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Dear Women in the Member Organisations, Dear Friends of Andante,

With this letter you will receive further information about our online Study Days from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 with the title

## OUR VOICE, OUR LIVES, OUR FUTURE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

In January 2016, the United Nations began implementing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

SDG 5 is about equal access for women and girls to education, health care, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes. Empowering and enabling women is crucial to ending the gender-based discrimination that still often prevails.



How can women be empowered? When and how do women feel empowered? How do you support women in your family, your social and professional environment? What does this empowerment achieve? What are the connections between empowerment and sustainable development?

Our speakers from different European countries will give you some answers to these diverse questions:

- **Stefanie Voss, Germany** - circumnavigator, coach and trainer, communication expert
- **Aiva Viksna, Latvia** - entrepreneur, NGO leader and philanthropist
- **Catherine Pepinster, England** - Journalist, author and historian
- **Sybille Bader, Switzerland** - Andante representative to INGOs in the Council of Europe

You will find the programme for the Study Days with a detailed conference schedule on our homepage [www.andante-europa.net](http://www.andante-europa.net). You can register here directly after Pentecost and will then receive the corresponding online link for zoom access a few days before the Study Days.

One item on the programme will involve contributions from participating member organisations: You will have the opportunity to report on best-practice examples on the topic of the Study Days. Please let us know as soon as possible if your organisation can contribute towards this.

For physical seminars, we have always charged a study day fee. However for digital seminars, the organisational costs are not so obvious. We hope you will understand that there are costs for this online event, e.g. for the translation of the lectures and conference documents, the simultaneous interpreters, the technicians and the technology, licences, etc. We would especially like to thank the Bonifatiuswerk for their financial support this year. We would also be very happy to receive voluntary financial support from you. All donations, no matter how small, are very gratefully received! You certainly know our account number:

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For now we wish you and your organisation a blessed, peaceful and relaxing Pentecost weekend. We look forward to seeing you again at our online Study Days, to which you are welcome to invite your friends and acquaintances in order to further advance this important topic for us women.

With best regards

Vroni Peterhans and Sabine Slawik on behalf of the CoCoA

**Fort the Future:**

At Pentecost 2022 we will meet for the next Study Days and the Andante General Assembly in Riga.

We are looking forward to nominations from various countries for the upcoming elections.