

MAPPING BRIEF

The Caritas Europa Strategic framework foresees under its priority function III “Strengthening the network” that “Caritas Europa is a network of organisations that seeks to encourage its members to learn and exchange knowledge, experience and expertise in order to be more effective and sustainable.” And that, by 2015: Caritas Europa operates a knowledge management and capacity building system.

Based on the needs of individual Caritas Organisations, the network as a whole and the working structures (Secretariat and WGs), a mapping system of the network for the network is being developed.

1. **Our MAPPING will help Caritas Organisations know them-selves:** How many people are helped through my organisation’s activities in and outside of the country? Who are these people? The system will provide **data and statistics to**
 - underpin national advocacy and policy work
 - help better (re)present the organisation
 - illustrate national activity reports and communication activities
 - contribute to the visibility my MO in the country
 - support fundraising efforts
 - as a basis for strategic decision making

2. **Our MAPPING will help Caritas Organisations know each other:** The info provided will help Organisations **identify other organisations and colleagues** with the same expertise and activities to, for example:
 - get in touch and exchange information, e.g: on specific policy areas or approaches; best practices, innovation and/or for technical support (CMS/OD CDF Etc...)
 - set up partnerships for joint projects (EU or other funding - when partnerships are required)
 - know who to contact in a third country when planning a project...

3. **Our MAPPING will help the CE Secretariat and other CE working structures know the Caritas Organisations and the network:** The mapping will provide **quantitative and qualitative data** for
 - policy and advocacy work at EU level
 - better representation of the network at European level
 - increased visibility of the Caritas network in EuropeIt will help us know
 - **the experts** in the network
 - **the needs of our members** to better target and design capacity building actions; and
 - **the areas of intervention our members** to better target info on financing opportunities