

ANDANTE STUDY DAYS STRASBOURG – APRIL 2018.

Marie Helene Halligon, olcgs, RENATE Core Group member.

Fifty nine women from 13 countries in Europe gathered in the “Centre Culturel St Thomas” from the 20 - 24 April, to pray, link and work together as representatives of our European Organizations on the topic:

MIGRATION IN AND TO EUROPE FROM A WOMAN’S PERSPECTIVE.



“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 organization that you represent.”

(ANDANTE Letter – March 2018)

Saturday 21st April 2018.

07.00h Mass in the chapel followed by 07.45 breakfast and Morning Prayer at 09.00.

9.30h Meeting with **Mgr Paolo Rudelli** (Special Envoy and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Council of Europe).

Presentations of the present member organizations of Andante concerning their work with migrants. (See attached list).



RENATE Members Adina Balan, cj; Marie Hélène Halligon, olcgs and Inocentia Lungu, cj.

11.00h Prof. **Dr. Theresia Wintergerst** (University Würzburg): *A view from women on global flight and migration.*

14.00h **Theresa Grabinger** (Renovabis): *Staying or leaving? Migration in the Mirror of Project Work of Renovabis.* Presented examples from both Romania and Moldavia

16.00h Presentation of *Projects in Strasbourg* and the *Market Place*-networking.

Dinner at the Project “**Restaurant 7 Pains**” (Seven Breads) in Strasbourg.

“The 7 Breads” is a social and solidarity restaurant located in downtown Strasbourg, not far from the cathedral. This integration project is part of the Caritas Alsace Charity Federation.

The concept is unique. The fact of coming to eat at the solidarity restaurant makes it possible to finance the social and supportive activities of the establishment:

250 meals are prepared and served every day by about twenty employees in service to people in precarious situation.



Afterwards, visit of an exposition on refugee camps:



Sunday 22nd April 2018.

7.00h Mass in the hall

Sybille Bader (Permanent Representative of Andante at the Conference of INGOs at the Council of Europe): *The organizations of Andante and the Council of Europe* .

Prof. Dr. Regina Polak (University Vienna): *The Utopian Potential of Migration: Boundary Experiences, Dreams and Desires*.

Anna Rurka (President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe): Chances and possibilities of the Council of Europe on migration (and how the NGOs can be part of that).



L. to R. Dr. Anne Nègre; Ms. Anna Rurka & Dr. Mary McHugh, (one of ANDANTE's co-Presidents).

15.30h **Dr. Anne Nègre** (Vice President in charge of Equality - Conference of INGOs - Council of Europe):
Migration in Gender Perspective of the Council of Europe, and through the Istanbul Convention.

18.30h Dinner 20.00h Cultural evening.

Monday 23rd April 2018.

Guided Tour Palais d'Europe, participation at debates

Meeting with **Michelle Lafferty**, legal adviser and staff member in the office of Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe



15.30h. Meeting with a Representative of the National Delegation and member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Ms. Nicole Trisse. She was pleased to meet with “non-lobbying” persons and we had a good conversation with her. (French speaking members)

Nicole Trisse.

17.00h Walk to European Parliament without visit.

During the ½ hour we were there, we had an opportunity to observe a debate on corruption in the Parliamentarian Assembly...
a democratic process!



18.30h Dinner.

19.30h Reflection.

20.15h Andante Evening Prayer and Farewell.

