



Annual Report

2020

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FOREWORD

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In 2020, nothing went as planned. We were set for a landmark year and we were gearing up for some major engagement in international processes. When the pandemic hit, like many others we had to revisit our priorities and our ways of working, we had to learn to master new technologies and use our creativity for this every day. We had to become a new network overnight, without losing sight of our objectives.

In this context, while the world reached a tipping point, the call for systemic change began to sound louder and louder. Social inequality grew bigger than ever and so many communities we are close to have been affected by multiple crises. The role of care workers, mostly women, came to the surface, both for their essential role and their vulnerability. Trying to make sense of it all, we took the time to reflect in public pieces. In the middle of this, the Black Lives Matter protests prompted difficult discussions. Evolving from the discourse begun the previous year in the Pan-Amazonian Synod, the need for a decolonisation of mentalities became a burning question. In the process of looking inwards we continued to challenge ourselves to walk the talk with commitments to reduce our own organisational ecological footprint and launched a website collecting ideas and case studies from CIDSE members.

Despite the impossibility to demonstrate in the streets and make our voices heard at international conferences, the climate crisis always looms on the horizon and we kept our engagement up: through our participation in the Ecology task

force of the Vatican COVID-19 Commission, through the creation of online spaces for youth engagement, and amplifying the voices of partners.

We also led other major initiatives and activities such as the Bishops' statement for due diligence and connecting African civil society for land rights.

While we felt the entire system was crashing down on us, we realised that solidarity, at all levels, is crucial to contain the pandemic: from neighbors supporting each other to a vaccine that is globally available to all. In the fall, we received the new encyclical Fratelli Tutti as a welcome gift reminding us how we all need each other like sisters and brothers, and that we cannot come out of this crisis alone. Despite the harsh reality we had to face, our hope has grown, as there has been a realisation that it is finally time to change things profoundly. Systemic change gained its place on the global agenda and this can't be ignored any longer. With many other allied organisations, we engaged to "Build Back Better".

Like Amanda Gorman told us "There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it"!

I invite you to read our 2020 annual report to catch up on a trying, yet very special year and get ready for our next steps.

LIEVE HETZIJGERS

Director, Broederlijk Delen (Belgium)

BEST OF 2020

22
JANUARY

Synod on the Amazon follow-up

A post-Amazon Synod special session was organised at the Board of Directors' annual meeting with Sr. Arizete Miranda Dinelly from CIMI as guest speaker. A few weeks later, CIDSE welcomed the release of "Querida Amazonia".



Brumadinho, 1 year later

CIDSE supported the "Brown January" campaign that marked one year after the environmental disaster in Brumadinho (Brazil) and denounced continuing violations committed by mining companies such as Vale S.A.

25
JANUARY

07
FEBRUARY

UN Food Systems Summit

In an open letter to António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General, CIDSE joined civil society voices criticising of the organisation of the Food Systems Summit.



European Green Deal

CIDSE co-signed a briefing setting out guiding principles and policy recommendations for the European Commission to ensure that the European Green Deal delivers for people in EU partner countries, the climate and biodiversity.

20
FEBRUARY

04-06
MARCH

Resisting extractivism

As part of a European lobby tour, CIDSE welcomed Dom Vicente Ferreira, Bishop of Brumadinho and Fr. Rodrigo Peret from the Church and Mining Network in Brussels.



Just recovery

As a result of the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis, CIDSE staff began teleworking. The network joined the global call to decision-makers for a just recovery and transition to a better future.

16
MARCH

07
APRIL

Renewable energy systems

CIDSE co-organised a webinar to discuss how civil society could influence the nationally-determined contributions' (NDCs) process to accelerate the transition to low carbon and renewable energy systems.



Earth Day

Members of the CIDSE network of volunteers explained in a short video why they joined the global online climate strike organised on Earth Day.

22
APRIL

18
MAY

5th anniversary of the initiative "Change for the Planet – Care for the People"

The CIDSE network celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Change for the Planet – Care for the People initiative with testimonies from CIDSE members' staff and volunteers.

