



EUROPEAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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What is the ERA?



The Regional Assembly of WSCF-Europe (ERA) is the highest decision-making body of WSCF-Europe. The ERA gathers bi-annually, and consists of representatives of all the Student Christian Movements that are members of WSCF-Europe.

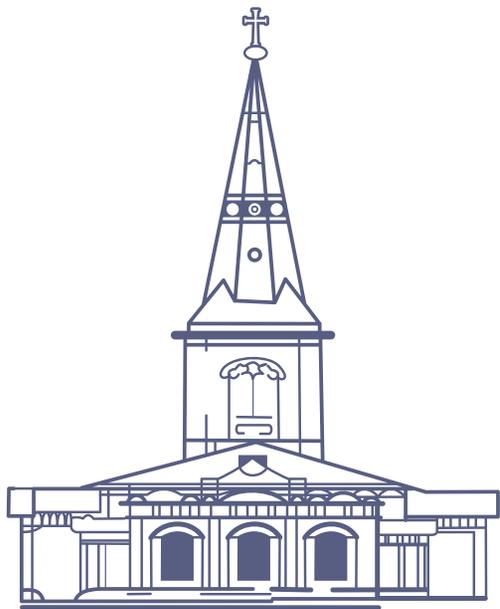
Tasks of the ERA:

- >>> To discuss and vote on the organisational and thematic direction of the region for the upcoming two years.
- >>> To elect new European Regional Committee (ERC), which consists of representatives of the Federation's associated and affiliated movements.
 - >>> To review and vote upon possible changes to the By-Laws, which govern as the constitution of WSCF-Europe.
- >>> To renew as a community and to pray together for a common vision.

History of the ERA (1)



The first mention of an ERA can be found in the documents attesting the 11th European Student Conference, which took place in 1987, in Boldern, Switzerland. The conference was themed "Europe - unfinished business. The identity of Student Christian Movements in a Diverse Europe", and an ERA was included in its programme.



In 1989, the European Regional Office moved from Uppsala, Sweden, to Amsterdam, Netherlands. **Instead of a European Student Conference, the European Regional Committee decided to hold that year's European Regional Assembly separately - in late August, in Firenze, Italy.** At that ERA, European By-Laws were approved, which anchored the ERAs tradition in the history of WSCF.

History of the ERA (2)



WSCF Europe's journal, *Mozaik*, describes the 1993 ERA in Sweden as "**(an assembly) combined with a thematic conference looking at the identity of Christian students in modern society in Europe**". Corrie van der Veen remembers this, her very first ERA, as a very festive occasion, with much emphasis on the spiritual and thematic content, and not at all a heavy statutory meeting.



ERA 2005, Feketik (Serbia)



ERA 2007, Paris (France)



ERA 2009, Sibiu (Romania)

Timeline of ERAs



- 2017** - Ireland
- 2015** - Czech Republic
- 2013** - Austria
- 2011** - Denmark
- 2009** - Romania
- 2007** - France
- 2005** - Serbia
- 2003** - Finland
- 2001** - Germany
- 1999** - Italy
- 1997** - Norway
- 1995** - Romania
- 1993** - Sweden
- 1991** - Germany
- 1989** - Italy
- 1987** - Switzerland
- 1985** - Finland



ERA 2019



When: 3-8 October 2019

Where: Copenhagen, Denmark

What: 4 days focused on member movements, planning for 2020-2022, the future of the organisation, meeting YMCA Denmark and much more.

Organizers: All the ERC and staff members, but the core team includes: Zuzana Babicova (Chairperson), Natia Tsintsadze (Regional Secretary), Luise Klein (Links Coordinator), and Krista Autio (Global Networking Coordinator).

Partners: Funding and support from the Council of Europe, through the Erasmus + Programme, and from the YMCA Denmark.



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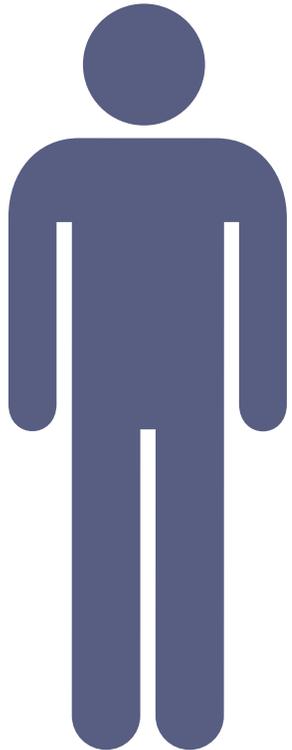


SCM Delegates



Student Christian Movement representatives from across Europe can apply to attend the ERA as Delegates for their movements. The application form can be found on the WSCF Europe website.

As a Delegate, you will be:



- >>> Representing your SCM in the voting for the new ERC, for amendments to the By-Laws, and any other decisions that the ERA will consider.
- >>> Participating in the planning of the WSCF Europe organisational and thematic direction for the next two years.
- >>> Participating in thematic discussion organised as part of the ERA.
- >>> Networking with representatives of other SCMs.

Voting



Representatives of SCMs attending the ERA have voting rights, which depend on whether the SCM is affiliated or associated with WSCF Europe.



Affiliated movements have the right to send up to two Delegates to the ERA, each with the right to vote.

Associated movements have the right to send up to two Delegates, with only one collective vote.

ERA 2015, Litomyšl (Czech Republic)

The new ERC



The WSCF European Regional Committee (ERC) is formed by: **Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, two Executive Committee Members, two Programme Coordinators, Links Coordinator, Global Networking Coordinator** and **Co-Opted Member**. All ERC members are volunteers.

During the ERA, almost all these positions will be open for nominations. The new ERC will then be determined through a voting process. The newly elected will manage WSCF Europe for two years, until the next ERA.



ERC and Staff Meeting 2019, Malente (Germany)

More details about which positions will be open, and more detailed role descriptions, will be posted on the WSCF Europe website in advance of the ERA.

Agenda



The detailed agenda of the ERA will be shared on the WSCF Europe website closer to the time. Apart from elections for the new ERC, the agenda will also include: voting and discussions on the By-Laws of WSCF Europe, and thematic and organisational planning for the next two years.

WSCF Europe By-Laws

The ERA will put forward and vote on possible amendments to the By-Laws, the fundamental operational document of WSCF-Europe. The By-Laws can be found on the WSCF-Europe. Should you wish to propose any amendments, please get in touch with the ERC.





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