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# European Forum of National Laity Committees (ELF)



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## European Forum of National Lay Committees

is an instrument of collaboration between the National Committees and Councils of the Catholic Laity in European countries. The Forum considers itself an association for the promotion of the Christian vocation in the world. The Members of the Forum may be national committees which are recognized by their bishops' conference.

### Aims:

- Live the Christian commitment in the Church and the world
- Promotion of regular contacts between national Catholic Lay Committees and councils in Europe
- Reciprocal exchange of experiences and information on matters of European interest between the members of the Forum
- Maintaining contacts with religious, social and political organizations on the European level
- Organization of conferences
- Stimulating studies on current issues within the Church and the world

## Study Assemblies

2012 Vienna / Austria  
50 years after the II. Vatican Council

2010 Birmingham / UK  
Human Dignity in a changing Europe – A Christian response

2008 Bratislava / Slovakia  
Religion and Diversity in Europe

2006 Saarbrücken / Germany  
Justice in the sight of God

2004 Fatima / Portugal  
The spiritual and ethical roots of our commitment in European societies

2002 Erfurt / Germany  
Building a Europe of values – the contribution of the Catholic Laity

2000 Alcalá de Henares / Spain  
Live, so that others may live

1998 Bratislava / Slovakia  
Reconciliation: Socio-economic tensions and the response of the Church

1996 Twickenham / England  
Media today: A challenge for Christians

1994 Ljubljana / Slovenia  
Christian vision on solidarity – challenge to the social-economical system in East and Western Europe

1992 Antwerp / Belgium  
Living in a multicultural society

1990 Vienna / Austria  
Towards a more human Europe – a challenge for the Churches

## History

1960: Copenhagen: First European Congress of the lay apostolate. The Steering Committee was asked to make suggestions of contacts of lay representatives in the European countries with the aim of strengthening the European consciousness.

1965: During the preparation of the 3rd World Lay Congress in St. Pölten the idea of the "European Forum of National Lay Committees" was created. The decisive impulse came from the statements of the Second Vatican Council on the concept of the laity.

1968: Decision in Switzerland, to organize the "European Forum" as a "Study Assembly" every two years, followed by a "Statutory Assembly"

1970: Innsbruck: First Study Assembly

1974: The newly created Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE) start to develop cooperation with the Laity Forum.

1984: Cooperation with the European Conference of Priests (CCPE) and the Union of the European Conferences of Major Superiors (UCESM) is agreed on.

2011: Establishment of a non-profit association, ELF e.V., registered as a civil institution of the Forum