CHANGE
STARTS
WITH US!



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Laudato Si' week

CIDSE co-organised 2 webinars, one on "Raising our voices for the earth and the most vulnerable" and the other on "How Laudato Si' can steer the EU's role in a just recovery after the COVID-19 crisis".

20
MAY

08
JUNE

Human rights due diligence

After welcoming EC Justice Commissioner Didier Reynders' landmark announcement on EU due diligence, CIDSE took part in a high level webinar with him where principles for the EU legislative proposal were discussed.



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Ecological footprint

The "CIDSE Ecological Footprint", a multilingual website gathering experiences and practices from CIDSE member organisations on assessing and reducing their environmental impact, was officially launched.

22
MAY

06
JULY

Bishops' statement

A statement calling for mandatory supply chain due diligence to stop corporate abuse and guarantee global solidarity was signed by over 110 bishops worldwide. Two months later, this initiative supported by CIDSE gathered over 230 signatures.



UNFCCC consultation

CIDSE responded to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) invitation to provide feedback on how to improve the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

30
JULY

06-09
AUGUST

Youth camps

CIDSE's Spanish member, Manos Unidas, held a volunteers' camp as part of the Change for the Planet – Care for the People initiative. Other activities with young volunteers were organised during the summer in Germany and Italy.



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Right to Say No

CIDSE supported the Right to Say No webinar series, a continuation of the work of the Thematic Social Forum (TSF) on Mining and the Extractivist Economy held in South Africa in November 2018.

31
AUGUST

24
SEPTEMBER

Season of creation

CIDSE co-organised a webinar on a just transition with the Global Catholic Climate Movement and promoted a set of inspirational youth eco-practices by its network of young supporters.



Agroecology

As part of a project with Coventry University, CIDSE published a briefing on agroecology and finance. A special issue of Farming Matters magazine on feminism and agroecology was launched with AgriCultures and Cultivate! a few weeks later.

30
SEPTEMBER

15-16
OCTOBER

UN binding treaty

CIDSE and partners from the global South actively lobbied for a binding treaty on business and human rights at the 6th session of the UN open-ended intergovernmental working group.



EU-Africa partnership

As part of the “African Union-European Union Civil Society Conference”, organised by VENRO, CIDSE co-sponsored two side-events, the first on the role of local communities in fostering human security & resilience and the other on rural development in Africa.

26
OCTOBER

03
NOVEMBER

Climate ambition

In the frame of a series of three webinars organised by the COP26 Interfaith Liaison Committee, CIDSE joined faith voices sharing their visions for transformative climate action and the call to “Ramp Up Climate Ambition”.



Israel and oPt

EuroMed Rights and CIDSE co-organised a webinar to discuss the lack of accountability for daily human rights violations in the Gaza Strip. After 13 years of closure, victims continue to be denied access to justice.

12
NOVEMBER

09
DECEMBER

Debt relief for Central America

CIDSE supported the call of the Latin American network Latindadd for a debt moratorium and debt restructuring for the rescue and reconstruction in Central America.



Paris Agreement’s 5th anniversary

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Paris Agreement, CIDSE co-organised a webinar with faith, science and youth representatives who all urged for an ambitious UN Climate Ambition Summit.

12
DECEMBER

AREAS OF WORK



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COVID-19: A JUST RECOVERY FOR ALL

Prompted by the special context we found ourselves in, and in close connection with partners and allies, we had the opportunity to share several reflections on the systemic nature of the pandemic and its impacts on all levels of our lives. We did this through our Voices for Change blog, but also by supporting the Vatican's COVID-19 Task Force. We also started thinking about what the world would be after the health crisis, and flagged the important step of debt cancellation.

EVENTS

During the Season of Creation, taking place every year in September, we joined forces with the Global Catholic Climate Movement and held a [webinar](#) exploring how the COVID-19 crisis and the environmental crisis are related, and how regional approaches to a just transition to integral ecology could be developed.

