WEBINAR: Youth for Peace Initiatives in Inter-religious & Inter-convictional context *Tuesday, April 15, 2025* - 18.00 – 19.30

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CONTENT: In recent weeks and months, serious events and news have reached us, and it is certainly no coincidence that many people in Europe feel insecure and anxious in their daily lives and future perspectives. Do frequent hate speech and discrimination also in religious context now appear to be part of everyday life? Are decency, respectful behaviour and compassion are no longer supported by civil society? Can religions and faith-based organisations be a refuge and source of support in very troubling times? We want to explore these questions in our webinar and have invited representatives of committed youth organisations that are working for peace from their faith-based context and are pursuing very promising, far-reaching projects. What exactly are they committed to and what does their endeavour look like?

INTRODUCTION: Ece Cifci (Member of Standing Committee, Conference of INGO)

Ece is the youth representative in the Council of Europe's Conference of INGOs and in this role she works on strategies to make youth organisations visible and integrated in the Council of Europe. She has gained a wide range of experience through numerous stays abroad and working in international organisations. She is particularly interested in building links between youth organisations and the committees of the Conference of INGOs.

SPEAKERS:

Natalia Horbal (EFECW): Associate Professor of Lviv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine); National Coordinator for Ukraine of Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women (EFECW-Ukraine). She graduated from Lviv Polytechnic National University (LVNU), received PhD in «Management and Marketing» in 2001. She is an Associate Professor and Deputy Head on Int. Activities of the Foreign trade and customs Department of LPNU. Eidel Malowicki (Ambassador Program of MJLC) 22, born and raised in Vienna in a Hassidic family. She graduated in Vienna with a degree in Sociology and is now pursuing further studies in Sociology of Religion f. Her multicultural background has helped shape her cross-cultural perspective on life. Eidel is part of the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council's (MJLC) Ambassadors Programme and worked with her Muslim counterpart in Vienna to deepen the connections between their communities and organise a walking tour of Vienna focusing on the Jewish and Muslim history of the city.

Eldar Šabić (Ambassador Program of MJLC) 21, born and raised in Breza, a small city near Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Currently, he is a student of Islamic Theology in Sarajevo. Eldar serves in mosques as an imam and religious preacher. Eldar is part of the Muslim Jewish Leadership Council's (MJLC) Ambassadors Programme, he worked with his Jewish counterpart to organise a group of young Muslim and Jewish from Sarajevo to visit other Muslim and Jewish communities across Bosnia. Eldar's team also organised a concert in Sarajevo showcasing Muslim and Jewish culture.

Nourya Dahan (Coexister) has a background in humanities and social sciences of religions, having studied at the Institute Catholique de Paris, the Université Catholique de Louvain, and Sciences Po Paris, with a focus on interreligious dialogue. Passionate about building bridges between communities, she has been involved in volunteer work promoting interfaith and intercultural understanding. Today, as president of Coexister Youth Association, she continues to engage young people in meaningful dialogue and cooperation.

Henriette Greulich (WSCF-Europe) is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Politics and Constitution Dresden, Germany. During her studies -abroad at universities in Wrocław and Jerusalem, focusing on peace and conflict studies. She serves as the Chairperson of the World Student Christian Federation in Europe (WSCF-Europe) and represents the organization as the Head of Delegation to the Conference of INGOs at the Council of Europe.

MODERATOR: Dr. Thea Mohr, European Buddhist Union (EBU), trainer of intercultural communication.