

**CEC 12th Assembly
Trondheim (Norway), 25 June – 2 July 2003
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Hearing 2:

- Title:** **Migration in Europe** – Churches' Involvement in Migration and Integration, Asylum and Refugee Protection and against Racism and Discrimination in View of a Common European Policy on Asylum and Migration
- Responsible Organization/s:** Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME)
- Date and Time of the Hearing:** Thursday 26 June 2003, 1500hrs-1630hrs
- Languages Used:** English
- Main Speakers / Presenters:** Dr. Annemarie Dupré, Moderator of CCME; Doris Peschke, General Secretary of CCME; Rev. Arlington Trotman, Commission Secretary of the Churches' Commission for Racial Justice, UK; Rev. Alfredo Abad, Spanish Committee for cooperation between churches; Dr. Antonios Papantoniou, Secretary for Interchurch Aid of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece and member of the CCME Executive Committee
- Description:** Migration in Europe is presently an ambiguous policy field: European governments strive towards a common policy on immigration and refugee protection; the demography suggests that across Europe – West and East – immigration will be required. On the other hand, more restrictive asylum policies are developed and access to Europe for third country nationals is made extremely difficult. At the same time, smuggling and trafficking in human beings has increased and new forms of slavery are to be seen in Europe. The Hearing will highlight how churches with their ecumenical agency CCME respond to these challenges. The hearing also offers the possibility to discuss how to improve the churches' involvement on the issues of migration, refugee protection and anti-discrimination.

Programme:

- 15.00 Welcome and introduction, Dr. Annemarie Dupré, Moderator of CCME
- 15.10 A common policy on migration, asylum and against discrimination in Europe, an overview, Mrs. Doris Peschke, General Secretary of CCME
- 15.40 Refugee protection – shifting the burden, the European asylum policy and the proposals of the UK government of spring 2003, Rev. Arlington Trotman, Commission Secretary of the Churches' Commission for Racial Justice, UK
- 16.00 Irregular migration, new challenges for churches, Rev. Alfredo Abad, Spanish Committee for cooperation between churches, Dr. Antonios Papantoniou, Secretary for Interchurch Aid of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece and member of the CCME Executive Committee