

**Oikosnet Europe
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Oikosnet Vision, Mission, and Values Statement

Oikosnet Europe and its members seek in their work to understand and reinterpret the significance of the Gospel for the renewal and unity of the churches and for the fullness of life of each human person and of the society as a whole.

- We work at empowering people and we collaborate in dealing with current social problems by dialogue.
- We endeavour to assist in giving guidance for necessary changes in living conditions with a commitment to social justice and the integrity of creation.
- We contribute by our work to make it possible for individuals and groups to share.

Our Vision:

Oikosnet Europe is a network of Christian academies and laity centers all over Europe. It represents churches of different confessions such as Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox and Reformed.

Oikosnet Europe is dedicated to promoting and fostering ecumenical and interreligious exchange, dialogue, and cooperation for civic engagement and empowerment, embracing churches, culture, and society.

Our Mission:

Oikosnet Europe acts as a platform initiating joint activities between member organizations as well as various dissemination projects together with external partners from all branches of culture and society, focusing on topical issues in Europe. Through Oikosnet Europe, members share expertise in establishing and maintaining the work of academies and laity organizations.

Our Values:

- **Equality** – We believe that every human being is a gift from God. We value all people regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical and other abilities, religious and political beliefs, and others.
- **Diversity** – We value the strength that comes with difference and the positive contribution that diversity brings to culture and society. We are committed to an increasingly inclusive society.
- **Respect** – We treat individuals with respect and sensitivity, valuing their contributions to culture and society.

- **Trust** – We value trust as a vital ingredient of any personal or professional relationship.
- **Community** – We value community as the continuing pursuit of strong, caring relationships with each other.
- **Sustainability** – We are committed to passing down our mission, vision, and values to the next generation through engagement and inclusion.
- **Open Communication** – We encourage people to openly share opinions and views.