

Europa  
Constellation: Euro Central C3  
Belgium



## NEEDS

### **BELGIUM:**

#### Cry of the Earth

-The country is a significant producer of greenhouse gases and industrial emissions that cause acid rain. The problems with air pollution have also affected neighboring countries by contributing to the conditions which cause acid rain.

**SOIL CONTAMINATION-** the effects of soil contamination in acid sandy soils affects agricultural areas have high concentrations of phosphates due to heavy use of fertilizers in the past.

**NOISE POLLUTION-** Car traffic is the main cause of noise pollution in Belgium, with noise from trains, airplanes, and other transportation methods as contributing factors.

-Belgium's most significant environmental problems were air, land and water pollution due to the heavy concentration of industrial facilities in the country. The sources of pollution range from nuclear radiation to mercury from industry and pesticides from agricultural activity.

-The country's water supply is threatened by hazardous levels of heavy metals, mercury, and phosphorous.

-**NUCLEAR ENERGY SOURCE**

#### **Cry of the Poor:**

-Racism

-Aid for refugees

-Aging Population – increasing health expenses and pension  
Increasing age-limit

-Increasing in population diversity – there are 163 nationalities in Brussels only.

## Commitments

Here is what we can communicate about our commitment to sowing hope for the planet. Among our commitments made at the UISG GA were

- We commit ourselves to communicate what we have experienced to the two Catholic networks of the groups and to the absent superiors general.
- We commit ourselves to give one name per congregation for the UISG programme on environmental protection.
- We commit ourselves to organize a meeting among ourselves, with the provincials and community superiors to discern, going back to the source of our charisms, and in the light of Laudato Si', a common commitment to give voice to our desire to take care of the human being and the planet.
- This meeting is a commitment to live concretely the experience of interculturality: one country, 3 languages, 6 nationalities among the Superiors General.

In the constellation, as we had planned, we organized a meeting on February 29th of this year: "Women of compassion, affected by the suffering of all creation". I endorse a summary below.

And now that I am writing this, at the beginning of May, Covid 19 has come to shake up our humanity!

	<p>Rereading the two conferences in the light of what we are going through seems to me enlightening and a source of hope. Everything is linked, we are intimately dependent on and linked to all creation. The salvation brought by Christ is the fulfilment of a promise deposited from all eternity at the heart of all things by the goodness of God the Creator and Saviour. We will have to put into life and action a mission based on Christ's compassion to help restore the social, economic, ecological, political, ecclesial and spiritual shocks caused by the current crisis.</p>
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