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## Andante Study Days

### „Migration in and to Europe from a Woman's Perspective“

Strasbourg, France, Centre Culturel Saint-Thomas

20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

To the participants

March 2018

**Dear all,**

We are very happy that you have signed up for the Andante Study Days 2018 in Centre Culturel Saint Thomas in Strasbourg, France, and are very much looking forward to seeing you there.

In addition to the information which we have sent to you (and is available on our website) we would like to summarise some pieces of information that we hope will be useful for you.

#### **ACCOMMODATION/RECEPTION**

By looking up <http://www.centre-st-thomas.fr/index.php/english> you will find information about the venue and the facilities. Let us hope for good weather.

The official opening of the Study Days starts in the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> April with dinner at 18.30 hrs. From 15.00 hrs there will be members of the CoCoA in the reception hall to receive you and register you for the event. The event concludes after breakfast on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **TRAVEL TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE CENTRE CULTUREL SAINT-THOMAS**

Please look at the pdf file with arrival information.

#### **PASSPORT**

**Do not forget your passport or identity card!** You have to show it in order to enter the Council of Europe. You have to be registered at the CoE with the name indicated on your passport. So if you registered for the Study Days with another name than written in your passport, please tell us immediately.

#### **PROGRAMME**

The program will be on our website <http://www.andante-europa.net>.

You will get the final program on arrival with lots of other information about speakers and content.

#### **LANGUAGES**

When you signed up for the Study Days, you have indicated the languages that you have proficiency in. During lectures there will be simultaneous translation into English, German and French. We will also form discussion groups on the basis of these three languages.

#### **MASS**

Mass will be held on Saturday and Sunday morning in the Centre. Each morning session will open with a spiritual input. On Monday evening we will have an Andante Evening Prayer.



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## WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO PREPARE

On Sunday we will celebrate a cultural evening. Everyone who wants to can bring specialities from her country: alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks, sweet or savoury snacks. Please do not bring any perishable food.

Please bring also songs, music, dances, recipes or whatever is typical for your home country, or which you got from migrants or which you are using in your work with migrants. We will share them.

We also beg you to bring your own cup for the coffee and tea breaks as the Centre offers only single-use plastic cups.

The Andante meetings provide an opportunity for individual organisations to showcase themselves, their work and special priorities. We will arrange a market place where organisations can learn from and about each other. Please bring, therefore, brochures and other items that can tell the Andante community about your organisation and your activities or projects concerning migration. Please prepare for Saturday morning a two-minutes presentation (one per organisation) about the work of your organisation concerning migration.

## PAYMENT

Please respect the deadlines for payments.

We expect the conference fee (€ 500) to be paid **before the 10<sup>th</sup> of April** to the account:

Account number: NL68INGB0005143288

Account holder: Andante Europese Alliantie v Kath Vrouwenver

Address account holder: Mrs. G. Hoeve, Hermitage 123, 1506 TX Zaandam,  
Netherlands

Bank: ING Bank, Amsterdam, Netherlands IBAN: NL68INGB0005143288

BIC: INGBNL2A

Requests for subventions and details in this regard should be addressed to our treasurer: giselahoeve@gmail.com

## RICHNESS

Coming to an international gathering like the Andante Study Days, one of the great benefits is meeting women from all parts of Europe and of different backgrounds. Our hope is that you will make new friends, renew old friendships, and form networks that will inspire you personally as well as the organisation that you represent.

We wish you a safe journey with the first words of the Andante Prayer:

*You, our Light and our Bread, Our Way and our Word,*

*We come before you,*

*Bringing different realities – yet marching to the same rhythm – andante.*

*We hail from the East, we live in the West, at home in the North, we dwell in the South.*

*Different yet united, sisters to each other, your daughters.*

With kind regards,

Mary McHugh & Vroni Peterhans-Suter  
and all the members of the Andante Coordinating Committee