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Euro RGB meeting

April 18-19, 2026

Total number of members: 25

Voting members: 19

Quorum: 10

Voting members present: 15

Global GBCs present: 6 (out of 7)

Non-voting members present: 5

Guests: 6

Attendance

PRESENT – VOTING MEMBERS

GBCs

1. Hrdaya Caitanya d (GBC of Andorra, Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain, New Mayapur; Co-GBC with Madhu Sevita d for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and France)
2. Krsna Premarupa d (GBC for Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein)
3. Madhu Sevita d – present online (GBC for Italy, Malta, San Marino; Co-GBC with Hrdaya Caitanya d for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and France; Co-GBC with Radha Krsna d for Cyprus and Greece)
4. Praghosa d (GBC for the UK, Faroe Islands, Channel Islands, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden)
5. Prahladananda Swami (GBC for Croatia, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia; Co-GBC with Bhaktivaibhava Swami for Bulgaria; Sannyasa Minister)
6. Radha Krsna d (GBC for Hungary, Romania, Turkey; Co-GBC with Madhu Sevita d for Greece and Cyprus)



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OTHER MEMBERS

1. Devasri Radhika dd (Head of Legal Department)
2. Janesvara d (Almviks Board; Regional Secretary for Sweden, Norway, and Denmark)
3. Lalitanatha d (Regional Secretary for Denmark, Euro RGB 2nd vice-chairman)
4. Mahendra d (Euro RGB chairman, Chair of Bulgarian National Council)
5. Nrsimha Krsna d (Zonal supervisor for Turkey)
6. Parabhakti d (Euro RGB 1st vice-chairman, IGPO Continental Officer for Europe)
7. Sankirtan d (Representative of the Czech National Council)
8. Trilokatma d (Euro RGB chairman, Zonal supervisor for Slovakia, Albania, and Macedonia)
9. Trisama d (Chair of the Polish National Council)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

1. Citrarupini dd (Child Protection Office Regional Director for Europe)
2. Kanhaiya d - assistant member (Representative of the National Council of the UK)
3. Mahabhavi d (Chairman of Norway National Council)
4. Sandhya dd (Representative of the Netherlands National Council)
5. Tirtharaja d - assistant member (Representative of the National Council of Spain)

GUESTS

1. Syamasundar d - Ministry for Cow protection and Agriculture (on the invitation by Krishna Kshetra Swami)
2. Ananta d - Ljubljana, Slovenia, temple president (on the invitation of Prahladananda Swami)
3. 4 youth members from Hungary: Narottama, Yamuna, Nisha, Govindadeva (on the invitation by Radha Krsna d)



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NOT PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Bhaktivaibhava Swami (GBC for Albania, Czech Republic, Finland, Macedonia, Slovakia, Co-GBC with Prahladananda Swami for Bulgaria)
2. Krishna Kshetra Swami (Minister of the Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture)
3. Mahaprabhu das (Minister of ISKCON Communications Europe)
4. Tapo-divyam das (Chair of the Finnish National Council)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

1. Dayanidhi d (Chairman of the Greece National Council)

MINUTES

1. New Members

Mahendra d is Euro RGB Chairman.

Parabhakti d is Euro RGB First Vice-Chairman.

Lalitanath d is Euro RGB Second Vice-Chairman

Two devotees acquired voting status: Sankirtan d, representative of the Czech National Council, and Nrsimha Krishna d, zonal supervisor for Turkey.

Citrarupini dd postponed acquiring her voting rights until the September Euro RGB meeting.

2. Euro RGB EC Report

Over the past period, the Euro RGB EC has focused on strengthening governance, ministry development, and operational systems across several areas. Key work in the Justice Ministry included developing a legal entity, complaint-handling guidelines, and committee proposals, alongside ongoing engagement with the Youth, Vaishnavi and Congregational Development



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Ministries, the Grhastha Vision Team, Devotee care initiative as well as collaboration with CPOC and the Wills Committee. Strategic development also continued in fundraising and internal communications, as well as the handling of several complaint cases. The EC further advanced revisions of the Rules and Regulations in line with RGB decisions, currently under review by the Law Department. There has been progress in data collection, with the central database completed and active outreach to yatras underway. In addition, GDPR guidelines were developed in coordination with Devasri Radhika dd and the agenda for the upcoming April meeting was prepared.

