

## About CER

The Continental European Region (CER) of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Great Britain serves English speaking AA Members, Groups, and Intergroups in Continental Europe.

CER, as guided by the Three Legacies of AA (Recovery, Unity and Service) and with a primary purpose of carrying AA's message to the still suffering alcoholic, aims to:

1. Lead public information initiatives and cooperate with the professional community at the European level.
2. Facilitate the exchange of information / best practice experiences between AA Groups / Intergroups.
3. Provide alcoholics, both local and from abroad, with access to AA services and support, particularly in isolated and remote areas.
4. Represent and link the AA Groups / Intergroups with the annual General Service Conference.
5. Create opportunities for AA members to contribute to and gain experience in AA service.
6. Encourage cooperation with each European host nation AA.

## Representation

Our Regional Assemblies, which averaged around 40 members, had representatives from all over Continental Europe, including:

**Active Intergroups** – Barcelona/Catalunya, IG Bavaria, Berlin IG, North Costa Blanca, Costa del Sol, European Online Intergroup, Geneva IG, Italian IG, Madrid IG, Netherlands IG, Poland IG, Rhine-Neckar IG, Triborders, IG Vienna, Zurich IG.

**Active Groups** – Budapest, Malta, Mallorca, Skopje, Prague

Each Intergroup can send up to two Representatives to CER.

CER always welcomes both new, and old, Intergroups & Groups to join us in service! If you have any questions about how to join contact the **Secretary at [secretary.cer@aamail.org](mailto:secretary.cer@aamail.org)**

## ArenA

In 2024, ArenA continued to publish personal stories from AA members, along with service announcements and officer reports. In recent months, the ArenA editor commissioned stories reflecting on experiences with the 12 Traditions. Additionally, an ArenA Working Group was established to review and revise submission guidelines, considering ArenA's format and scope. The ArenA newsletter currently has 2,018 active subscribers.

## A Note From our Chair

Fellows, my name is Raymond, and I have recently taken on the role of CER Chair. It is a privilege to be elected to this position and act as one of your trusted servants. CER will strive to carry out our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We have welcomed a new **Health Liaison Officer, RECLO, Vice-Chair, Conference Delegate, and two Alternate Conference Delegates** this year.

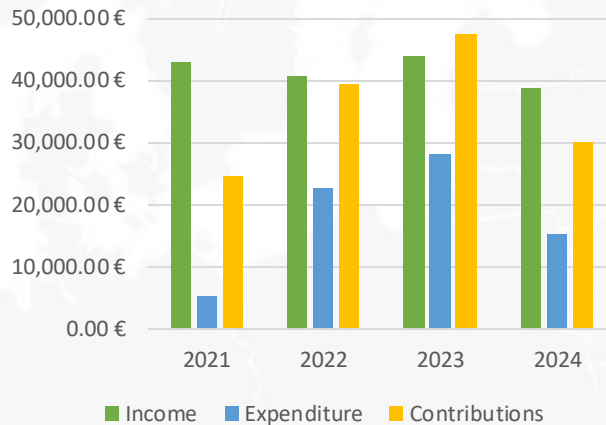
The number of **AA meetings and Intergroups throughout Continental Europe continues to grow**. The Intergroup reps are a vital source of information and ideas which are shared and adopted in the different member countries.

We encourage all members to get involved in service at local and regional levels. **You are always welcome to attend CER Assembly meetings as an observer** and if you have attained some years of sobriety you may wish to consider an open service position at one of our future meetings.

*Yours in service, Raymond B – [chair.cer@aamail.org](mailto:chair.cer@aamail.org)*

## Finances

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### Thank You for Tradition 7 Contributions

We would like to extend our thanks to all the Groups and Intergroups that have made Tradition 7 contributions over the past few years. As the accompanying graphic shows, your contributions have been consistently generous, enabling CER to continue its vital work of carrying the message throughout the Region.

What the graphic does not reflect, however, is the significant increase in the number of Groups and Intergroups now contributing to the Service Structure, further strengthening our efforts.

A working group, chaired by our Alternate Treasurer has developed a set of guidelines for officer reimbursement claims, aimed at keeping our expenditures aligned with our financial goals.

We are committed to further increasing transparency in the coming year, with additional financial reports being made available on the CER website.

Should you have any questions regarding our finances or how to make a contribution, please feel free to contact the **Treasurer at [treasurer.cer@aamail.org](mailto:treasurer.cer@aamail.org)**.

## Electronic Comms.

The bulk of our e-comms work continues to be carried out by our dedicated volunteer teams providing support through our email helpline and keeping our meeting and event listings up-to-date.

Following a motion in our June assembly, our RECLO introduced microphones to the hybrid assemblies to better integrate online attendees.

This is work in progress, and our RECLO will be building on these first steps in future. The RECLO is also working to bring ECLO and other interested fellows together online to share experience and ideas across our region. Anyone interested in joining, please contact our **RECLO, Alex H. at [ecomm.cer@aamail.org](mailto:ecomm.cer@aamail.org)**

## Conference Delegates

The highlight of the Delegates' year was the annual **General Service Conference (GSC) in York, GB**. To prepare, the Delegates collected responses from CER members, groups, intergroups and region via various channels. Five Delegates and one Alternate attended Conference, ensuring full representation. In June, the Delegates reported back on the Conference recommendations and their impressions of the accountability to and respect for the fellowship of the General Service Board and General Secretary. Other activities included orientation meetings for new Delegates & Alternates, preparation for Conference, and a webinar for members to explaining the conference process and how to draft questions for Conference.