RESOURCES

When the pandemic hit hard, we supported and contributed several calls for “building back better”. We showed our commitment to working together towards a shared vision of a Europe that is based on a socially just, feminist, sustainable, democratic and inclusive society. We advocated for debt cancellation in a particular time of hardship for poorer countries. These included the open letter from CSO’s “[5 principles for a #JustRecovery from COVID-19](#)” and an open letter from European CSOs “[For a Europe that cares for all – during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond](#)”.

With other faith-based organisations we developed an [Interfaith Earth Day](#) message also reflecting on the

cancellation of the COP 26 climate change conference.

We joined a [call for debt cancellation](#) in times of COVID as well as a [Church leaders' debt initiative](#) ahead of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings. These were followed by a [call to the G20 for a debt moratorium](#).

We also joined the [Treaty Alliance member organisations' statement in response to the COVID-19 crisis](#).

STORIES

The pandemic pushed us to reflect on the way we depend on each other and on the need to shift towards a care economy.

We published some blogs about this by our Secretary-General, Josianne Gauthier “[Depending on each other: connection and COVID-19](#)”.

We commissioned a blog from the economist and gender expert, Thera van Osch, “[How to move toward care economy?](#)”

With our partners we also focussed on areas that are affected by multiple crises, such as [women in Palestine](#) and the community of [Piquiá de Baixo](#) in Brazil.



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SYSTEMIC CHANGE

We strive to work for transformation that pervades all parts of the system. Our work on systemic change in 2020 was also reflected in our efforts to keep promoting gender equality and bringing to fruition many years of efforts on our ecological footprint. It has also guided us in our reading of the lessons drawn from the Synod on the Amazon, in the activities around the 5th anniversary year of Laudato Si' as well as welcoming the new Encyclical Fratelli Tutti.

EVENTS

The CIDSE network, together with partners, met online for the “systemic change dialogues” to share experiences of transformative partnerships and transformative communications.

To mark the launch of a special issue of the Farming Matters magazine on gender and agroecology, we organised a [webinar](#) with leading practitioners and activists from Africa, Latin America and North America who expounded on their experiences and debated on the issues of agroecology, economics and feminism.

RESOURCES

When the new encyclical Fratelli Tutti was released, CIDSE members gathered to learn from it. The [whole network](#) welcomed the Pope's words.

Trócaire, CIDSE's Irish member organisation, analysed gendered

impacts of large-scale extractives, hydropower and agribusiness investments in a [study](#).

A special issue of [Farming Matters](#) brings to the forefront intersectional feminism and indigenous cosmologies coupled with agroecology.

STORIES

The Black Lives Matter movement raised some difficult questions for us. We explored them through a [blog](#) by our secretary general, Josianne Gauthier, and one [blog](#) by Marianne Poetter, from our German member MISEREOR.

Josianne Gauthier also wrote a blog '[Fratelli Tutti – Politics as an act of Love and Courage](#)' and was [interviewed by the Canadian TV programme Salt And Light](#) about the new encyclical.



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BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We pushed for stronger, binding regulation and legislation for corporations, especially in Europe, whose behaviour is going virtually unchecked around the world to sustain the Western consumerist lifestyle through the extractives sector. Inspired by the Pan-Amazonian Synod and the mobilisation of key actors on the ground, we also pursued and contributed to reflections and dialogue on alternatives and resistance to extractivism.

EVENTS

We celebrated the sad recurrence of the [1st anniversary of the Brumadinho dam disaster](#) and supported the “Brown January” campaign.

We gave the EC Justice Commissioner a [draft recommendation of principles for the EU Due Diligence](#) legislation on mandatory human and environmental rights due diligence.

We organised the webinar “[Putting an end to greed: the interaction between respect for human rights and the protection of nature](#)” and actively took part in the virtual UN [Geneva binding treaty October session](#).

The global webinar series ‘[Right to Say NO: Learning from Global Struggles](#)’ focussed on the right of communities to defend their consent on the presence of extractive projects in their territories.

