



europäische allianz katholischer frauenverbände  
european alliance of catholic women's organisations  
alliance européenne d'organisations féminines catholiques

## **Invitation to the Andante Study Days 2020**

**Dear members and friends of Andante,**

We have great pleasure in inviting you to join us at the next Andante Study Days – the theme of which is:

### **A vulnerable world calls for creative women**

*20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020*

*Cistercienserinnen-Abtei Lichtenthal, Baden-Baden, Germany*

During the Andante General Assembly 2019, the goals for the coming work period of three years were determined. For 2020, we chose the subject: Sustainability, creation, environment. The vulnerable world appeals to all of us, especially the inventive spirit of women. It concerns challenges regarding environment and sustainability. How can we protect our planet for our children?

In his encyclical letter *Laudato Si* (June 2015), Pope Francis called us to take care of our common home. Climate change, sustainability, ecology and the environment are key words that require global attention.

Andante, the European alliance of Catholic women's organisations, also wants to focus on these items. During the study days in Baden-Baden from 20 to 24 May 2020, the issue of sustainability will be approached from the theoretical and the practical point of view.

The Dutch theologian Trees van Montfoort published in 2019 her highly appreciated book "Green Theology" (in Dutch *Groene Theologie*) about belief and sustainability. As a keynote speaker, she will go deeper into the relation of religion and maintenance of our planet. She will give an inspiring overview of how Christian faith can give a motivation to care for this earth. Other European speakers, with various backgrounds and experiences, will urge the participants of the Study Days to act for their common future. The final outline of the programme will be published in spring 2020.

The Study Days will start on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> May at 18:00 h with dinner and end on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May after lunch.

## Participation

We want to invite women from all levels of the Andante member organisations – from the local, the regional, the diocesan and the national levels, as well as Friends of Andante and other interested women to come to the Study Days.

As our working languages are English, French and German, it is necessary that the participants are proficient in at least one of these languages. There will be simultaneous translation provided and discussion groups in all three languages.

## Registration

Registration is possible directly on our homepage [www.andante-europa.net](http://www.andante-europa.net).

As the number of places is limited, early registration is recommended.

Please note the **payment of a deposit of € 200** to the Andante bank account. Please pay the balance before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

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## Costs/ Participation fee

Costs without subsidy	€ 840 p. p.
Member Organisations and Friends of Andante, twin room	€ 500 p. p.
Member Organisations from Eastern Europe	€ 100 p. p.
Non-members, twin room	€ 600 p. p.

The participation fee includes all meals, lodging, coffee/tea during the breaks, interpretation and technical services, and other expenses related to the Study Days.

Not all rooms are en suite. As there are limited rooms we offer you twin bed rooms. If for any (medical) reason someone needs a single room, we ask you kindly to write this to [giselahoewe@gmail.com](mailto:giselahoeve@gmail.com)

## **Accommodation**

We are accommodated in the guest house of the Cistercian abbey Lichtenthal. The abbey is surrounded by greenery and within walking distance of the centre of Baden-Baden. Not all rooms have their own bathroom.

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## **Travel information**

The nearest major international airport is Frankfurt/Main, while nearby airports are Strasbourg and Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden. Baden-Baden can also be easily reached by train. From Baden-Baden railway station, bus line 201 runs to the Klosterplatz stop.

If you would like to arrive earlier or depart later, please book additional nights yourself.

All participants will receive a detailed programme and further practical information a few weeks before the event.

On the first evening, each member organisation can present itself in a short statement with a "best practice sustainability project". We are happy if individual women present sustainability projects, i.e. expertises which they have successfully carried out and which can serve as practical implementation possibilities for the other participants, in a short presentation. Please send a short description of your project by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to [secretariat@andante-europa.net](mailto:secretariat@andante-europa.net). In addition, there will again be a marketplace for the presentation of projects and ideas and the sale of things. The CoCoA will review the proposals received and assign them to the presentation evening or to the marketplace.

Please forward this invitation to potentially interested women.

We look forward to welcoming you to these interesting and challenging Andante Study Days 2020.

With kind regards

for the Coordinating Committee of Andante

Vroni Peterhans und Sabine Slawik  
Chairs of Andante