will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. For registration, please click this link:

<https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/values>.

The final deadline to register is 15 October 2019.

Programme

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| 13:30 | Opening remarks:
Director General <i>Pekka Huokuna</i> , Church Council, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Moderator: <i>Lena Kumlin</i> , Legal Advisor for European Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland |
| 13:40 | Our common European values - are they drowning in the Mediterranean?
General Secretary <i>Torsten Moritz</i> , Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe |
| 14:00 | Common European Asylum Policy – views and prospects
<i>Tuomo Kurri</i> , Director of Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior
Comments by <i>Klaus Kaartinen</i> , Director of Communications, Finnish Immigration Service |
| 14:30 | Moderator: <i>Ulla Siirto</i> , Adviser, multicultural and immigration work, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Migration, integration and faith-based involvement – snapshots of best practices from Finland and other countries |

Musical intervention

	Moderator: <i>Lena Kumlin</i> , Legal Advisor for European Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
15:10	Developing European migration policies - what role for Churches and religious communities? ○Imam <i>Sayed Razawi</i> , Director-General and Chief Imam of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society ○ <i>Yaron Nadbornik</i> , President of the Central Council of Jewish Communities in Finland and President of the National Forum for Cooperation between Religions in Finland (CORE) ○Fr. <i>Teemu Toivonen</i> , Orthodox School of Theology, Finnish Ecumenical Council ○ <i>Larissa Franz-Koivisto</i> , Secretary General, Caritas Finland
15:45	Questions from the floor
16:00	The way forward – future challenges and opportunities <i>Lemma Desta</i> , Coordinator for the multicultural church network of the Christian Council of Norway and moderator of the Executive Committee for the Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) Concluding remarks Director <i>Tuomas Martikainen</i> , Migration Institute of Finland
16:30	End of the seminar