

**CEC 12th Assembly
Trondheim (Norway), 25 June – 2 July 2003
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Hearing 9:

- Title:** „Quality of Life for all“: Diaconia - Struggling for a Social Europe
- Responsible Organization/s:** European Diaconal Forum: Conference of European Churches (CEC); Eurodiaconia-European Federation for Diaconia; Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME); European Contact Group on Urban and Industrial Mission (ECG)
- Date and Time of the Hearing:** Thursday 26 June 2003, 1700hrs-1830hrs
- Languages Used:** English
- Main Speakers / Presenters:** Moderation: Ninni Smedberg (Vice-President of Eurodiaconia);
Panel: Alexander Belopopsky (WCC Europe desk); Albert Brandstätter (Eurodiaconia); Annemarie Dupré (Moderator of CCME, FCEI Italy); Jürgen Klute (ecg); Tatiana Kotova (CIDC –Interchurch Diaconal Council of St. Petersburg; APRODEV)
- Description:** Europe needs a human and social face. Only then European citizens will feel at home in the larger European Union only then the nations within and out of the Union will reach a sustainable living together. What does this mean for diaconia and its co-operations in the European context? What does “Quality of life” mean in the context of a wider European diaconal work in churches and institutional diaconia, in grassroot-groups as well in platforms? And what does “Quality of Life” mean concerning to the situation of jobless people and migrants?
Diaconia is working for participation in and free access to education, health, communication and social services of high quality as a possibility for all: we want looking for authenticity not for dependency. As

well diaconia is working for a better distribution of work and income to integrate all members of the societies in Europe into working life and to give everyone the possibility to earn their own income. The leading question will be: How can we struggle for a good relationship between solidarity and competition facing commercialization of social services and services of general interest. Special attention will be given to Central and Eastern Europe. What will be the further ecumenical developments and co-operation in the field of diaconia?