3. GBC Report

Krishna Premarupa d gave a report on behalf of the GBC Secretaries, focusing mainly on the GBC AGM held in February in Mayapur. It was reported that, due to the meeting being shorter than usual and several urgent topics requiring further discussion, deliberations are continuing online, which is why the minutes from the meeting have not yet been published.

A suggestion was made that future reports include concise bullet-point summaries placed on the relevant platform for easier reference, allowing devotees to review and follow developments afterward.

4. Justice Ministry

Devasri Radhika dd made a presentation on the work that has been done on establishing the European Justice Ministry and its functioning. Discussion focused on the functioning, procedural clarity, and practical implementation of the Justice Ministry as well as the composition of relevant committees. The need for clearly defined cases in which due process would not apply, in order to avoid unnecessary use of time and resources, was highlighted.



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It was clarified that, in the event of concerns arising, the appropriate step is to contact the Ombuds Office, specifically Guruttama d in his role as intake officer, who would then assist in ensuring the matter is handled efficiently and in the best possible way.

It was decided that the participation of Kamlesh Krishna d in the Justice Ministry, due to the unresolved issues with CPO data transfer related to his previous tenure as International CPO Director, is put on hold.

5. Devotee Care

Damodar d (Chowpatty, India) made a presentation on possible establishment of an office for devotee care on European level.

A discussion was then held regarding sustainable long-term devotee engagement, especially considering limited manpower and devotees' multiple responsibilities in many communities. It was emphasized that education should currently take priority over administrative expansion. The possibility of a European coordinator was also discussed along with the idea that some temples may take initiative in devotee care development, while broader European coordination can gradually be built.

Action Point:

1. The EC will convey the Euro RGB's comments and encouragement to Damodar d, and continue working with him on the development of the European devotee care initiative.

6. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance

Devasri Radhika dd reminded Euro RGB members of the importance of complying with GDPR requirements in European countries regarding the collection and processing of personal data. It was noted that some temples may be doing it without realizing they are subject to these



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legal obligations. Members were also reminded that the Euro RGB Law Department has issued a short guidelines document offering general guidance; however, its application requires local involvement and awareness of the specific laws in each country. The guidelines were previously sent to the European Leaders' conference and are available upon request.

7. Congregational Development Ministry

A presentation was given by the representative of the Congregational Development Ministry, Ram Giridhari d (India). A broad discussion was held concerning congregational development, the declining numbers of temple residents vs congregation size dynamics, and the practical realities of Europe's diverse preaching environment. It was noted that European contexts differ in important ways from those in other parts of the world, and that approaches developed elsewhere would benefit from thoughtful adaptation to better align with local circumstances.

The members discussed the importance of accurate census data about the ISKCON centres in Europe, and collecting best practices from exemplary yatras, while avoiding unnecessary standardization due to Europe's diversity. Suggestions included collecting information on temple populations, congregational strength, and preaching strategies to better understand the situation on the ground.

The Euro RGB members concluded that, before establishing a CDM department in Europe, it is essential first to gain a clearer understanding of the European congregational landscape. They also requested that in a future discussion, the CDM should provide more clarity regarding the vision, mission, functions, budget, and prospective team members of the proposed European CDM department or regional council. As with the European Vaishnavi Ministry and Youth Department, it will be expected that the person proposed to lead this initiative participates in a hearing with the Euro RGB. Before proposing team members, the CDM should get the approval of the local leadership.



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Action Points:

1. The Euro RGB EC will continue working with the global CDM team on the next steps, in line with the conclusions above.

8. GBC Succession – GBC College in Europe

Krsna Premarupa d reported that there is no advancement in the arrangements to organize GBC College or Zonal Supervisors' training in Europe.