RESOURCES

CIDSE submitted a contribution to the OEIGWG (open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises) with respect to human rights as part of our ongoing engagement in the drafting process of a UN Treaty on business and human rights. We also wrote

[recommendations before the 6th OEIGWG session in October.](#)

Supported by CIDSE, over 230 bishops asked for mandatory supply chain due diligence through a [Bishops statement](#). We also coordinated a statement of [West African Bishops](#) in support of the UN Treaty on business and human rights.

Ahead of the UN session in Geneva, we made our voice heard and urged to ensure that people’s dignity is prioritised and guaranteed worldwide with an [advertisement](#) in the Financial Times.

Through a [study of the EU Mercosur trade](#) agreement and an infographic, we warned that this deal threatens climate, environmental protection and human rights.

STORIES

Like the bishops, a myriad of women within the Church, support the struggle against corporate abuse. Sr. Mary John Mananzan contributed a gender blog, ‘[The place of women is in the struggle](#)’.

The crucial role of a UN Treaty for cases like the Cerrejón (Colombia) was explored [with CINEP representatives](#).



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TERRITORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Gaza became an even harder place to live under the pandemic. We focused our efforts on drawing awareness to the daily challenges of life under a blockade, and the particular impacts on women under confinement measures. We denounced dangerous policy proposals such as the US “Peace to Prosperity” plan and the annexing of parts of the West Bank. With African partners, we kept up exchanges in light of the EU-AU summit, and continued to share knowledge and studies.

EVENTS

CIDSE facilitated a collaborative process of exchange between land rights activists, women’s movements and Church actors in Anglophone Africa on the topic of gender equality and women’s land rights.

With the EU-AU summit scheduled in October, CIDSE sought to amplify voices of African civil society around the summit. In light of the postponement of the summit, CIDSE contributed a [webinar on rural development in Africa](#) for the VENRO Africa-Europe civil society conference held in Berlin on 16 October.

RESOURCES

The advocacy work around Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory in 2020 was mainly focused on the threat of the Israeli government to annex parts of the West Bank.

CIDSE also [denounced](#) the “Peace-to-Prosperity” plan developed by the US which honors entirely the Israeli agenda with no regard for the dignity and rights of Palestinians.

In light of the fragile and thin health care system in the occupied Palestinian territory, ACT Alliance–

EU and CIDSE published a [statement](#) to ask the EU to supply emergency funds, and to put pressure on Israeli authorities to lift movement restrictions and stop property confiscations. .

STORIES

The COVID–19 pandemic exacerbated the already impossible living conditions of vulnerable communities confronting oppression in resource conflicts across the world. Amal Sayam, an activist and advocate for [women’s rights in Gaza](#), shared familiar experiences: women trapped in situations of domestic abuse, with extra care burdens, and economic precarity. Another woman researcher focused on the [particular vulnerability of Gaza](#) to the pandemic while crushed under a blockade that constitutes a double confinement, and the profound emotional pain of ongoing increasing restrictions.

On 22 June 2020, Kone Massa, spokesperson of the Global Convergence of Land and Water Struggles – West Africa (GCLWS WA) – was targeted in an attack. A long list of signatories, included CIDSE, [expressed their attention](#) to his safety and solidarity with activists struggling for resource justice across the world.



AGROECOLOGY

2020 was a big year for graphic publication work on agroecology, accompanied by critical policy analysis and strong online exchanges. The Finance for Agroecology briefing was released with a webinar, and accompanied by media promotion to demonstrate how much of public funding is not going to systemic solutions. CIDSE built a strategic partnership with the Agricultures Network and Cultivate! to co-release an edition of their Farming Matters magazine about the intersection between gender equality and agroecology. All of this strengthened our partnerships with researchers, movements, networks and decision-makers.

EVENTS

For the release of the Farming Matters magazine, CIDSE co-organised a [webinar](#) with leading practitioners and activists from Africa, Latin America and North America who expounded on their experiences and debated on the intersection of agroecology, economics and feminism.

