

Second «Laudato Si'»- Reflection Day

Politics and Praxis of Ecological Conversion

Towards a Change of Life-Style.

Wednesday 12 June 2019

Venue: COMECE - Square de Meeus 19 - 1050 Brussels (Belgium)

When the encyclical «Laudato Si» speaks of an ecological conversion in order to bring about the necessary change to maintain «our common home, the earth», then it is clear that this does not just mean «spiritual change». This conversion also affects our lifestyle.

However, change of lifestyle is very often negatively connoted by many. He is seen as a «loss of the existing» and not as an «opportunity for something new».

Our starting point for this transformation should therefore be less considerations of how to safeguard the existing wealth in our societies, but to ask ourselves the question about the «good life».

In order to sharpen our view of what is necessary and what is possible, we would like to turn towards those initiatives and projects that are already trying to live this necessary change, however small.

It is these examples that can convince us rather than big words can and show, that a «good life» is not necessarily just a vision, but that it can be achieved, step by step. How can we invite people to join this «path to transformation»?

10.00 am	Moderator: Chiara Martinelli, Senior Advisor CIDSE Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fr. Olivier POQUILLON OP, <i>General Secretary of COMECE</i>• Mr. Stefan LUNTE, <i>General Secretary of Justitia et Pax Europe</i>
10.15 am	Change of life-style. Political challenges and expectations for the next five years to come <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marcela Duftner and Renate Krammer-Stark, <i>Members of the City Council of Innsbruck, Die Grünen (The Green Party)</i>
10.30 am	On the Way towards a Good Life for all: Examples of Good Church Praxis in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Elena LASIDA, <i>Eglise Verte (France): Economy</i>• Prof. Ulrich BARTOSCH, <i>KU Eichstätt (Germany): University</i>• Ms. Beatrice van SAAN-KLEIN, <i>DBK (Germany): A Bishops' Conference</i>• Rev. Gabriele PIPINATO, <i>Diocese of Padua (Italy): Diocesan finances</i>• Ms. Margarida Alvim, <i>Casa Velha (Portugal): Family and alternative life</i> Followed by Q&As
12.15 pm	Political challenges and opportunities to put the Encyclical <i>Laudato Si'</i> into practice in the city of Assisi

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Stefania Proietti, <i>Mayor of Assisi</i>
12.30 pm	<p>Laudato Si' Midday Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Luis OKULIK, <i>CCEE</i> • Fr. Edmond Grace SJ, <i>Secretary for Ecology at JESC</i>
12.45 pm	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
2.00 pm	<p>Moderator: Michael Kuhn, <i>Senior Advisor of COMECE</i></p> <p>The role of the Catholic Church towards a sustainable life-style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mgr. Jean-Claude HOLLERICH, <i>Archbishop of Luxemburg, President of COMECE</i>
2.30 pm	<p>Towards a Sustainable Europe in 2030. A contribution from the EU-Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Saïd el-Khadraoui, <i>European Policy Strategy Center, European Commission</i>
3.00 pm	<p>Comments, observations and questions. Open debate.</p>
4.00 pm	<p>A possible form of future cooperation: The project of an «European Laudato Si Alliance»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefan Lunte, <i>General Secretary of Justitia et Pax Europe</i> • Michael Kuhn, <i>Senior Advisor of COMECE</i>
4.15 pm	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Dall'Oglio, <i>European Programs Manager of GCCM</i> • Josianne Gauthier, <i>Secretary General of CIDSE</i>
4.30 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>