

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.

Secretary

"As your Secretary I am the main channel of communication between the Region Reps/GSRs, CER and GSO. This year I have continued assisting Intergroups with the registration process with GSO and obtaining AA email addresses. We have managed to get official AAMail addresses even for the few groups that are active in CER. My other tasks include 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. I am rotating out in Dec 2026 and would like to offer anyone interested in this service position the opportunity to shadow me. If you are interested or have any questions about CER, service, or GSO, I'd love to hear from you."

Secretary, Carina H.,
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Electronic Communications

"This year has seen a lot of behind-the-scenes work on the website to keep everything running smoothly and keep pace with new developments and demands on our meeting finder and events list. Our Webmaster successfully resolved some issues with a few IG automatic meeting finder feeds, keeping our meeting finder accurate and up-to-date. If anyone notices discrepancies in our meeting list, please contact us. Several IGs also asked the RECLO for information on setting up microsites and hotlines, and we hope to see the results of some of these projects next year. As always, we thank our dedicated volunteer teams supporting the email helpline and updating the meeting and events pages. We currently have a vacancy on the meeting/events update team - anyone interested in joining, or who wants to get in touch please contact us." Webmaster, Ed B., webmaster@alcoholics-anonymous.eu and RECLO, Alex H., ecomm.cer@aamail.org

A Note From our Chair & Vice Chair

"It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of CER. It has been a busy year at region. We welcomed back the South of France IG and have been in contact with members in Serbia and Mallorca who are looking forward to joining CER. My attendance at the annual Regional Chairs meeting provided an excellent opportunity to meet and share information with the other 15 regions within AAGB.

Looking to the year ahead, an important discussion for 2026 will be the possible establishment of a European Service Office. Our Intergroups and groups have already begun to early discussions."

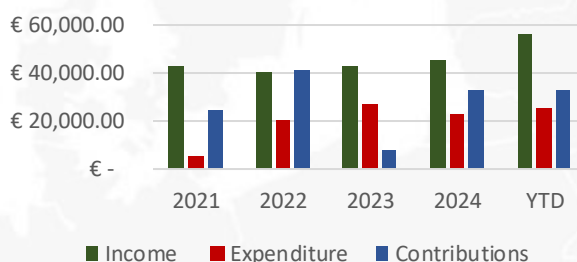
Chair, Raymond B., chair.cer@aamail.org

"As new newly-elected Vice Chair, my first assignment was to ensure that the fifth version of "CER How It Works" was completed and offered to the fellowship for approval. All members of the steering committee contributed to this effort, as did our RECLO, Webmaster and Arena editor. This means, among other things, that many of the job descriptions are now updated to reflect the actual experience of those who currently perform those roles."

Vice-Chair, Paul K. vice-chair.cer@aamail.org

Finances

CER: Income, Expenditure & Contributions 21-24



"Our current financial position remains healthy. Our prudent reserve is set at €15,000 and we continue to make small but regular contributions to GSO in York.

Our income has steadily increased over the last few years, and this year will be the highest on record thanks to the 7th Tradition contributions of Groups and Intergroups (and some individual AA members).

These contributions have been made by a larger number of Groups and Intergroups than ever before, so well done and a big thank you! CER could not continue to provide the important services without your contributions.

Nonetheless, we do face increasing costs for these important services. The software that is used to provide the Arena Newsletter is five times as expensive now than it was five years ago. Our wonderful website, providing meeting listings for over 1000 weekly AA meetings in 50 countries, costs money to host and technology resources. Every Euro helps us carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Many Groups and Intergroups will have received the funding appeal letter from The General Service Board in York. The General Service Office in York is facing a "serious financial shortfall". Without more contributions flowing through the structure essential services will need to be cut. For us in Europe, this may mean transportation of literature will no longer be covered. €1 in the pot/basket/hat in 2010 is now only €0.55. Please ensure that those funds move through the structure effectively to Intergroups and Regions. You can find more information on how to make a 7th Tradition contribution [on the CER website](https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu/cer). Treasurer, Alistair R., treasurer.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 reviewed the Conference agenda, presentations and proposals, and collected responses from CER members, groups and intergroups. Additionally, we held a webinar in March to collect more responses. The Region was fully represented at Conference with six Delegates attending. In June we held a webinar to report on conference and answer any questions. This was followed by a webinar in August for members to explain the conference process and how to draft questions for Conference. We highly encourage Intergroups, Groups and individual members to participate in the Conference Process and are always happy to answer any questions."

