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ANDANTE STRATEGY 2020 – 2023

Andante, the Alliance of European Catholic Women's Associations, was founded in 2006 in response to a growing need among catholic women from Western, Central and Eastern Europe for greater cooperation within the European institutions. Andante currently represents 18 member organisations from 12 countries and is managed by the elected Coordinating Committee (CoCoA). The official languages are English, German and French.

The women of the member organisations are from different historical and cultural backgrounds and bring different experiences. This represents a constant challenge, but also brings strengths and opportunities.

Guidelines for action are based on the changing realities of women's lives, the Christian faith, Catholic social teaching and the resulting values. Further foundations are mutual understanding and shared responsibility, especially towards creation. Andante demands the right to freedom of opinion and conscience and respect for women's and human rights.

Andante sees itself as the voice of Catholic women in Europe. The aims are:

- to bring in the competence and vision of women for a Europe worth living in, peaceful and gender- and generation-friendly,
- Empowerment of catholic women for a just participation and role in co-shaping the Church, politics and society of Europe, oriented towards the common good of all,
- Participation in an inviting, liberating and sustainable church.

Andante offers fora on current and relevant topics and intercultural dialogue. Andante practices sharing, celebration and hospitality, and encourages confidence.

Andante maintains various European networks. From the very beginning, Andante has been a voting member of the Permanent Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO) of the Council of Europe (CoE).

The annual contributions of the member organisations are the financial basis of Andante. Project-oriented sponsorship money is the only way for Andante to enable the fora.

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The Coordinating Committee of Andante (CoCoA)