



Forty representatives of Justice & Peace Europe gathered in Vilnius

The Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions (Justice and Peace Europe) concluded its annual International Workshop and General Assembly that took place from 3 to 6 October 2025 in Vilnius, Lithuania. The gathering was centred around the theme “Hope for Peace in Europe”.

The programme included meetings with members of the Lithuanian Church, civil society and youth, as well as political representatives and security experts. The insights and impressions collected during these encounters were summarised in a [Final Declaration](#) of the International Workshop adopted by the delegates representing national Justice and Peace Commissions from across Europe.

The General Assembly offered the opportunity to national Justice & Peace Commissions to share insights into their work on matters related to social justice, peace, human rights and the care for Creation. The Ukrainian delegate briefed the participants about the latest developments in his war-torn country. Justice & Peace delegates also listened to reports from invited guests, including the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the Council of the Bishops’ Conferences of Europe (CCEE), Caritas Europa and the representative of Justice & Peace Europe at the Council of Europe. Moreover, the General Assembly agreed to renew its partnership agreement with the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Union (COMECE).

A new General Secretary

The General Assembly thanked [Stefan Lunte](#) for his dedicated service as General Secretary of Justice & Peace Europe, who after twelve years asked to hand over this function. [Marek Mišák](#), member of the Slovak Justice & Peace Commission and Policy Adviser of COMECE for EU External Relations, has been elected as his successor.

The General Assembly also re-elected Ton Broekman from Spain and Zsanett Bánlaki from Hungary for another mandate in the Executive Committee, while Ludwig Gelot from Sweden has been elected for his first term.

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Justice & Peace Europe is a European network of 32 national Justice and Peace Commissions, working for the promotion of justice, peace, respect for human dignity and the care of Creation. It strives to contribute to raising awareness of the Catholic social doctrine in the European societies and the European institutions.

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