

# Ecumenical Youth Council



EYCE training course  
**Role of Churches in Modern Society**  
6th – 13th August 2017 in Palermo, Italy

## **Vision: Role of Churches in Modern Society**

After gathering in the EYCE training course and exploring several aspects and development of church, state and society relations in history and modern times, we, the youth of Europe, coming from various countries and Christian denominations, believe that the European churches should be committed to walk together with society at the national and regional levels. Therefore we have agreed with great conviction on the following:

- 1) We firmly believe that the churches have an active role to play in their respective societies based on the God-given call and core values of the Gospel. Hence they have a significant role in encouraging good citizenship.
- 2) The churches should represent God's kingdom on earth. Therefore, they are called to stand by the needy, the vulnerable and the marginalized in society.
- 3) As the body of Christ, dedicated to work for justice, peace and integrity of creation, the churches should take part in developing communities based on mutual acceptance, dialogue and love.
- 4) The churches should witness for truth and righteousness by speaking out bravely against injustice at all places and times.
- 5) We encourage every Christian to actively participate and take responsibility of being a witness of the gospel and act for transformation. We as members of our churches have this as our commitment.

In Palermo 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017,  
Participants of the training course

---

*Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe aisbl | Conseil Œcuménique de la Jeunesse en Europe aisbl*

Rue Brogniez 44 – 1070 Bruxelles – Belgium  
Phone: +32 2 5106171 – E-Mail: [general.secretary@eyce.org](mailto:general.secretary@eyce.org) – Web: [www.eyce.org](http://www.eyce.org)  
Bank details: KBC Bank, Agence Marnix – BIC/Swift: KREDBEBB – IBAN: BE30 7340 0440 4011