



CCME 18/017

To CCME members and  
partner organisations

28 March 2018

**Invitation to a Consultation:  
Conversion to Christianity and the impact and challenges for asylum procedures  
2-3 May 2018, Ecumenical Center Brussels**

Dear Friends,

As announced earlier, we would like to invite for a consultation on the impact and challenges of conversion to Christianity on asylum procedures. We are planning this consultation on request and in cooperation with the Christian Council in Sweden. Several member churches in different countries have addressed the issue and engaged with national asylum authorities in a number of ways. The secretariat of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences in Europe COMECE has signalled interest, too. We will work with them on the detailed programme.

Currently we foresee to share experiences and insights on how churches can advise authorities on this matter, and also how authorities are dealing with these often sensitive issues on the 2 May 2018.

Based on the exchange and some good practice examples, we hope to be able to formulate recommendations for churches and for authorities on the matter.

The consultation will start with a light lunch on 2 May 2018, therefore we would request arrivals until 13.00 h. The closing is foreseen for 3 May 2018 at 12.30 h, followed by lunch.

Please circulate this invitation to relevant and competent persons. We would request **registration by 20 April 2018** the latest. If at all possible, we would request a participation fee, covering accommodation and meals, of 120 EUR per participant.

Please do send us relevant material produced by your church or agency on the topic. It will be good to have a good overview of what has been done in the past years!

More details on the programme will follow in the course of the next weeks. Do not hesitate to contact us with any question you may have.

With best wishes for a blessed Easter,

Doris Peschke  
General Secretary

Encl: Registration form