Several ideas were discussed to support succession planning. These included an initiative to invite youth members to Euro RGB meetings to give presentations and become familiar with its functioning, with the dual aim of identifying and nurturing those who already demonstrate leadership and managerial potential, as well as gaining a deeper understanding of younger generations – their inspirations, concerns, and perspectives.

Action Points:

1. Krsna Premarupa d will reach out to Rupanuga d to discuss adjusting training programs to European needs.
2. The Euro RGB EC will look into the possibility of making it a regular practice to invite youth to ELM and RGB meetings and give them the chance to interact with the leadership.

9. Youth Department

A presentation was given regarding the proposed Youth Department by Syam Govinda d (Italy). Members expressed appreciation for the initiative while noting the need for clearer mission, vision, values, practical strategy, measurable goals, and defined leadership structure. Ensuing discussion emphasized the need for equal focus on both outreach and in-reach. The



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Euro RGB members from the UK committed an initial donation of 5,000 GBP as starting capital upon the department's establishment.

Members emphasized that any proposed minister should undergo proper hearing by the Euro RGB body, demonstrate philosophical clarity, and present mission, vision, and practical plans aligned with relevant resolutions. It was agreed that possible ministerial candidates should be considered and that proposals, including name and detailed service description, should be brought before the Euro RGB.

Resolution 2026/04/19/01:

The Euro RGB reviewed, supported, and formally endorsed the formation of the Euro RGB Youth Department, led by Syam Govinda d and Madhuri Manjari dd.

A committee comprising Parabhakti d, Radha Krsna d, and Devasri Radhika dd is established to work with the Youth Department in developing a more detailed outline of envisioned activities and guiding principles, based on relevant GBC resolutions.

At the autumn Euro RGB meeting, Syam Govinda d and Madhuri Manjari dd will present the results of this work, after which Euro RGB will further evaluate and discuss future steps toward developing the Youth Department into a Ministry.

10. Grihastha Vision Team

Uttama dd and Partha d gave a presentation on Grihastha Vision team (GVT) programs and projects, specifically premarital training. They participated in the meeting online and responded to many questions from Euro RGB members who appreciated their service for the devotee community.

The Euro RGB members encouraged the devotees from GVT to look for particular devotees to help coordinate their work in Europe, which would eventually lead to forming a local



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team. For the September RGB meeting, a more developed proposal including names of team members may be presented in order to continue the process.

11. Vaisnavi Ministry

Sati dd (Russia), global Vaisnavi Ministry co-minister, made a presentation on their work and the need to have representation in Europe. The potential formation of a Vaishnavi Ministry was discussed. The same considerations regarding the need for a clear vision and the hearing of candidates, as those discussed in relation to the establishment of the Youth Ministry, were also addressed.

Action Point:

1. An abstract of relevant GBC resolutions will be prepared and shared with the Euro RGB members and Sati dd for their consideration.
2. The matter will be revisited in September, including a hearing with a potential minister candidate.

11. Preaching Strategies

The importance of strategic planning for Europe was discussed, including the idea of conducting a census to provide reliable data for informed decision-making. Emphasis was placed on defining clear goals before data collection begins, identifying what constitutes measurable success, and ensuring that research serves practical purposes, e.g. identifying areas that need help and development.

Suggestions included reaching out directly to local centres, professional research assistance, targeted audience analysis, and simplified metrics based on Srila Prabhupada's priorities adapted to present-day realities.



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It was agreed that further work is required to define goals and prepare practical census questions.

Action Point:

1. The Euro RGB EC will explore the possibility of conducting a census, either a simplified version or one developed with professional input, based on proposals from various Euro RGB members.

12. Legal Entity

A proposal for establishing a legal entity was presented by Devasri Radhika dd, primarily for:

- Handling financial accounts and fundraising
- Data protection
- Intellectual ownership and trademark management

Discussion addressed board composition, liability, money transfer regulations, governance safeguards, and Swiss legal considerations. A board structure ensuring GBC majority was favoured. Devasri Radhika dd clarified that legal liability would generally apply to the entity and its assets rather than individual members, depending on statutory structure. The Euro RGB members were encouraged to conduct independent legal research before formal commitment.

