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Introduction to the Papers and Workshops

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Diaconia and Christian Social Practice in Situations of War and Frozen Conflict

interdiac organized a cross-European, one-and-a-half-year programme on diaconia and Christian social practice in situations of war and frozen conflicts. During a programme participants examine what diaconia means in different contexts of war and frozen conflicts. Learning is based on participants lived experiences, shared reflection, and mutual exchange. Strengthening resilience, ethical discernment, and mutual support are also key aspects when living and working in situations of war and frozen conflicts, including increasing poverty. Some participants are Ukrainians or work closely with Ukrainians. They bring the realities of an ongoing war directly into meetings. Many questions have emerged, such as how to survive during a prolonged conflict and how to empower people in extremely challenging circumstances. In facilitated discussions, participants not only raise questions but also share how they have addressed and coped with these situations. Joint discussions generate new knowledge and strengthen each participant's capacity to cope and survive. In the presentation this process is described and lightly analysed.