**Partners - Links**

- **CCE** Council of European Bishops’ Conferences – www.ccee.eu
- **COMECE** Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community – www.comece.eu
- **CCPE** Council of European Conferences of Priests
- **CEC/KEK** Conference of European Churches – www.ceceurope.org
- **UISG** International Union of Superiors General – www.usg.org
- **USG** Union of General Superiors – www.vidimusdominum.org
- **ELF** European Forum of National Laity Committees – www.europ-forum.org
- **AEFJN** Africa-Europe Faith and Justice Network – www.aefjn.org
- **JESC** Jesuit European Social Centre – www.jesc.eu
- **EVS** European Vocations Service – www.vocations.eu
- **CMIS** World Conference of Secular Institutes – www.cmis-int.org
- **CLAR** Latin-American Confederation of Religious – www.clar.org
- **ACLRI** Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes – www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org
- **URCAO** Regional Union of the Conferences of Major Superiors of Western French-speaking Africa
- **CRC** Canadian Religious Conference – www.crc-canada.org
- **RENOVABIS** Solidarity action of the German Catholics with Eastern Europe – www.renovabis.de

**Members**

- **ALBANIA** KShEL
- **AUSTRIA** VFO - www.ordensgemeinschaften.at
- **BELGIUM** COREB - www.religieux.be
- **BOSNIA-HERZ.** KVRPPBH - www.redovnistvo.ba
- **BULGARIA** CSB - www.bogoposveteni.bg
- **CROATIA** HKVRPP - www.redovnistvo.hr
- **CZECH REP.** KPMR
- **FRANCE** CORREF - www.viereligieuse.fr
- **GERMANY** DOK - www.orden.de
- **GREECE** EKME
- **HUNGARY** MRK
- **IRELAND** AMRI - www.amri.ie
- **ITALY** USMI - www.usminazione.it
- **LATVIA** LKDIPAK – konsekretie.lv
- **LITHUANIA** LMVAVK
- **LUXEMBOURG** CNRL
- **MALTA** KSMR
- **NETHERLANDS** KNR - www.knr.nl
- **POLAND** WKPZZZ - www.zakony-zenskie.pl
- **PORTUGAL** CIRP – www.cirp.pt
- **ROMANIA** CRSM – www.fcrsm.ro
- **RUSSIA** CORSUM – www.corusm.ru
- **SLOVAKIA** KVPZ - www.kvpz.sk
- **SLOVENIA** KORUS – korus.rkc.si
- **SPAIN** CONFER - www.confer.es
- **SWITZERLAND** USMRS - www.kath.ch/orden
- **UKRAINE** UGK (Greek Catholic) – monashestvo.ugcc.org.ua
- **UNITED KINGDOM** COR (Engl./Wales) - www.corew.org
- **CRS (Scotl.)** - www.religiousordersscotland.org
A history

1981 Creation of UCESM
1983 Approval of the canonical statutes by CICLSAL (Decree AG54/81)

General Assemblies

1983 ROME-ITALY: Statutory General Assembly
1985 ROME-ITALY: “Religious life and young people today”
1989 MALTE: “Religious and laity for a new Evangelization of Europe”
1993 OLOMOUC-CZECH REP.: “Mutual relations between bishops and religious in Europe”
1997 ROME-ITALY: “To do justice from a Christian perspective”
1999 DUBROVNIK-CROATIA: “Called to become benediction”
2001 SALZBURG-AUSTRIA: “Go over to the other side, do not be afraid!”
2004 LJUBLJANA-SLOVENIA: “The role of religious life in the formation of an ethical conscience in a multicultural Europe”
2006 FATIMA-PORTUGAL: “Religious life today: our spiritual life vis-à-vis the challenges in Europe”
2008 TORHOUT-BELGIUM: “What contribution does our community life make to Europe?”
2010 CZESTOCHOWA-Poland: “Religious Life in Europe: stories of hope, hope for history”
2012 LOURDES-FRANCE: “Religious men and women in Europe: Life as a Vocation”
2015 TIRANA-ALBANIA: “Religious men and women in Europe: Witnesses and Shapers of Communion”
2016 ROME (I): “UCESM – Memory and Prophecy”

Structure

General Assembly
of the Presidents and General Secretaries of all national member Conferences, taking place every two years.

This is an instance of representation, formation, debate, sharing and decision.

Executive Committee
composed of a President, a Vice-President and two Councillors, gathering three times a year.

They implement the decisions taken by the General Assembly, prepare the Assemblies, reflect on religious life.

Present mandate (2016-2020):
President: Fr. Giovanni Peragine crsp (AL)
Vice-President: Sr. Danièle Faltz dcn (L)
Councillor: Sr. Hedvig Deák op (H)
Councillor: Fr. Nicolai Dubinin ofm conv (RU)

General Secretariat
made up of a General Secretary and his/her staff (translations, accountancy, finances) with headquarters in Brussels.

The Secretariat fosters relations, communication and implementation.

Secretary General (2016-2020):
Sr. Marjolein Bruinen op (NL)
Staff:
Mrs. Nicole Jacqué (B)
Secretariat-Translations-Accountancy
Treasurer
Abbot Erik De Sutter o.praem (B)

Purposes

⇧ undertake reflection and propose action, through the intermediary of the national Conferences, to help religious in Europe and the members of Apostolic Societies to bear witness to the Gospel in cultural and socio-economic contexts, in the light of the diverse circumstances of time and place

⇧ promote collaboration and mutual assistance between the Conferences of Major Superiors (male and female) in the various European nations, and possibly between these Conferences and other international bodies

⇧ foster suitable coordination and collaboration between these national Conferences of Major Superiors and Episcopal Conferences as well as the Council of European Episcopal Conferences (CCEE) and the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community (COMECE) and with each bishop

⇧ represent the members of UCESM whenever the presence of a representative of European religious congregations and of the members of societies of apostolic life is desired or required