

# FAQs

# Hope for Europe 2018 | Tallinn, Estonia

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### When does the event start and finish?

The event starts on Monday 8th October 2018 with dinner. Please come before to register between 12 and 18 hours.

The event finishes late at night on Friday 12th with a special event so plan to go home on Saturday 13th.

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#### What do we hope are the Outcomes of the Hope Event?

We believe in unity in diversity. By working together crossing boundaries through the use of networks, organisations, ministry type and nations, by collaborating in like-minded groups, we can achieve so much more.

- Our hope for the Hope Event is that there will be a stronger passion for and a greater commitment to collaborate together.
- A better understanding that we need one another and can help one another.
- Even more unity in our diversity.
- See God's Kingdom grow through our working together.

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#### What is the timetable for the week?

Generally, **in the mornings**, Networks and General Secretaries will all be in separate tracks, making collaborative progress in their area of interest and expertise.

In the afternoon, there will be all sorts of options to lead or to participate in. These include:

Initiatives with local partners in Tallinn - for mission, training, sharing ideas on "good practice"

Strategic discussions between Networks, Affiliates and Evangelical Alliances

Seminars that share your expertise with the wider Body of Christ

In the evenings, we will gather together to consider our Unity in Diversity and to celebrate what God is doing in us.

**On Friday night**, we will have a "Hope in the City" event. Multiple events will happen simultaneously in multiple sites: Different types of Arts initiatives, Sport events, Panels on specific topics. All of us are asked to contribute to bless Tallinn.

Here you can find the Programme.

## Where will the meetings take place?

We found an ideally suited place in Tallinn called Salme Kultuurikeskus (Salme Culture House). It has a main hall which seats up to 650 people and many breakout rooms of various sizes for the Tracks. It even has a gym. You can find it <u>here</u>.

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#### Where will we eat?

Breakfast in the hotels. Lunch and Dinner will be in the conference centre where all meetings take place. <u>go to top</u>

#### What do we mean by Networks?

There are different names for Networks: Working Groups, Departments, Task Forces...

A Network is made up of organisations, movements and individuals who have passion and concern around a specific theme and therefore common objectives and goals.

- They rally together to make their know-how and their efforts available for the church and society.
- They organise special conferences on their topic.
- They work on projects with national or even international impact.
- They write position papers and press releases and more.
- Wherever possible this happens in collaboration with National Evangelical Alliances.

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## Why should I come?

#### **Evangelical Alliance General Secretaries**

This is a fabulous opportunity to extend the reach of your National Evangelical Alliance! There is no better time and place to learn to make use of existing resources to serve and equip your members. Networks are set up to do just this.

There will be a General Secretaries' track about the potential of networks as well as an opportunity to share what you do in this area and learn from others who are doing this successfully.

You will be able to connect with networks and make plans a strategize how they can be established in your country for the benefit of your members and your general ministry.

There is a separate document with more details available.

#### Affiliates

Affiliate Members of the European Evangelical Alliance have expertise in various areas which are not fully used in most National Evangelical Alliances

Affiliate Members will have time in the General Secretaries' track to:

- a) present their work,
- b) show specifically what added value they have for National EAs,
- c) suggest the added value they expect from National Evangelical Alliances and
- d) ask questions to National Evangelical Alliances.

Affiliates will also further build on their relationships with the various Networks which will result in better cooperation and more impact.

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#### Networks

Networks have a great platform in the Hope event in Tallinn to develop their work. The Hope event serves as a springboard for established Networks but also for others who want to use this opportunity to get started. Having networks that are in several stages of development will create opportunities to learn from one another and to learn together how to (further) develop a network.

This will result in:

- New members and more committed members
- Better link with the EEA and the NEAs and through this get a better platform and use it better for the benefit of the church
- Deeper cooperation with Affiliate Members
- Closer cooperation among each other (less duplication, more sharing of resources ...)
- Connections with other (related) networks
- Better connection with National EAs and provide help to start new Networks on national level

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# How can I tell people about my ministry?

