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Review of the solidarity initiatives supported by the Emmaus groups in Europe in 2012



Another year of solidarity!

Sharing, meeting, supporting each other and developing together...

The applications for support made by the European groups were examined and approved by the Regional Executive and Regional Council of Emmaus Europe as of February 2012. Just like every year, many Emmaus groups responded to the solidarity appeal and made a donation.

Here is an overview of the progress made possible by this European brand of solidarity...

Four initiatives were supported in 2012 via the European regional solidarity programme.

- **Safeguard the work of the community and its running by paying the wages of five staff members in Lviv in Ukraine.**
- **Promote girl and boy power in order to raise their awareness about the scourge of human trafficking in Vilnius in Lithuania.**
- **Increase financial independence by strengthening selling and farming activities in Iasi in Romania.**
- **Set up community accommodation to provide a home for homeless young people and set up a shop, storage area and workshops in Targu Jiu in Romania.**

Human exchanges

Material exchanges

Financial exchanges

Emmaus Europe brings alive solidarity thanks to everyone's efforts; the groups make solidarity possible. **We warmly thank you for your active involvement in regional solidarity!**

UKRAINE- LVIV
OSELYA MUTUAL AID COMMUNITY
Initiative: Safeguard the work of the community and its
running by paying the wages of five staff members.

Total cost: €18,000

Funding allocated: €18,000

Group's website: <http://emaus-oselya.org/eng/>



The association was founded in 2001 and started by working with the homeless. It now comprises:

- The community, which has a workshop and meeting room.
- A historic shop.
- A day centre offering a hairdressing service, changing rooms and showers.
- A shelter and shop.

The main activities are as follows:

Providing shelter and support - 21 companions live in the community. They generate income by collecting and selling goods and by working in the community's workshops.

Oselya has a day centre for the homeless. The centre delivers therapeutic training and offers homeless people the chance to have a shower, wash their clothes and get their hair cut.

Street outreach work - every winter, Oselya cares for the homeless by distributing meals.



Companions and employees in front of the community



Clothes ironing area

The job descriptions of the five community staff whose wages are paid by Emmaus Europe

- The leader organises community admin and activities.
- The deputy leader organises the income-generating activities.
- The instructor runs the workshop and shop.
- The accountant keeps the accounts.
- The driver keeps the community on the road.

The group is now covering the cost of the rent of the historic shop.

**LITHUANIA - VILNIUS
MISSING PERSONS' FAMILIES SUPPORT
CENTRE**

Initiative: Girl and boy power

Total cost: €29,824

Funding allocated: €20,860

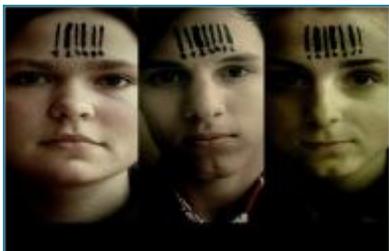
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A map of Lithuania showing where the initiative is being implemented.

The association was formed in 1996 by families of missing people with the aim of raising awareness, preventing and educating people about human trafficking, and of searching for missing people and supporting victims, as well as lobbying the national authorities.

Aim of the initiative: Use prevention to combat human trafficking by building young people's independence and capacity to take action via the group method.



Initiative supported: Girl and boy power

- Raise children and young people's awareness about the scourge of human trafficking.
- Promote gender equality and democracy.
- Promote girls and boys becoming independent.
- Boost their self-esteem and confidence.
- Stop them from becoming victims of trafficking and exploitation and from becoming socially excluded.

Results observed by the trainers and expressed by the participants

146 girls and 120 boys benefitted from these empowerment initiatives throughout 2012. The following results were observed by the trainers and highlighted by the participants: increased self-confidence and self-esteem and ability to assert their opinions. Development of their capacity to communicate with others and make friends. Improved integration and a means of addressing social differences. Participants expressed a desire to learn and discuss important issues. Externalisation of future plans. Participants stated that they were keen to continue their studies and gain professional qualifications.



A new building is now available in which victims can be offered support and training can be delivered. A main building, two other buildings and a 0.5 hectare plot of land.

Prospects...Plan to offer leisure activities for young people. Open an Emmaus shop!

ROMANIA - IASI
UN COUP DE MAIN D'EMMAUS
Initiative: Increase financial independence

Total cost: €59,215
 Funding allocated: €34,315



The association was founded in 2000 in order to offer a home to young homeless people who are orphanage leavers. The association now has three accommodation units, three shops, a carpentry workshop and a plot of farmland.

