



REVIEW 2020 & OUTLOOK 2021

FOREWORD

Four people came up, carrying a man on a mat because he could not walk and they made a hole in the roof above Jesus and let the man down in front of Jesus, due to the crowds. When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man in front of him, "My friend, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:1-12)

This is the story of four friends bringing their friend to Christ to be healed and saved, but this is also the story of Europartners. We as a movement of Christian entrepreneurs, business leaders and (young) professionals would like to bring our friends to Jesus to be healed and saved. That is why Europartners exists!

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic dictated the program. We moved from in-person meetings to online meetings. It was a blessing in disguise. We met many new business leaders, could share hope, pray for business leaders, and offer mental support, and proclaim Christ.

We also were able to interview many friends and business leaders to revise our strategy and made it up to date to the current needs and trends in the marketplace.

For 2021 and the future our online activities will stay, but in the second part of the year we will add in-person meetings again. We believe in personal encounters as being the strongest force to bring people in the presence of God and to communicate with our friends.

Enjoy reading what we were able to do in 2020 and our plans for 2021.

Keep reminding us in your prayer as being the foundation of everything we do.

Wouter Droppers
President Europartners



REVIEW 2020 - HIGHLIGHTS

ISRAEL TRIP AND CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY)

The desert trip

As a board we did a pilot desert trip, as being part of our future program for high level business leaders to meet God. It was an amazing experiment. We were in the Negev desert and were hosted by our good friend Jeremy Blatch.

“It was in a brief and ordinary conversation by the fireplace, that I received a remark that helped me to accept myself as I am. I am incredibly grateful God has given this to me, it changed my perspective on my own life and self-worth.”



“The time in Jerusalem was great. Many friends. Common prayers and praise of our God. New friends. The time spent in prayer was filled with the Holy Spirit. It’s unforgettable.”

The conference

The conference was another highlight. Over 80 business leaders from over more than 16 nations were present to listen to inspiring talks from our Jewish friends and others. The fellowship and hospitality of our Jewish friends was amazing. A special highlight was also the parallel program with Gertruud Bakker about the Jewish Jesus.

“Many thanks for everything you have done. I really enjoyed the conference, especially your presentations and the talks of Mordechai and Calev.”

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MISSION TRIPS (JANUARY AND FEBRUARY)

This year we were only able to visit Estonia and Latvia in person. In Estonia we gave a seminar for all kind of business people about Business God's way and we did a Marketplace Ambassador training for Christian business leaders as well. Both were very well received.

In Latvia we shared our Young Professionals' program about Business and Finance God's way. 75% of them made a step to dedicate their life, career or business to Christ and received a personal blessing or intercessory prayer.



GOING VIRTUAL

In March Europe went in lock-down and Europartners moved to the internet. As in the introduction it was a blessing in disguise. We were able to give teaching, sermons and webinars and reach more people than in physical meetings. For example, in Russia, where we did an interview and talked in the local language about the crisis and 'Business God's way' and reached 835 people, in a nation so hard to reach (click on the YouTube image on the right).



Also in South Africa, where we normally don't go to, we did a series of being a Christian business person in times of crises.

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WHAT DID WE DO NEXT?

- We organised a 'mental and prayer support team', to help those who are in need
- We sent every day the prayer requests we received to our prayer team to pray for
- We had and still have a lot of skype and Zoom meetings with various businesspeople to help and encourage them, at individual level
- We informed all national business ministry leaders about best practices in these times of turmoil and remote encounters
- We provided a paper for our support team, national leaders, and coaches. 'What is it we can offer as message of hope and resilience, and how to coach'
- We provided a brief outlook of observations for the time after Corona for companies, ministries and churches to be aware of and prepare for
- We informed ourselves with the knowledge of experts to develop a strategic plan for the coming five to ten years
- There were webinars and meetings for businesspeople in various nations on a local level
- We had monthly virtual meetings with young professionals
- We had meetings with international high level business leaders, together with Coca Cola Consolidated



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THE IMPACT OF EUROPARTNERS

"We were impressed of the first session of the YP webinar. We had a really blessed time. It was interested to hear Linda's story and the principles she follows in her business. Many of the things were extremely useful and we even posted some quotes on our Facebook page and the people liked them."

"I received a lot of inspiration and wisdom through the testimony, and then later it was good to share and hear about challenges and encouragements from other colleagues who attended the webinar."



"One of the most important challenges for me was the idea to hand the business/ministry/work over to Jesus, make Him the CEO, and turn to Him specifically with questions regarding challenging situations. I have started journaling regarding some challenges I face in my ministry and the wisdom I received from the Holy Spirit really made a difference in relating to the people involved. Also, I really appreciated the discussions in the breakout room, they were also edifying and helping process things deeper."

"We are so grateful for our last coaching session. It was a breakthrough for our life. We found purpose and meaning again and started to move and change our situation. Thank you so much."

"When I review my mentoring process I discover that my relationship with God is totally different from 3 years ago. I am a different daughter. God worked so much throughout our monthly meetings. I am very grateful. Miracles and blessings happened in these 3 years. They helped me stay on God's path for me, encouraged me, prayed for me, helped me understand better the word of God and how He sees me."

It was a fruitful year, and we are happy and thankful for what God did and we could do throughout Him.

WHO WE ARE?