## Archives

Our archivist attended the annual Archives network meeting in York, GB and was given the opportunity to visit the Borthwick Institute, where the AA GB archives are kept, and see what tremendous work has been done to ensure that our common welfare comes first. The main purpose of our archivists' archive activity is to keep the records straight, so that myth does not predominate fact. Our archivist preserves the richness of our heritage to ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, i.e. the Continental European Region Assembly.

Groups and Intergroups can send their archival material to our archivist **Peter S.** at [archives.cer@aamail.org](mailto:archives.cer@aamail.org)

## Public Information

As your Public Information Officer, I want to acknowledge the PI activity that is being done across the 43 countries of CER in which we currently hold English speaking AA meetings. We have a PI Working Group to share learnings and experience across the CER AA community, such as the Vienna Intergroup poster initiative on the Vienna U-Bahn and the Costa Del Sol regular outreach through local expat press and media and much more. A.A. statistics show that only around one-quarter of new members come to the Fellowship from existing members, therefore, for us to continue to carry the message as per Tradition 5 we must always look for ways to reach those that have not found their way to the rooms of A.A. and call for each Group/Intergroup to identify a direct action you can take and conduct at least one programme of outreach in the community during the next 3 months. To learn more please don't hesitate to contact me and join our PI community.

**Rob W.** [pi.cer@aamail.org](mailto:pi.cer@aamail.org)

## Secretary

Our Secretary is the main channel of communication between the Region Reps/GSRs, CER and GSO. This year they responded to various inquiries assisting Intergroups with the registration process with GSO, obtaining AA email addresses, disseminating information for upcoming assemblies, responding to nominations for service positions, updating the Digest of Decisions, taking minutes at assemblies and at Steering Committee Meetings.

If you, your Intergroup or your Group have any questions about CER, various service-related processes or GSO do not hesitate to contact the **Secretary** at [secreteray.cer@aamail.org](mailto:secreteray.cer@aamail.org)

## Regional Officers (end of December 2024)

Service Position	Name	Service Email	Rotation
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Treasurer	Alistair R.	<a href="mailto:treasurer.cer@aamail.org">treasurer.cer@aamail.org</a>	Jun 26
Alt. Treasurer	Jo	<a href="mailto:treasurer-alt.cer@aamail.org">treasurer-alt.cer@aamail.org</a>	Dec 26
Secretary	Carina H.	<a href="mailto:secretary.cer@aamail.org">secretary.cer@aamail.org</a>	Dec 26
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Young Persons Liaison	Chris S.	<a href="mailto:youngpersons.cer@aamail.org">youngpersons.cer@aamail.org</a>	Dec 27
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Regional Trustee	Levey P.	<a href="mailto:trustee.cer@gsogb.org.uk">trustee.cer@gsogb.org.uk</a>	Apr 26
Archivist	Peter S.	<a href="mailto:archives.cer@aamail.org">archives.cer@aamail.org</a>	-
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Delegate Comm. 3	Gillian S.	<a href="mailto:confdel3.cer@aamail.org">confdel3.cer@aamail.org</a>	Dec 26
Delegate Comm. 4	Marisa P.	<a href="mailto:confdel4.cer@aamail.org">confdel4.cer@aamail.org</a>	Jun 26
Delegate Comm. 5	Jonathan P.	<a href="mailto:confdel5.cer@aamail.org">confdel5.cer@aamail.org</a>	Jun 25
Delegate Comm. 6	Jan J.	<a href="mailto:confdel6.cer@aamail.org">confdel6.cer@aamail.org</a>	Jun 25
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Alternate Delegate	Sarah V.	<a href="mailto:alt-confdel2.cer@aamail.org">alt-confdel2.cer@aamail.org</a>	Sep 27
Alternate Delegate	Karen M.	<a href="mailto:alt-confdel3.cer@aamail.org">alt-confdel3.cer@aamail.org</a>	Sep 27

## Service at CER

Several service positions will become available in 2025.

**In June 2025, two of our Conference Delegates will finish their service.** Thus, two Conference Delegate positions will be open. This service position is crucial to fill as our Conference Delegates carry the group conscience of Intergroups & groups within CER to the annual General Service Conference, thus making sure our voice is heard at Conference.

**In December 2025 we will be electing a new ArenA Editor and a new Armed Services Liaison Officer.** These are also two vital service positions. The ArenA Editor is responsible for compiling and sending our monthly newsletter to over two thousand subscribers.

The Armed Service Liaison officer assists with activities that aim at carrying AAs messages to military bases within CER.

If you have any questions about these service positions or wish to apply, please visit the CER website.

## More Information

For more information on CER, please refer to the following documents, available on our website:

- About CER Brochure
- CER How it Works – A quick reference guide to service at Region

### Participate in Service with Us!

CER has many service opportunities – just check our website for upcoming vacancies.

Dates and locations for our quarterly **Regional Assembly** service meetings in 2025 are published on our website. Proposals from intergroups/groups to host future regional assemblies are always welcome.

- 2025 March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prague, CZ
- 2025 June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Online
- 2025 September 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> (Location TBC)
- 2025 December 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Online

### Get in touch with CER

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