Following our briefing on the current financial flows to agroecology, we organised an [interactive panel discussion](#) between the researchers of the briefing from the Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience (CAWR) of Coventry University and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and donors and recipients of such funds. The discussions explored existing opportunities and challenges for the scaling-up and out of agroecology through financial support.

RESOURCES

CIDSE initiated an assessment of financial flows for agroecology (looking at the whole Green Climate Fund portfolio and at the EU contributions to IFAD, FAO, and the WFP). We published a briefing to highlight the main findings of this research "[Finance for agroecology: more than just a dream?](#)" adding

ammunition to a growing body of evidence of the lack of funding for agroecology at national or international level. This was used to continue or start conversations with key representatives of the stakeholders targeted.

STORIES

The preparation of the briefing "Finance for agroecology, more than just a dream?" was promoted with media, including an original illustrated cover and an [infographic](#), the drafting of press materials including a press release, an [opinion article](#) and an [informative article](#), and social media diffusion.

From our strategic partnership with the Agricultures Network and Cultivate!, we developed our work on agroecology and gender into a [dedicated edition of the Farming Matters magazine](#) on the interconnected issues of alternative economics, feminism and agroecology. The final edition, a year in development, is a colourful and enlightening series of stories from the ground complemented by systemic analysis. From the webinar to mark the launch of the magazine, we also produced a [graphic recording of the discussion](#) that depicts the intersection of agroecology and feminism.



CLIMATE JUSTICE

While COP26 was delayed, the EU Green Deal was fresh off the legislative press and the pandemic revealed just how close the ecological crisis has come. We focused our responses on finding gaps in policy, reflecting with our faith-based actors, and finding intersections with gender inequality.

EVENTS

The Interfaith Liaison Committee brought different faith actors together to discuss faith-based action in preparation for COP26. A [series](#) of three webinars about different faith traditions, the COP26 agenda and stories of hope in action was organised in coalition with CIDSE.

In partnership with the Vatican COVID-19 Commission of which CIDSE is a part – as well as with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, CAFOD, GCCM, COMECE, and Caritas Internationalis – we organised a [webinar](#) to discuss common approaches between southern actors, scientists and faith actors to the climate and COVID-19 crises.

RESOURCES

CIDSE co-published a [joint briefing](#) by 14 climate, environment and development NGOs to offer a set of recommendations in response to the European Commission's communication on the EU Green Deal. The briefing sets out guiding principles and policy recommendations to ensure the European Green Deal delivers for people in the EU's partner countries, the climate and biodiversity.

Following the postponement of COP26, we were quick to remark on the urgency to continue climate action in a [statement](#). We also joined an [interfaith message on Earth Day](#) on the same subject.

Our Senior Advisor on climate justice, Chiara Martinelli, also published an [op-ed in Earth Beat](#) about what the pandemic can teach us about climate action.

STORIES

We [interviewed](#) a young woman climate activist for International Women's Day to discuss the strengths and struggles of women in the climate movement.

We invited women colleagues from the Heinrich Böll Foundation to give a critical feminist perspective on the European Green Deal in a [blog post](#).

To get our volunteers excited to join the global online climate strike, our initiative Change for the Planet – Care for the People made a [video](#).



ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION IN COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Change for the Planet – Care for the People initiative is based around encounters of the volunteers’ network of our member organisations. Volunteers still came together in summer camps, and reflected on their role in climate activism. On the 5th anniversary of Change for the Planet – Care for the People initiative and Laudato Si’ we reflected together with other Catholic actors on progress so far and how to continue our path of ecological commitment. We also published the CIDSE Ecological Footprint to further practice in our operations the changes we wish to see in our society’s consumption.

EVENTS

To announce and share the release of the CIDSE Ecological Footprint we held a [webinar](#) with members.

Between July and October, national camps on sustainable lifestyles took place in Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, UK and Slovakia.

