

**Oikosnet Zoomconference on**

**“The Role of Religious Education in Today’s Europe”**

**24 March 2021 15h00-17h30**

**Programme**

15h00

Plenary (Moderation: Rüdiger Noll)

**What is the Role of Churches in European Countries on Education?**

- Welcome and Introduction (Walter Luessi/Rüdiger Noll)
- Impuls: Bianca Kappelhoff
  - o Comenius Institute Münster
  - o Board Member of the European Forum for Teacher of Religious Education (EFTRF)
  - o Board Member of Inter-European Commission for Church and School)
  - o Member of the CEC Working Group on Education, Democracy and Diversity
- Questions and Discussion

16h15

Break

16h30

Three Parallel Working Groups

**“What is the understanding of education in which we/our institutions are engaged in?”**

**1. How is the role/contribution of churches in education seen in different European countries? Which form of Education is attributed to churches?**

Moderator: Katerina Karkala-Zorba, Orthodox Academy of Crete

Resource Person: Bianca Kappelhoff , Comenius Institute Münster (Germany)

**2. What is the specific role of Christian Academies in Education? Which type of education do Christian Academies stand for? What changed due to the Corona Pandemic?**

Moderator: Dr Hermann Düringer, former Direktor of the Protestant Academie Arnoldshain/Frankfurt (Germany)

**3. Religious Education and Democratic Culture in the context of Europe (Work of the Conference of European Churches (CEC) in relation to the European Institutions) on Education**

Moderator: Dr Alexei Bodrov , St Andrew’s Theological Institute/Free University Amsterdam (Moscow/Amsterdam)

Impulse: Sören Lenz (Executive Secretary of the Conference of European Churches, Strasbourg)