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The European Network Church on the Move EN-RE's Statement on the Future of the EU:

The continued construction of a European Union that benefits all its citizens lies in the negotiation by member States to give priority to common targets and reject fundamentalistic policies.

The European Institutions have had many merits since they were founded, but now they are in serious difficulties.

The economic crisis generates fear and insecurity and leads, on the one hand, to a rough simplified protest, on the other, to a wave of sympathies for nationalist solutions which are contrary to the policies negotiated in the common interest in the European Union.

Unemployment and inequalities increase, welfare is reduced due to insufficient taxation of corporations and wealth, the falling birthrate and low salaries whilst the migrants that are needed to contribute to our economies are rejected by some member States who see them as the cause of our problems.

The absence of a common European Union foreign policy means a growing lack of influence in the geopolitical scenario while the "Cold War" increases, the strong displacement of NATO towards the borders of Russia is accepted and the U.N. Treaty on nuclear disarmament is rejected and, as a consequence, there is a lack of confidence in multilateralism.

We must contribute to stop this deterioration, the EN-RE, born thirty years ago in the search for a new Europe, gives its opinion and declares its willingness to contribute to a better future. The EN-RE hopes that the Catholic Church will counter any kind of nationalism and fundamentalism, continue its relationship with other Christian denominations and increase the dialogue with other religions and bearers of other convictions.

The EN-RE is committed to:

- a greater social cohesion based on democratic policies that contrast with the excessive power of the market economy and the hegemony of international finance;
- improving welfare, social justice and employment, and reducing inequality;
- policies for accepting and integrating migrants which include sea rescues, generalising a "humanitarian route" with the acceptance of these objectives by all the member States of the European Union and the first commitment of the newly elected European Parliament must be the cancellation of the Dublin Process.
- a rigorous application of the commitments made at the COP21 in Paris on climate change

The EN - RE participates in the common feeling of grassroots catholics that another Europe is possible. The May elections to the European Parliament are a major challenge for a more just society in the European Union.

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