Boosting the group’s retail activities

The Iasi historic shop:
 The shop’s roof was renovated and the roof space was fitted out at the **May 2012 work camp**. The roof was raised in order to build a floor which is a new sorting and storage space because sorting was done outside in the past.



Popesti site
 A new shop was constructed alongside the community in 2012. The work camp, organised with the help of two companions from other Emmaus groups in Europe, enabled progress to be made on the building work. The screed was poured and the metal structure was installed.
 The finishes need to be done and then the shop will be able to open to the public in spring 2013.

Boosting farming activities



The *Un coup de main d'Emmaus* team planted maize on its 20ha plot of farmland. While there was a good harvest in 2011, the drought in 2012 unfortunately destroyed all the crops.

2013 prospects - there is a plan to share farming experience with volunteer member organisations in Europe in order to discuss new farming options.

ROMANIA - TARGU JIU
EMMAUS FORBACH FOR AMICII D'EMMAUS
Initiative: Set up community accommodation to
provide a home for homeless young people and
set up a shop, storage area and workshops.

Total cost: €45,000

Funding allotted by Emmaus Europe: €20,000

<http://www.amici-emmaus.org/>



A group of friends of Emmaus has been in existence since October 2011 and has grown thanks to the two work visits supported by Emmaus Europe. The golden rule is that 20% of Amicii d'Emmaus' income is donated to the local *Nos enfants d'ailleurs* association which takes in children and works to return them to their families.

A summer camp was held on 29 July to 2 September 2012 in which companions and young volunteers from countries such as Romania, Belgium, the UK and France took part.

Activities:

- Setting up the shop and storage area, cleaning the large shed, inauguration of the shop in Balesti.
- Unloaded two trucks.
- Cleared the plot of land.
- Painted the shop.
- Helped run holiday activities for the children from the children's home.
- Explored and discovered Romania: its history and culture and how the local people really live. Tourist trips.



Shop, September 2012

Results:

Three people who live in a shelter in the town have become companions and continue to work for Amicii.

2013 prospects...



400m² for selling and 2,000m² for storage rented at the cost of €700 per month.



The community house which could be bought and renovated if the owner agrees to sell the plot of land...

So watch this space!

OTHER SOLIDARITY INITIATIVES IN 2012



Winter initiative in Ukraine Donations have been made to Oselya since the start of the year to support their work with the homeless and enable them to contend with the bitterly cold weather.

Usage of the Romania dedicated funds

The meeting of the Regional Executive of Emmaus Europe held on 8 September 2012 decided to allocate the Romania Solidarity dedicated funds to which certain groups contributed in 2006 following a funding appeal made in response to the flooding in Romania.

Funding amounting to €41,517.30 as of late 2010* was kept back with a view to using it in emergency situations that Emmaus might encounter in the future in Romania.

The Targu Jiu and Iasi groups benefitted from it this year. This fund is now empty.

*For more detailed information, consult Emmaus Europe's accounts, available on www.emmaus-europe.org.



Supporting solidarity transport in Europe

A group decided to support the transfer of materials and goods in the region. This funding enabled a truck load to be sent to Ukraine and another load to be sent to Poland, without the beneficiary groups having to pay transport costs.

Donation of a truck to Oselya, Ukraine

The Oselya group expressed the need for a truck, so one European group donated a truck and another took responsibility for transporting it to Ukraine.



The convoy and international youth camp in Bosnia

In June 2012, employees, companions, friends and volunteers set off for Bosnia. Eight trucks and 23 passengers arrived two days later at the ISF in Bosnia, tasked with providing humanitarian aid which would be distributed to needy families in Srebrenica, Bratunac, Zvornik, Vlasenica and other areas. Work, leisure activities, the chance to discover the country and meet people were all on the programme.

Sharing and getting to know each other at the summer camps

Several Emmaus groups hosted young people in summer 2012 enabling them to discover the values championed by the Emmaus Movement and the people involved in it. Summer camps are special moments of solidarity with men and women from different backgrounds. For more detailed information, consult the 2012 review of the summer camps.



A solidarity exhibition! Emmaus Forbach in France put on a month-long exhibition of solidarity initiatives in the municipal hall. The exhibition coincided with the group's 30th anniversary celebrations. The exhibition was the opportunity to publicise European solidarity in Emmaus both locally and further afield.

All of these initiatives showcase the vibrancy of Emmaus in Europe and the work is far from done...**the next milestone is the 2013 solidarity programme.**



2013 schedule

- Romania Collective in Montreuil: 19 February.
- Poland-Ukraine Collective in Rzeszow: 15 March.
- European meeting, Verona, Italy: 26 - 27 April 2013.
- The Paris Salon - this year the salon will be supporting **European solidarity** - 16 June 2013.