18-28 May was the Laudato Si’ [week of action](#) for the 5th anniversary of the encyclical. We co-organised a [webinar](#) with Franciscans International, Iglesias y Minería and the Global Catholic Climate Movement about the impacts of extractivism and the need for an ecological conversion.

Representatives of European Bishops’ Conferences, as well as Catholic organisations and movements, held the [Third European Laudato Si’ Reflection Day](#).

RESOURCES

As a part of our systemic change approach, the CIDSE secretariat has undertaken a process of evaluating the ecological impacts of our office behaviours. We started a consultation with our members on how they are examining and adjusting their ecological impact. The learnings from this consultation were published in the [CIDSE](#)

[Ecological Footprint](#). The website shares testimonies and tips for adjusting travel, activities, events, and the office itself for less material consumption.

STORIES

To get our volunteers excited to join the global online climate strike, our initiative Change for the Planet – Care for the People prepared [a video](#). Even during the pandemic, volunteers managed to gather together in Italy to learn more about what they can do in their lives and communities for the ecological transition. One volunteer wrote a [blog](#) about her experience.

We celebrated 5 years of Change for the Planet - Care for the People and wrote an [article](#) to review its achievements.

Vir(a)gens, a [short documentary](#) by our Portuguese member FEC, tells stories of resilience and climate activism in Portugal and Mozambique. It was launched on 18 June at a [webinar](#) with Portuguese MEPs Carlos Zorrinho, Graça Carvalho and José Gusmão. Our Secretary-General Josianne Gauthier gave an [interview](#) to our ally JESC about integral ecology.

COMING UP

2021

FEBRUARY

Ending 15 years of illegal blockade:
multimedia story on **human rights in Gaza**

MARCH

Study on **biodiversity**

APRIL

Policy briefings on **climate finance and
agroecology & finance**

SEPTEMBER

EU Due Diligence Legislation
campaign

OCTOBER

Geneva **UN Binding Treaty** session

NOVEMBER

COP26 Glasgow

**Change for the Planet – Care for the
People** documentary

**GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES
& FINANCE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **Board of Directors** is composed of the directors of the 18 Member Organisations. The Board meets twice a year and is responsible for the governance and strategic vision of CIDSE, particularly for reviewing current activities and formulating policies for the future.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The **Executive Committee** is the implementing and supervising arm of the Board of Directors.

- President: **Lieve Herijgers** (Broederlijk Delen)
- Members: **Ricardo Loy** (Manos Unidas), **Msgr. Pirmin Spiegel** (MISEREOR), **Alistair Dutton** (SCIAF), **Caoimhe de Barra** (Trócaire)
- Ecclesiastical Assistant: **Mgr. A. Tesfasselassie Medhin** (Eparchy of Adigrat/Ethiopia)
- Interim Treasurer: **Dunie Wijbenga** (Cordaid)
- Secretary General: **Josianne Gauthier**

The Ecclesiastical Assistant, the Treasurer Secretary and the General are non-voting members.

WORKING GROUPS

CIDSE member agencies work together in working groups, platforms and fora on the issues defined in the strategic plan. The CIDSE Secretariat facilitates the working groups and ensures communication between the member agencies and the overall coherence of CIDSE's work.

FINANCE

The CIDSE network is funded by membership fees and additional resources from its members for special projects. In 2020, CIDSE also received external funding from:

- The European Commission, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), as part of the Framework Partnership Agreement 'Experience, Learning, Sharing through joint action and strategic planning to achieve global justice.' (2019-2023).
- The KR Foundation, as part of a second grant in favour of the 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People' initiative (2020-2022).

CIDSE Income 2020

- Membership fees: **€ 1,092,615**
- European Commission Framework Partnership Agreement: **€ 406,370.69**
- KR Foundation: **€ 123,145.21**

TOTAL INCOME: € 1,622,130.90

CIDSE is grateful to all its network members as well as to the European Commission and the KR Foundation who have made it possible to carry the work presented in this report.