Delegates, Markéta K., Elizabeth B., Gillian S., Marisa P., Sarah V., Ian MD., Yasmin M., Savannah R., Karen M., confdel.cer@aamail.org

Archives

"As your archivist I sort out fact from fiction, and ensure that our original message of recovery, unity and service will continue undiluted and true. I carry the message from yesterday into today so that those who want help can hear the message tomorrow. The archive material in my house is the property of CER and Intergroup Bavaria. I am the custodian for both the assemblies. As a member of the Archives Network I took part in our meeting in York (UK) this year. The joy of being on this journey from darkness to light is such a great pleasure. We are the "Keepers of the past." Most important is that I don't have to do this work alone. We have an archive working group in our region and try to do our best. If you would like to know more about the Archives aspects of CER or any archival related questions, I look forward to hearing from you." *Archivist, Peter S., archives.cer@aamail.org*

Young Persons

"In 2025, I have been active in creating a monthly workshop for young people, themed around different areas of our fellowship. I have worked on contacting intergroups throughout Europe to try and increase the number of YPLOs at IG level. I have met with John Cabbotts University in Rome to talk about how AA can help YP who disclose their problem with drinking. I have attended a convention in Spain and presented on the YPLO role at CER; from that, 2 people applied to have a YPLO position at their respective home groups. I am honoured to be a trusted servant for CER & I look forward to continuing this work in 2026." *YPLO, Chris S., youngpersons.cer@aamail.org*

Arena Newsletter

"In 2025, ArenA grew to 2,115 active subscribers and began shifting from stock images to member-submitted photos to better reflect the diversity of the Continental European Region. A working group of officers revised both text and image submission guidelines, which the steering committee finalized and presented to the June assembly. The newsletter continued to publish commissioned and unsolicited articles on the 12 Steps, along with information on AA events. The assembly also agreed to clean up the subscriber list, clarify the editor's role, and broaden newsletter content. These updates are still in progress and will hopefully be continued by the new Arena Editor." *Outgoing Arena Editor, Tenzing, arena.cer@aamail.org*

Regional Officers (end of December 2025)

Service Position	Name	Service Email	Rotation
Chair	Raymond B.	chair.cer@aamail.org	Sep 27
Vice-Chair	Paul K.	vice-chair.cer@aamail.org	Dec 27
Treasurer	Alistair R.	treasurer.cer@aamail.org	Jun 26
Alt. Treasurer	vacant	treasurer-alt.cer@aamail.org	
Secretary	Carina H.	secretary.cer@aamail.org	Dec 26
Health Liaison	Sarah V.	health.cer@aamail.org	March 27
Public Information	Sybil K.	pi.cer@aamail.org	March 28
Young Persons Liaison	Chris S.	youngpersons.cer@aamail.org	Dec 27
Arena Editor	vacant	arena.cer@aamail.org	
Regional Trustee	Levey P.	trustee.cer@gsogb.org.uk	Apr 26
Archivist	Peter S.	archives.cer@aamail.org	-
RECLO	Alex H.	ecomm.cer@aamail.org	Jun 27
RASLO	vacant	aservices.cer@aamail.org	
Delegate Comm. 1	Markéta K.	confdel1.cer@aamail.org	Dec 27
Delegate Comm. 2	Elizabeth B.	confdel2.cer@aamail.org	Sep 26
Delegate Comm. 3	Gillian S.	confdel3.cer@aamail.org	Dec 26
Delegate Comm. 4	Marisa P.	confdel4.cer@aamail.org	Jun 26
Delegate Comm. 5	Sarah V.	confdel5.cer@aamail.org	Jun 28
Delegate Comm. 6	Ian MD.	confdel6.cer@aamail.org	Jun 28
Alternate Delegate	Yasmin M.	alt-confdel1.cer@aamail.org	Jun 28
Alternate Delegate	Savannah R.	alt-confdel2.cer@aamail.org	Sep 27
Alternate Delegate	Karen M.	alt-confdel3.cer@aamail.org	Sep 27

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, Prague - Each Intergroup can send up to two Representatives to CER.

CER always welcomes Intergroups & Groups to join us in service! If you have any questions, contact the Secretary secretary.cer@aamail.org

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

Dates and locations for our quarterly **Regional Assembly** service meetings in 2026 are published on our website. Proposals from intergroups/groups to host future regional assemblies are always welcome.

- 2026 March 7th – 8th Prague, CZ
- 2026 June 6th – 7th Online
- 2026 September 5th – 6th (Location TBC)
- 2026 December 5th – 6th Online

Service at CER

Several service positions will become available in 2026. In **June, September and December 2026, one Conference Delegate will finish their service.** Thus, we will elect a total of three new Conference Delegate this year. Our Conference Delegates carry the group conscience of our Intergroups & groups to the annual General Service Conference, thus making sure our voice is heard at Conference. In **December 2026 we will also elect a new Secretary.** The Secretary role is vital for the organisation of CER assemblies and communication between assemblies. If you have any questions about these service positions or wish to apply, please visit the CER website www.alcoholics-anonymous.eu

