

# Europa

## Constellation: Euro North C1

Norway, Ireland, Great Britain, Hungary, Romania, Netherlands, Malta



### NEEDS

Continent: **Europa**  
Constellation: **Euro North C1**  
Country: **Norway**

#### Cry of the Earth

- water pollution
- acid rain damaging forest and having an adverse effect on lakes
- threatening fish stocks
- air pollution from vehicle emissions

#### Cry of the Poor

- aging pollution

Continent: **Europa**  
Constellation: **Euro North C1**  
Country: **Ireland**

#### Cry of the Earth

- water pollution, especially of lakes, from agricultural runoff.
- Acid rain kills plants, destroys soil fertility, and contributes to deforestation

#### Cry of the Poor

- foreign-based terrorist groups- Continuity Irish Republican Army (CIRA) and New Irish Republican Army

### Commitments

Constellation Euro C I England, Ireland, The Netherlands, Hungary and Norway

- 1) We all commit to the UISG commitment sowing hope for the Planet. We agreed that we will reduce our carbon footprint. We will give a percentage of what we spend on travel in one year to plant trees in the global South.

The Majority of our members reported that they have become more conscious of the need to travel less particularly by air. The present Corona Virus lockdowns have served to make us more aware of how much we are now able to achieve through the use of technology and thus reduce the need for travel. Whilst the majority of members have given funds to tree planting some have done so by donating money to other organisations such as CAFOD or environmental charities or to the Woodland Trust in the UK and one Congregation has given land to the Woodland Trust to be used for tree planting. Some members have also planted trees through their members living in other countries.

- 2) Interculturality was chosen but this leads us to migrants, anti-trafficking and inter-religious dialogue. In these areas we support the work of UISG (Talitha Kum and Sicily). We are all already fully committed with policy in protection of minors but realize in some countries where we are working they need to be lived and not kept on shelves.

- transshipment point for and consumer of hashish from North Africa, to the UK and Netherlands
- increasing consumption of South American cocaine
- minor transshipment point for heroine and cocaine destined for Western Europe
- narcotics-related money laundering

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Country: **Great Britain/United Kingdom**

#### Cry of the Earth

- air pollution improved but remains a concern, particularly in the London region
- soil pollution from pesticides and heavy metals
- decline in marine and coastal habitats brought by pressure from housing, tourism, and industry
- Electricity from fossil fuels is 50% of total installed capacity (2016 est.)

#### Cry of the Poor

- massive migration into the country
- austerity programs
- A sustained depreciation of the British pound has increased consumer and producer prices.
- The economy has slowed since the referendum to leave the EU in June 2016.
- home-based terrorist groups- Continuity Irish Republican Army (CIRA), New Irish Republican Army ((NIRA)
- major consumer of Southwest Asian heroin, Latin American cocaine and synthetic drugs
- money-laundering center

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Country: **Hungary**

The majority of our group are focusing more on interculturality especially in local communities as we increasingly have Council Members from overseas now living in the UK. We also have staff members from overseas. Only a few of our Congregations are directly involved in working with immigrants and anti trafficking but almost all members make donations to projects run by UISG or other Congregations and Catholic charities. In countries like Nigeria Religious are heavily involved in inter religious dialogue.

### Cry of the Earth

- Air and water pollution are some of the most serious environmental problems.
- Water quality in the Hungarian part of the Danube is plagued by pollutants from industry and large-scale agriculture.
- soil pollution

### Cry of the Poor

- pervasive corruption
- labor shortages driven by demographic declines and migration
- widespread poverty in rural areas
- vulnerabilities to changes in demand for exports
- heavy reliance on Russian energy imports
- transshipment point for Southwest Asian heroin and cannabis and for South American cocaine destined for Western Europe
- significant consumer of ecstasy
- vulnerable to money laundering related to organized crime

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Country: **Romania**

### Cry of the Earth

- soil erosion, degradation, and desertification
- water pollution
- air pollution in the south from industrial effluents
- contamination of Danube delta wetlands
- 47% of electricity (total installed capacity) comes from fossil fuels (2016 est.)

### Cry of the Poor

- high youth unemployment 16.2% (2018 est.)
- aging population
- emigration of skilled labor
- significant tax evasion
- insufficient health care

- major transshipment point for Southwest Asian heroine transiting the Balkan route and small amount of cocaine bound for Western Europe
- vulnerable to money laundering via the banking system, currency exchange houses, and casinos

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Country: **Netherlands**

Cry of the Earth

- Water and air pollution are significant environmental problems.
- pollution of country's rivers from industrial and agricultural chemicals, including heavy metals organic compounds, nitrates, and phosphates
- air pollution from vehicles and refining activities
- electricity from fossil fuels-75% of total installed capacity (2016 est.)

Cry of the poor

- major European producer of synthetic drugs, including ecstasy and cannabis cultivator
- important gateway for cocaine, heroin, and hashish entering Europe
- major source of US bound ecstasy and significant consumer of ecstasy
- a large financial sector vulnerable to money laundering

Continent: **Europa**

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Country: **Malta**

Cry of the Earth

- limited natural fresh water resources
- increasing reliance on desalination
- deforestation
- wildlife preservation
- electricity from fossil fuels-81% of total installed capacity (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• heavy reliance on trade in both goods and services</li><li>• Produces less than a quarter of its food needs</li><li>• limited domestic energy sources</li><li>• low wages, compared to other European countries</li></ul> |  |
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