CIDSE Expenditure 2020

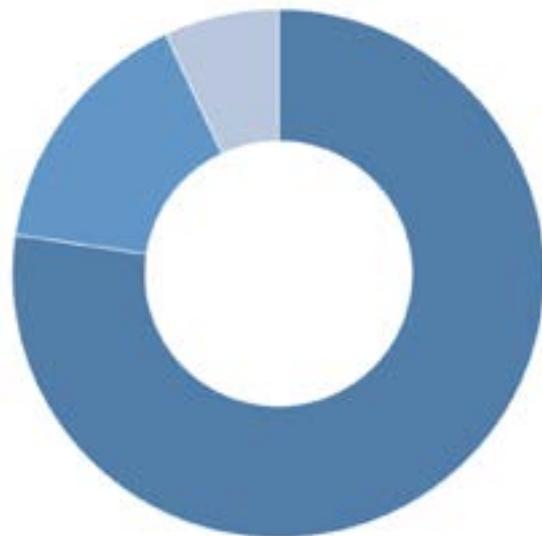
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1,402,325.09 €**

1,084,710.58 €
Advocacy*

220,072.50 €
Communication and networking
events

97,541.96 €
Administration and Secretariat

■ Advocacy*
■ Communication and
networking events
■ Administration and
Secretariat



**CIDSE's advocacy work covers the following thematic areas: Systemic change, Communities regaining control over the commons, Facing climate change: Just and sustainable models for food and energy, sustainable lifestyles.*

The CIDSE Secretariat also coordinates the following project:

Israel-occupied Palestinian territory: 43,555.94 €

CIDSE's financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December. The 2020 financial statements were audited by an external auditor, Clybouv Achiel, Andre & Co bvba, Belgium, in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium.

ABOUT CIDSE



WHO WE ARE

We are an international family of Catholic social justice organisations working for transformational change to end poverty and inequalities, challenging systemic injustice, inequity, destruction of nature and promoting just and environmentally sustainable alternatives.

Watch our [institutional video](#).

We work for a society based on social, economic and gender equality and solidarity, where the economy is at the service of society and functions within planetary boundaries. We aim at a fairer share of and limits in the use of global resources, and democratized governance where people regain control over their choices in economies based on the commons.

We work for reforms with transformative potential: to move away from fossil fuels and extractivism, to limit global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees,

to promote the right to food and agroecology, to regulate business to enforce human rights, to secure sustainable finance and fair wealth distribution, to support local communities to speak for themselves, to confront gender inequalities, and to enable sustainable ways of living.

To make this happen we contribute to global movements and alliances of change, promote peoples' solutions and alternatives and advocate at the international level.

OUR MEMBERS

CIDSE brings together 18 member organisations from Europe and North America



Austria



Belgium



Belgium



Canada



England and Wales



France



Germany



Ireland



Italy



Luxembourg



the Netherlands



the Netherlands



Portugal



Scotland



Slovakia



Spain



Switzerland



USA

COLLABORATORS

CIDSE works closely with diverse local and international alliances and organisations.

These include: Caritas Internationalis, Caritas Europa and Franciscans International.

We are member of Concord, Climate Action Network-Europe, the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM), as well as a founding member of the European Laudato Si' Alliance (ELSiA).

During 2020, the Secretariat continued to strengthen its collaboration with other networks and alliances such as: COMECE (Commission of Bishops' Conferences of the European Community) and JESC (Jesuit European Social Centre) for which we hosted two interns through their European Leadership Programme.

