# The European Evangelical Alliance: Who We Are

## **CONNECT for Common Action**

As Europe's largest evangelical association, the EEA connects many church networks, ministries and organisations for greater strategic impact. In accordance with Jesus' prayer in John 17, unity among Christians and evangelism go hand-in-hand. EEA's various projects foster unity, synergy and collaboration between its members and many others on topics of common concern. Since its beginning in 1846 the Evangelical Alliance has therefore stressed the importance of united prayer.

The EEA Youth Network equips a growing number of national youth networks. The EEA is in close partnership with the European Evangelical Missionary Alliance (EEMA) and continues regular, informal relations with Hope for Europe.

### EQUIP for European Impact

Through its networks and initiatives, the EEA serves to equip its members by making available expertise, producing papers, initiating research and through making available resources on various topics like theology, missiology, social justice and more. Many of these resources can be found through the EEA Website.

#### **REPRESENT** with a European Voice

The EEA is uniquely positioned as a representative voice; advancing biblical beliefs and values, addressing public concerns and advocating for justice from an evangelical perspective. EEA's voice includes its engagement with pan European faith communities, the European Union institutions and various bodies and behind-the-scenes diplomacy with governments, as well as its engagement with the media on European issues.

The EEA Brussels office represents 23 million European evangelicals from 35 countries to the European Union.

The EEA Socio-Political arm helps national Evangelical Alliances to develop their social, advocacy, and religious liberty ministries

## The Refugee Campaign

The Refugee Campaign coordinates the efforts of many in order to help Evangelicals across Europe respond appropriately to the current asylum crisis. Visit our online platform <u>www.eearefugees.org</u>.

The signs concerning the refugee and asylum crisis have been on the horizon for a while and still took many by surprise. Combine the Christians, churches and specialist ministries and the response of Europe's Evangelicals to the refugee situation is huge.

In response the EEA has connected resources and people, opened access to stories, good practice, information, contacts and all the more from its vast constituency in Europe and even beyond.

## **Our History**

The European Evangelical Alliance was originally founded as a counter-movement to the World Evangelical Fellowship. First published in the Evangelical Review of Theology Vol. 44 No.2 (2020), Frank Hinkelmann, Austrian church historian and president of the European Evangelical Alliance, tells the story of our founding history, in an attached article. In an additional article, which was first published in the Evangelical Review of Theology Vol. 45 No. 1 (2021), Frank Hinkelmann, outlines the further development and the significance of the European Evangelical Alliance up to the present day.