A straw vote among GBCs was unanimous in support of continuing this process.

13. Youth Feedback

Euro RGB hosted four youth representatives from New Vraja Dhama, Hungary, who attended several presentations, including a session on the formation of the Youth Department.



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They expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the meeting and offered candid feedback on how to improve the effectiveness of the discussions.

14. Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture

A presentation was given by Syamasundara d, on behalf of the Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture. The presentation emphasized strengthening cow protection in Europe by expanding the number of goshalas, improving dairy production, and better aligning resources with the needs of temples, Deities, and communities. Goshalas were encouraged to move from basic maintenance to sustainable growth through dedicated teams, agriculture, guest engagement, fundraising, and development projects. Financial sustainability can be enhanced through premium dairy products, sponsorships, and educational initiatives, supported by stronger leadership, clear systems, and active promotion.

It was announced that the Farm Conference 2026 will take place from 11th–13th September at Goloka Eco Farm in Savona, Italy.

15. Fundraising

A proposal was introduced for a diversified, transparent, and legally compliant fundraising programme to provide Euro RGB with stable, sustainable funding for its operations. The plan aims to establish multiple income streams while maintaining strong financial accountability and regulatory compliance. Recommended fundraising channels include recurring monthly subscriptions, website payment options, an annual Euro RGB dinner, local temple events, and online campaigns. Operational responsibility would be led by Sukanti Radha dd and bhaktin Nesela, with strategic guidance from Brajavilas d, supported by digital outreach and secure payment processing systems. The proposal emphasized that implementing this structured fundraising model through an appropriate legal framework would strengthen Euro RGB's financial sustainability and support future expansion across the EU and UK.



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The Euro RGB has reviewed and expresses its support for, and formally endorses, the proposed plan for fundraising for the Euro RGB.

16. Internal Communications

A proposal was presented to establish a simple and practical internal communications plan for Euro RGB across ISKCON Europe. Its purpose is to raise awareness of decisions, services, programmes, and key events through social media, email, and a quarterly newsletter while increasing visibility of successful preaching activities. The plan includes regular shareable content, video messages for major events, quarterly newsletters, and long-term centre registration materials. Sukanti Radha and bhaktin Nesela would lead implementation through content collection and coordination with ministries, while ministries and assigned members would provide reports, videos, and photos. Approval was requested to begin implementation, including appointing communication leads and a video production team.

The Euro RGB has reviewed and expresses its support for, and formally endorses, the proposed plan for internal communications for the Euro RGB.

17. Properties

Euro RGB members were reminded of the GBC resolution concerning last wills and advance medical directives. Although the resolution formally applies to GBC members, sannyasis, and gurus, it was strongly suggested that all ISKCON members, particularly leaders holding legal ownership of ISKCON assets, adopt the same practice to prevent legal complications and unintended consequences in the event of death or severe health emergencies.



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Euro RGB members raised several clarification questions concerning property trustees, including their identity and role, legal responsibilities, appointment and removal procedures, transparency toward RGB members, and possible future training opportunities.

19. War Preparedness / Crisis Readiness

A discussion was held on preparing for possible three-month supply chain disruptions or broader crises.

Recommendations included:

- Community-level and personal preparedness checklists,
- Designating a responsible contact person,
- Addressing conscription-related concerns,
- Refuge planning for displaced devotees,
- Protection of essential resources.

20. New EC Member

Trisama pr was unanimously accepted as a new EC member on a provisional basis until September review.

21. ELM and Next Euro RGB Dates

ELM will take place on September 26–27, 2026 in New Mayapur, France. Registration deadline is the end of June to ensure the required minimum participation of 50 attendees. The Euro RGB meeting will follow on September 28–29, 2026.



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22. Lokanath Swami request

The Euro RGB EC received a request that the Euro RGB considers reviewing its previous resolutions regarding Lokanath Swami's visits to Europe based on new evidence. The Euro RGB decided that any new evidence should be submitted to the GBC EC. Should the GBC body change its resolution on this matter, the Euro RGB will review its own decisions accordingly.