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# Center for Protestant Theology in Eastern Europe – German abbreviation ZETO



## Current:

- The voice of the Protestant churches in Eastern Europe is not being heard good enough in the international and ecumenical context. These churches have to increase their visibility and unfold their opportunities for cooperation and further development
- Students and theologians of the Protestant churches in Eastern Europe need support in their educational process
- The integration of the Protestant churches of Eastern Europe into society and their presence in the cultural domain represent current challenges

„Protestant theology is only then complete, when we integrate the experience of Eastern Europe.“

Through the international networking of Protestant organisations, new areas of cooperation can emerge and new resources can be created. ZETO wants to take over a meaningful role in supporting the Protestant churches in Eastern Europe.



# History of ZETO



- Foundation of ZETO and support on international level
- The integration of the 3 important pillars into the structure of ZETO: church, education and society
- Ensuring a centralized administration by the Superior Consistory of the Evangelical Church A.C. in Romania
- Sourcing financial means to support the activities of the Center
- Cooperation with Evangelical-Lutheran churches in Germany, that maintain partnerships with Evangelical churches in Eastern Europe
- Cooperation with ecumenical organisations

2019



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2020

2021

November 2021 - May 2023

- June - first international conference

- Publication and promotion of valuable pieces of work from the 3 departments (Theological Institute, Deutsch House, Ecumenical Semester)

- July - first editorial

- Support from the Lutheran World Federation

- „Digital Academy“ (together with the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe – CPCE and the Evangelical Union of Hesse) with the aim of giving lectures and facilitating encounters between young people from all over Europe, on the situation of European Protestantism



# Many are talking about networks, but few talk about network manufacturers.

If you support our fundraising campaign, which aims to gather the amount of 90,000 Euro within the next 3 years, we already know that we can achieve the following goals through the ZETO network:

- To give Protestant churches in Eastern Europe a chance to become visible and get supported through international networking.
- To bring together and connect Protestant organisations in Eastern Europe in an active and collaborative international network.
- To offer yearly support to theologians and students to have access to academic theological education.





In 3 years of activity, we have proven that we can build and maintain valuable connections with international institutions. Furthermore, we have also helped students and theologians to obtain access to an academic education of high quality.



It is essential to have continuity in the efforts to support churches and theologians and in the further development of the network on an international level. This will ensure the interconnectivity between needs and resources in this ecumenical domain. These aspects are extremely valuable for the Christian communities in our world, a world that is constantly changing and where peace is often endangered.



ZETO is more than just a network.

It makes a voice heard and is the vision of many people with heart and soul, who have dedicated themselves to Christianity and ecumenism.

What will the ZETO Center look like in 2027?

Thanks to the support of sponsors, it will be possible to multiply the ZETO network and increase the impact of cooperation between the partner institutions, by further developing what has already been created.







Dr. Anton Tikhomirov (Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Russia;  
Rector of the Theological Seminary in Saint Petersburg):

„Thanks to ZETO, one can defamiliarize and share in a procreative way her or his own experience and live the unknown, unfamiliar experiences of others as their own. I experience ZETO as a highly vivid, colorful and courageous community, ready to rethink the old and at the same time explore new ways.”





There is only one way this extraordinary vision can become reality: Support us in the fundraising campaign, dedicated to securing operating costs for the 3 years to come! Therefore, we invite you to become our supporters, so that churches in Eastern Europe become stronger and in order for hundreds of students and theologians to be able to achieve their future goals, thanks to your investment.

From the money you give today, there will benefit an entire international protestant community over the following years. The next generation will live this experience and in return, the people will be able to become multipliers.

This is one part of our role as a network and a first step towards developing a sustainable community.





ZETO supports initiatives and responds to challenges and opportunities, which arise at the level of the international community on the basis of the financial resources received up to now.

ZETO is here to persevere. The network we are building through this organisation will be supported in the long run by the resources we are gathering now, not just based on the budgets generated from the annual projects.

In the next 3 years, our aim is to collect 90,000 Euro with the help and support of around 50 donors.