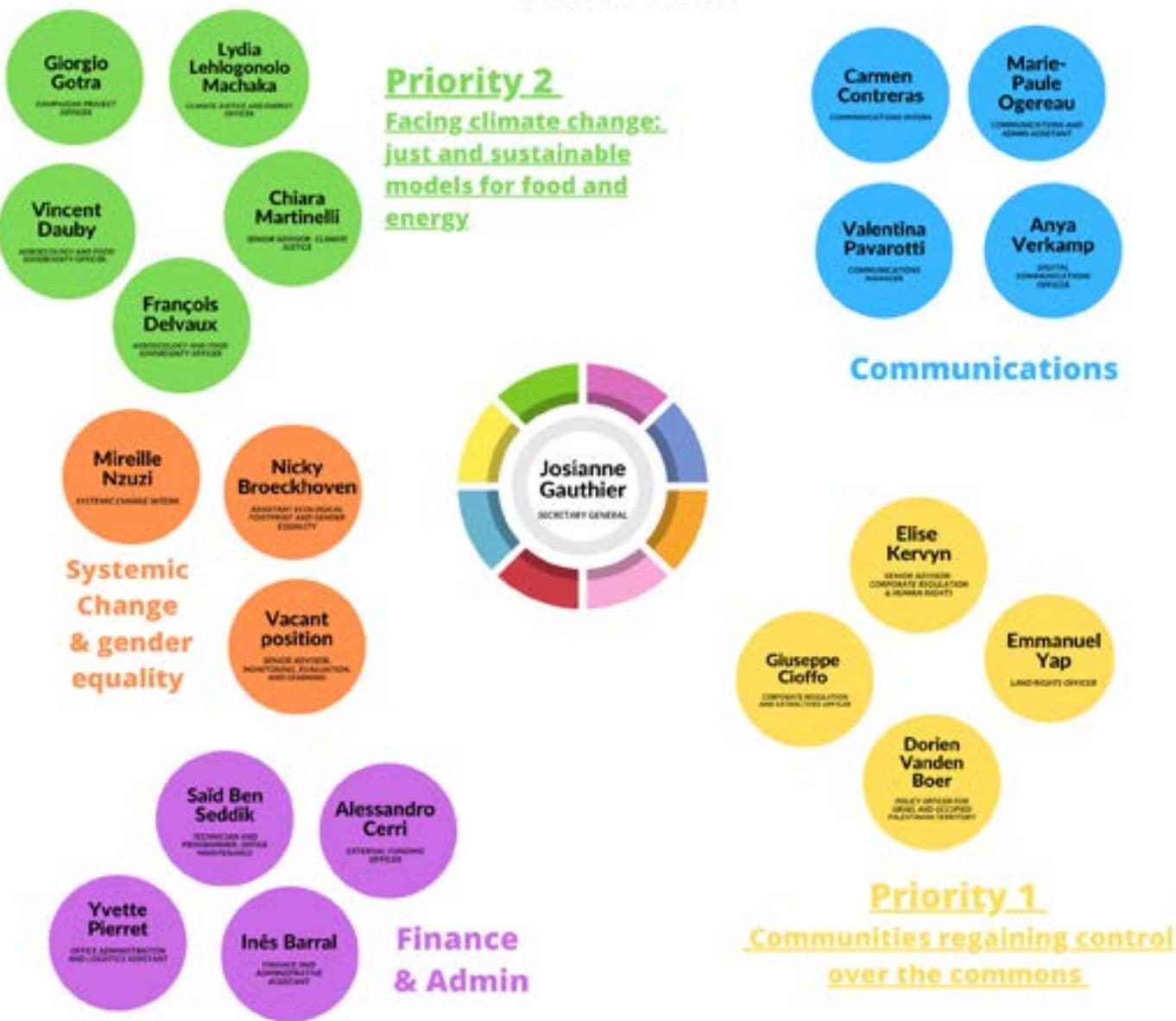
SECRETARIAT STAFF

The CIDSE Secretariat facilitates and coordinates the common efforts of its members, represents CIDSE at the EU and international levels and undertakes advocacy activities and other initiatives in collaboration with its members to contribute towards systemic change and global justice. The Secretariat is organised into teams that coordinate various working groups in order to achieve its objectives:

1. Societal and ecological transformation
2. Communities regaining control over the commons
3. Facing climate change: just and sustainable food and energy models
4. Change starts with us

CIDSE Secretariat Organigramme

MAY 2021



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