We are a movement of and for business leaders and business ministry leaders in Europe. We are connected to a 40 business ministries and movements in 34 European nations, with over 400 small groups/teams or hubs and 7.500+ business leaders in reach of the connected local ministries and movements. Europartners functions as support, help and incubator for these European ministries and nations. Next to this, we help business leaders to get to know Christ and inspire them to live and work as marketplace ambassadors for Christ.

Our dream and vision is:

That all business leaders accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord, and that they reflect Jesus Christ and the values of the Kingdom of God in the way they think, behave, speak and conduct their business, so that all people honour and glorify God for who He is.

Our mission and daily work is:

Seeing business leaders come to Christ and helping Christian business leaders intentionally live out the Gospel.

The people we work with and for are:

- The national leaders of business ministries in Europe
- International and high-level business leaders
- Small/medium size business owners and their leaders
- Young entrepreneurs and potential business leaders

Our distinct voice is:

- Bringing people into God's presence (awareness of the work of the Holy Spirit)
- Focus on 'Being', who we are as a person
- The power of relationships, authenticity, genuine interest, and real encounters
- Helping business leaders to understand Scripture and Jesus' Lordship for their life and work

Our strategy for this is:

- Strengthen, inspire, and help national business ministries to become excellent and to fulfil their calling
- Creating places and events where business leaders can meet God, themselves, and equals
- Inspiring, mobilizing and equipping Christian business leaders to become a marketplace ambassador of Christ

BUDGET 2021 AND RESULTS 2020

	2021 budget	2020 realized	2020 budget
Income			
Gifts and donations	208.400	179.311	201.000
Training and conference	38.500	64.752	67.000
Book project income	11.000	2.327	21.000
Sum of income	257.900	246.390	289.000
Expense			
Payroll	137.900	127.231	136.800
Travel	15.800	3.107	16.800
Training and conference	49.000	78.491	85.000
Office cost	6.000	7.021	4.500
General and administrative expense	10.700	9.065	8.600
Public relations and communication	12.500	-	12.500
Board expense	1.000	-	3.000
Resources	8.000	20	4.000
Book project costs	11.900	11.805	11.000
Donations and support others	600	3.300	1.800
Depreciation	1.500	1.132	1.000
Sum of expenses	254.900	241.172	285.000
Surplus	3.000	5.218	4.000

OUTLOOK AND PRIORITIES 2021

There are 3 priorities we would like to focus on for 2021:

- Bringing business leaders in God's presence
- Developing a movement and community of business leaders (part of the body of Christ)
- Developing Marketplace Ambassadors to the image and likeness of Christ (individual level)

BRINGING BUSINESS LEADERS IN GOD'S PRESENCE

This is important, because we recognize the limited impact of teaching, telling and information. Experience in these times is key. Therefore, we will invest in bringing people in God's presence with the awareness of the Holy Spirit, not trying to convince but to allow people to make their own journey with God. If people sincerely look for God, God will reveal Himself to them.



The first half of 2021 we will maintain our approach as developed in 2020 and stay completely digital with online mentoring, coaching, (intercessory) prayer, local and European webinars for the various target groups. We will make them as personal and interactive as possible to create real encounters on heart level.

In the second half we will start with our in-person activities again. As our retreat in October, the young professional weekends, and the coming desert trip for high level business leaders.

DEVELOPING A MISSIONARY BUSINESS MOVEMENT IN EUROPE

Europartners wants to function as an incubator and help for nations and local ministries and business leaders, who would like to start a movement of businesspeople for Christ.

Serving and coaching

We serve business leaders by bringing them together, share best practise, introduce added resources/partners and material, support them with prayer and knowledge.

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Therefore, we meet with these business leaders 3 times a year as a community and at least twice a year on an individual level (virtual and in-person).

Teams as the foundation

We believe that teams/small groups or hubs are the base of national movements. These are places where business leaders can meet and will be encouraged, inspired, held accountable, where they can share life, pray and receive wisdom. These groups can become springs and wells of new ideas, new initiatives and activities to bless society and friends with the perspective of the gospel too.

In nation where we have no presence, we will invest with team accelerators, businesspeople travelling and inspiring the nation to start a movement. In the nations where we have a connected business ministry, we will ask for focus on small groups again and help them with resources and trainings.



Vision Friends

We would like to grow in the number of Vision Friends. A Vision Friend is someone who believes in the vision and mission of Europartners and would like to contribute to making Christ known among business leaders in the marketplace in Europe. A Vision Friend contributes to the work of Europartners in several ways. This can be financial, with knowledge, networks, possibilities, mentoring etc.

If you believe in the vision and mission of Europartners and you would like to actively participate, see also our website [Becoming a Friend](https://www.europartners.org) or write to: wouter.droppers@europartners.org

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DEVELOPING MARKETPLACE AMBASSADORS

We will use the book 'The Jerusalem entrepreneur' as a base.

Digital and virtual meetings

Together with the YouVersion Bible app and Jesus.net, we will develop reading plans and courses for the internet about being a 'Jerusalem entrepreneur' and a 'Marketplace Ambassador for Christ'.

To inspire people, we will share videos and testimonies by social media ([LinkedIn group](#), [Facebook community](#) and [Instagram](#)). Also we will continue with our webinars on a local and European level. We will make them as personal and interactive as possible to create real encounters on heart level.

In-person trainings

In the second half we will start again with our in-person trainings as well, with a focus on coaching skills, being living proof and tailor-made examples.

A more comprehensive [plan and report is at our website](#).





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