WACC promotes communication as a basic human right, essential to people's dignity and community.
Regional Associations

WACC has corporate and individual members in more than 120 countries and is organised into eight Regional Associations throughout the world. Click on the links below to visit individual web pages.
WACC Europe Structure

WACC Global

8 Regional Associations
Africa / Asia / Caribbean / Europe / Latin America / Middle East / North America / Pacific

WACC Members in Europe

WACC Europe Assembly
(Every 3-4 Years)

Regional Committee
President / Vice-President / Secretary / Treasurer + 8 Other Members

“WACC Europe”
Legal Entity
(French Law on Associations 1901)
2014: WACC Europe Assembly & TV Festival

WACC Europe Assembly held in conjunction with the 18th European Television Festival of Religious Programmes, Hilversum, Netherlands

The winner came from Joodse Omroep (Jewish Broadcaster), receiving both the first prize and the audience prize for the documentary “Spot the Differences.”
2015: New Steering Committee Takes Office

**President:** Stephen Brown, UK/France  
**Vice-President:** Marianne Ejdersten, Sweden/Switzerland  
**Secretary:** Ralf Peter Reimann, Germany  
**Treasurer:** Juha Kinanen, Finland

**Members**
- Freddy Dutz, Germany  
- Ivar Kupics, Latvia  
- Julia Helmke, Germany  
- Erin Green, Belgium  
- Michel Kocher, Switzerland  
- Tuomo Pesonen, Finland  
- Simon Larson Kangas, Denmark (resigned)

- **WACC Global Staff Liaison:** Sara Speicher, UK
Embargo 23 November 2015 05:00 GMT, 06:00 CET
Joint press release by WACC Europe and CEC

Action needed to tackle marginalisation of women in Europe’s news agenda, report states

Progress towards equality of women and men in the news media has virtually ground to a halt according to the findings of the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) released on 23 November.
2016: Online Seminars

• Who Makes the News? Gender, media and the churches
• Youth & Communication: Growing networks in a changing Europe
• The Paris Climate Agreement: What’s Next?
• The Refugee Crisis: Responses and Representation in the Media
• Steadfast Unity in Divisive Times
2017: Refugees Reporting

- Assessed the media portrayal and representation of refugees in 7 European countries
- Surveyed journalists and refugee representatives on media issues
- Facilitated a dialogue between refugee representatives and journalists to test the findings
- Major launch in Brussels in November 2017 with recommendations for
  - Media Professionals and News Organisations
  - Refugee-led organisations and groups
  - Civil society organisations working with refugees and migrants
2017: WACC-Signis TV Festival, Paris

19th European Television Festival of Religious Programmes, Paris
Co-hosted by Jour du Seigneur (Catholic) and Protestant Federation of France (FPF)
2018: Founding of WACC Europe Association

- Application for European Union funding for project on training and awareness-raising on media and migration
  - WACC Europe
  - CCME
  - European Federation of Journalists
- WACC Europe needed legal identity
- “WACC Europe” founded as a French Association under the 1901 French law on Associations
2018: WACC 50th Anniversary

Symposium on "Communication Rights Today" celebrating WACC's 50th anniversary, Hamburg
2019: New WACC Europe OPM Project

• “Communication Rights and Refugees in Europe: Breaking Down the Social Media Divides”

• Explore existing attempts to address hate speech and cultural and political divisions online, particularly in relation to migrants and migration

• Identify good practices and effective tools and strategies for individuals and organizations
Belief on Screen
20th European Festival of Religious TV and Online Programmes
10 – 12 June 2020
Helsinki, Finland

Global Media Monitoring Project 2020
In Memoriam

Hans Florin
1928-2016
WACC General Secretary
1976 - 1986

Hans-Wolfgang Hessler
1928-2016
WACC Europe President

Murri Selle
1936-2017
WACC Europe Secretary