



conference of european churches



**KLIMA
KOLLEKTE**
Kirchlicher Kompensationsfonds

Partnership agreement

conclusion of the agreement between

Conference of European Churches

referred to as „CEC“

and

**Klima-Kollekte – Kirchlicher Kompensationsfonds gGmbH
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referred to as „Klima-Kollekte“.

I. Preamble

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) is a fellowship of some 114 Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican, and Old Catholic Churches from all countries of Europe, plus 40 National Council of Churches and Organisations in Partnership. In its commitment to Europe as a whole the Conference seeks to help the European churches to renew their spiritual life, to strengthen their common witness and service and to promote the unity of the Church and peace in the world.

CEC works on issues of common concern for European churches. These include theological dialogue and ecumenical cooperation among the churches, as well as dialogue with the European political institutions, peacebuilding and reconciliation, human rights, economic and ecological justice, employment and social issues, bioethics, education for democratic citizenship, migration and asylum issues, and others.

The CEC is committed to work on climate change and integrity of creation. Along with work on eco-theology and ethical aspects linked with environmental concerns, CEC is committed to undertake concrete steps leading to reducing the ecological footprint and ecologically sustainable lifestyle.

Klima-Kollekte is a carbon-offsetting fund operated by Christian churches in Germany and other European countries. Klima-Kollekte provides opportunities for offsetting the unavoidable emission of greenhouse gases. The project implementation is the responsibility of our partners and funding organisations: MISEREOR, Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service, the Protestant Church in Germany, the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, the Missionary Childhood Association 'Die Sternsinger', Nordkirche Weltweit and the Catholic Development Organisation 'Fastenopfer' in Switzerland. Climate-protection projects overseen by Christian organisations or their partners are carried out in developing and emerging countries. Eastern Europe is a region where we are planning to implement projects, too.

II. Goal of the partnership

Both parties agree that voluntary carbon offsetting of unavoidable greenhouse gas emissions offer a possibility to support projects concerning climate protection and sustainable development. The payments for offsetting of unavoidable emissions are seen as an instrument to finance high quality projects for climate protection. The process is accomplished by projects that reduce emissions while using renewable energies or energy efficient methods.

III. Status

The funding organisations and shareholders of Klima-Kollekte meet on a quarterly basis to overview the initiative's performance and business development. Out of these meetings a new form of partnership has emerged: Instead of becoming a "funding organisation and shareholder" of the Klima-Kollekte the partnership agreement provides an alternative. In the role of a „partner of Klima-Kollekte" one does not automatically become a funding organisation and therefore is not obliged to provide financial means nor be subject of legal matters. So "partners" do not have to pay member fees, primary deposits nor any other financial investment and thus do not have a vote at the funding organisations meetings. "Partners" do not underlie the obligation to place projects for climate protection within Klima-Kollekte's portfolio, but are free to do so. Subsequently the status of a partner results in less involvement than the one of a funding organisation or shareholder. At the same time "partners" are visible concerning the area of operations such as public relations and are bound to actively promote the partnership as well such as public relations.

IV. Duties of Conference of European Churches

CEC commits to the guiding principle of "avoid, reduce and compensate" and calculates their CO₂-emissions. CEC offsets its CO₂-emissions with Klima-Kollekte.

Volumes and details of payment are as following:

CEC aims to nearly full compensation of its CO₂ emission. Carbon offsets have to be carried out once a year for preassigned areas.

CEC promotes the action of offsetting with its partner Klima-Kollekte and is committed to further pushing the publicity of Klima-Kollekte's service to broaden its customer base.

CEC makes use of the partnership with Klima-Kollekte regarding public relations through electronic media such as:

- Written statements and press articles,
- Use of logos,
- Reports of supported projects,
- Use of reports released by Klima-Kollekte,
- Announce joint activities such as events or participations at fairs and exhibitions.

V. Duties of Klima-Kollekte

On their part Klima-Kollekte will publicly promote the partnership through electronic media, print media or at events such as panel discussions or company presentations at conferences. In purpose of a successful promotion, Klima-Kollekte provides information and visual coverage of its projects for climate protection and their status as well as certification within the Clean Development and Gold Standard registry.

Furthermore, Klima-Kollekte offers to support the calculation of CO₂-emissions and the entire carbon footprint of its partner.

In the course of the calculation, Klima-Kollekte brings to account the compensation and after receiving payments, it provides a certificate as well as donation receipt to its partner, the Conference of European Churches.

The monetary compensation of its partner is used to finance high quality projects for climate protection and proofs the investment of its income through the annual report, which will be provide to CEC and the public.

Additionally, Klima-Kollekte informs its partner four times a year about Klima-Kollekte's business development and the projects through a newsletter. Further information about the projects including pictures are provided upon request.

VI. Costs

All deriving costs due the principles of this partnership are paid by CEC and Klima-Kollekte independently.

VII. Duration of the partnership agreement

This agreement enters into force as from the date of signing through both parties and shall continue until one of the partners terminates the agreement by a written statement.

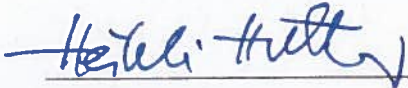
VIII. Disclaimer

Terms and conditions of Klima-Kollekte are to be accepted.

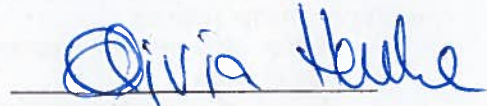
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