The Hope event is all about our unity in diversity and how collaboration in networks and across nations, cultures, ages, ministry types etc. can bring strength and be more effective. We especially would like you to come ready to share examples of how your ministry has been involved in such collaborations.

#### See FAQ X about special input (forthcoming)

If you would like to have a stand or to bring literature to share about your ministry, we will have a small exhibition space. Ask us about costs and space.

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# What can I bring and how can others benefit from my knowledge, experience and connections?

This working meeting is organised in a way that each participant can be involved in a small working group for sharing his/her experience on a particular subject. We know that your personal experience will be a great blessing for others.

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#### Who should I bring with me?

**General Secretaries** should bring representatives of existing networks and connect with people in their countries who are actively involved in activities which are represented through networks at the Hope Event. However, participants should not just be practitioners but already have a track record as networkers or show passion in a specific subject and interest and gifting to actively get involved in this area.

Affiliates should bring experts who can connect to specific networks.

**Network Chairs** should invite their contacts in the respective countries but also connect them with the respective National EA if this is not already the case.

You can find the Programme overview here.

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#### What do you mean by a working meeting, not a conference?

Participants are expected to actively contribute to every aspect of the event. This is not just a conference where you sit and receive. It is an interactive, collaborative event and participants need to be able to attend and contribute to the whole event and its outcomes.

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#### Where do I register?

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#### How do I know which track to register for?

If you are already connected to a network or you are a National Evangelical Alliance General Secretary, it is clear which track you should register for.

If you are not, we still hope you will come to the Hope event. Read the track descriptions and decide which one seems most relevant to your present or potential ministry. Apply for your choice and the track organiser will get back to you.

# What does it cost?

To make the conference accessible for people with different needs the conference price is divided in two -conference fee and accommodation fee.

The **conference fee includes only** the conference and the lunch and evening meals. No accommodation and no breakfast.

The **accommodation fee includes** the hotel price. The prices vary per hotel and type of room. See our <u>Hotel list</u>.

Early Bird	Until Friday, 1 June 2018 € 150,-
Regular	€ 175,-
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# What does the Conference fee include?

The fee includes the meeting costs, coffee breaks and meals from Monday dinner until Friday dinner. It does not include your travel or accommodation which you will need to arrange yourself. See FAQ Accommodation.

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## Accommodation.

You will find various accommodation options for you to choose from and to book and pay <u>here</u>.

Generally, there will be shared rooms as space is limited.

The hotels and the venue where we meet are not too far from each other and there is good public transport.

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# How to find reasonably priced flights?

This is probably one of the top sites comparing flight prices: <u>https://www.checkfelix.com/</u> <u>go to top</u>

# Are there scholarships? How do I apply?

We hope that a small number of scholarships will be available, and we especially hope to support people under the age of 30. Any scholarship will cover half of the conference fee and a contribution of € 95.00 towards accommodation. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please complete the form provided on registration by 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will then make decisions about whether we can help you and will let you know by the end of June.

Please do not book your travel and make any assumptions until you have heard back from us.

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# Visas

If you need a visa to attend the Hope event, please connect with with us at:

HopeforEurope@europeanea.org no later than 31 August 2018.

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# What language will the Hope event be in?

Hope is an interactive event where all participants need to be able to speak to others in English. However, we hope that there may be some interpretation (translation) provided for plenary sessions. If you would like to offer one or two volunteer interpreters (translators) to interpret from English into your language, please contact HopeforEurope@europeanea.org.

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# Can I bring my family?

Hope is a large and interactive event, with limited space for all the people who wish to come. We only have space for those who will actively participate in the whole event.

# Will there be an EEA Members Meeting?

The EEA General Assembly and the members meeting 2018 will take place within the Hope event. Scheduled for Thursday afternoon.