



Partners - Links

CCEE	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.uisg.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.ccee.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.catholicreligious.org.au
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	KShËL
AUSTRIA	ÖOK - www.ordensgemeinschaften.at
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BOSNIA-HERZ.	KVRPPBIH - www.redovnistvo.ba
BULGARIA	CSB – www.bogoposveteni.bg
CROATIA	HRK - www.redovnistvo.hr
CZECH REP.	KVPMR KVPZR - www.kvpzr.cz
FRANCE	CORREF - www.viereligieuse.fr
GERMANY	DOK - www.orden.de
GREECE	EKME
HUNGARY	MRK FSZK
IRELAND	AMRI - www.amri.ie
ITALY	USMI - www.usminazionale.it CISM - www.cism-italia.org
LATVIA	LKDIPAK – konsekretie.lv
LITHUANIA	LMVAVK
LUXEMBOURG	CNRL
MALTA	KSMR
NETHERLANDS	KNR - www.knr.nl
POLAND	KWPZZZ - www.zakony-zenskie.pl KWPZM - www.zyciezakonne.pl
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SLOVENIA	KORUS – www.korus.rkc.si
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UNITED KINGDOM	CORU (Roman Catholic) COR (Engl./Wales) - www.corew.org CRS (Scotl.) - www.religiousordersscotland.org

Union of the European Conferences of Major Superiors



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General Secretariat

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A history

1981 Creation of UCESM

1983 Approval of the canonical statutes by CICALSAL (Decree AG5-4/81)

General Assemblies

1983 ROME (I): Statutory General Assembly

1985 ROME (I): "Religious life and young people today"

1987 MADRID (E): "The challenge of happiness: the contribution of religious life to the quality of Christian life"

1989 MOSTA (MT): "Religious and laity for a new Evangelization of Europe"

1991 LISBON (P): "New Europe and Third World. What kind of religious life?"

1993 OLOMOUC (CZ): "Mutual relations between bishops and religious in Europe"

1995 FREISING (D): "Evolution and identity of religious life"

1997 ROME (I): "To do justice from a Christian perspective"

1999 DUBROVNIK (HR): "Called to become benediction"

2001 SALZBURG (A): "Go over to the other side, do not be afraid!"

2004 LJUBLJANA (SLO): "The role of religious life in the formation of an ethical conscience in a multicultural Europe"

2006 FATIMA (P): "Religious life today: our spiritual life vis-à-vis the challenges in Europe"

2008 TORHOUT (B): "What contribution does our community life make to Europe?"

2010 CZESTOCHOWA (PL): "Religious Life in Europe: stories of hope, hope for history"

2012 LOURDES (F): "Religious men and women in Europe: Life as a Vocation"

2015 TIRANA (AL): "Religious men and women in Europe: Witnesses and Shapers of Communion"

2016 ROME (I): "UCESM – Memory and Prophecy"

2018 SNAGOV (RO): "Widen the space of your tent" (Is 54.2)

2020 ROGGENBURG (D): "Together on the way to face the challenges of religious life in Europe"



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 (2022-2026):

President: Fr. Jānis Meļņikovs sj (LV)

Vice-President: Sr. Olena Bys csa (UA)

Councillor: Sr. Mary Hanrahan pbvm (IRL)

Councillor: Fr. Mark-Robin Hoogland cp (NL)

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 (2022-2024):

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