

# European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy / ELIANT

## CHARTER

### The aims of the Alliance

Human dignity and individual development are core values of European culture, to whose evolution Rudolf Steiner's initiatives of applied anthroposophy have contributed for over 80 years. Especially in the fields of agriculture, education, special needs education and medicine, humane approaches of the highest quality have been developed, and found worldwide acknowledgement and esteem. The Alliance has set itself the task of securing legal safeguards for such initiatives for the citizens of Europe, and of developing them further as a contribution towards the further shaping of Europe.

The course must now be set to ensure that fundamental human rights and values in Europe are not limited in a way that would be detrimental to these cultural activities. In the reality of the European context, the right to individual development for every citizen requires not only freedom of choice but also the availability of choices. Parents must be able to choose schools which accord with their educational convictions. Each person should be able to access the medical care and type of diet that corresponds to his or her way of life.

This necessitates basic social and legal policies to underpin institutions and developments which safeguard and support the diversity of different lifestyles. Pluralism of scientific methods, and freedom of research and teaching must be guaranteed. Freedom to choose one's profession and course of training also depend on a context of social pluralism.

### The Alliance's work and mode of operation

We, the core members of this Alliance, agree to collaborate on the basis of a solidarity of initiatives. The Alliance will offer us mutual support in our respective, Europe-focused plans and campaigns. Our aim is to practise collaboration as a source of mutual aid, with integrity and transparency. We thereby hope to realise necessary initiatives in different fields with the widest possible democratic support, low administrative costs, and keen awareness of dialogue and communication.

We aim to exert influence on the development of European policies and legislature, and to develop and maintain the necessary contacts with European institutions.

We see ourselves as an integral part of civil society at the European level, aiming to create as comprehensive a network as possible with organisations that pursue similar goals.

We are willing to participate actively in public relations activities and – as far as this is feasible – to collaborate in conferences, courses and workshops that correspond with the aims of the Alliance.

In order to support our aims we are seeking partners in the fields of culture, economics and politics. We hope to collaborate with institutions, associations and individuals in public life who share our commitment to lasting protection of each person's freedoms, quality of life and individual development potential. Together with these partners we intend to support positions and initiatives which will contribute to shaping Europe's future according to the aims and principles described above.

The resolutions and decisions which affect the Alliance as a whole will be taken by mutual agreement of its members. Until the transfer to Brussels, the Alliance's administrative

business will be conducted by the secretariat of the Foundation for Anthroposophic Medicine in Dornach, Switzerland.

### Alliance membership

encompasses core members of the Alliance that join together in solidarity with the stated aims, and also associate members.

**Core members of the Alliance** are associations and institutions of applied anthroposophy that work at a European level and which, in accordance with the stated aims, work actively within European legislature to promote safeguards for fundamental human rights of self-determination, cultural diversity and thus enhanced quality of life. Core members, as those responsible for the Alliance, will develop and realise the work of the Alliance.

**Associate membership of the Alliance** is open to any natural person or legal body, organisation and institution which desires to promote cultural initiatives based on anthroposophy, and to support them through intellectual or financial contributions. They will be regularly informed of the Alliance's activities, and where applicable will help realise individual projects and campaigns. Associate members do not bear any financial commitment arising from their membership, except where the member expressly desires to do so.

### Core members of the Alliance are:

**AEFMUTA**, Association Européenne des Fabricants de Médicaments utilisés en Thérapeutique Anthroposophique, Huningue;

**Demeter International e.V.**, Darmstadt;

**ECCE**, European Co-operation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy, Zeist;

**ECSWE**, European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education, A.I.S.B.L, Brussels;

**EFPAM**, European Federation of Patients' Associations for Anthroposophic Medicine, Leidschen-dam;

**FAM**, Förderstiftung Anthroposophische Medizin, Dornach;

**gesundheit aktiv** anthroposophische heilkunst e.v., Bad Liebenzell;

**IBDA**, Internationaler Verein für biologisch-dynamische Landwirtschaft, Arlesheim;

**IKAM**, Internationale Koordination Anthroposophischer Medizin, Dornach;

**IVAA**, Internationale Vereinigung Anthroposophischer Ärztegesellschaften, Dornach.

### The following associate members of the Alliance were present at its founding:

Institut Anthroposophique Rudolf Steiner, Brussels;

Konferenz für Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie, Dornach;

Christof Wiechert, Dornach.

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The core members and associate members thank all who take note of this charter, and who, through adding their name to the list of signatures, help to reinforce the Alliance's political efficacy.