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



## Members

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<b>BELGIUM</b>	COREB - <a href="http://www.religieux.be">www.religieux.be</a> URV - <a href="http://www.urv.be">www.urv.be</a>
<b>BOSNIA-HERZ.</b>	KVRPPBIH - <a href="http://www.redovnistvo.ba">www.redovnistvo.ba</a>
<b>BULGARIA</b>	CSB – <a href="http://www.bogoposveteni.bg">www.bogoposveteni.bg</a>
<b>CROATIA</b>	HRK - <a href="http://www.redovnistvo.hr">www.redovnistvo.hr</a>
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<b>RUSSIA</b>	CORSUM – <a href="http://www.corsum.ru">www.corsum.ru</a>
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<b>SLOVENIA</b>	KORUS – <a href="http://korus.rkc.si">korus.rkc.si</a>
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## Union of the European Conferences of Major Superiors



at the service of religious life in Europe

### 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 (2016-2020/2022):

President: Fr. Zsolt Labancz sp (H)

Vice-President: Sr. Danièle Faltz dcn (L)

Councillor: Sr. Hedvig Deák op (H)

Councillor: ----

### 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 (2020-2022):

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