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OF INFINITE VALUE

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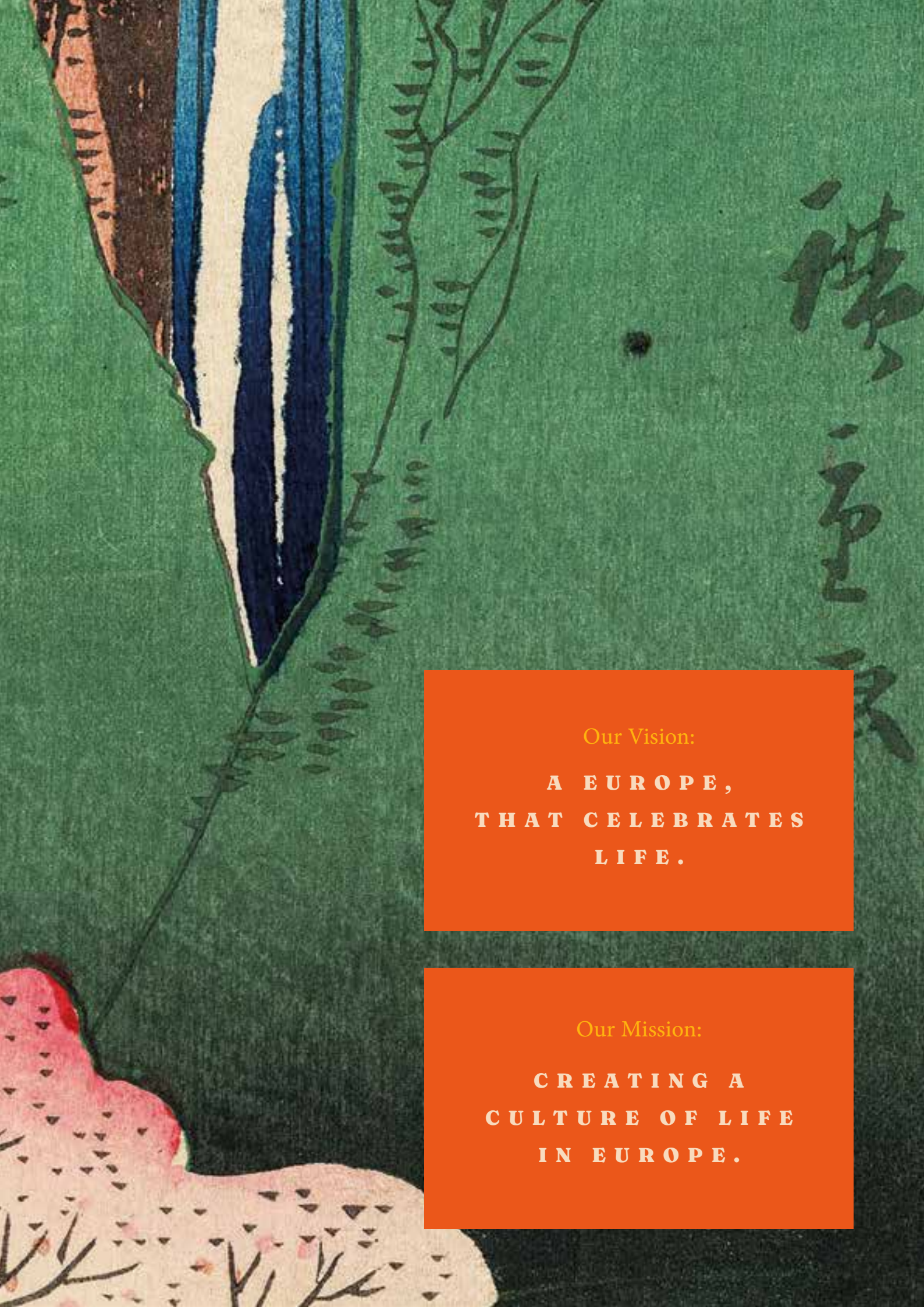
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+5 YEARS PROLIFE EUROPE



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Our Vision:

**A EUROPE,
THAT CELEBRATES
LIFE.**

Our Mission:

**CREATING A
CULTURE OF LIFE
IN EUROPE.**



Out of the Bubble! Into the world.

**A journey of hope, love,
and true diversity.**

At this crucial moment in European history, we refuse to stand by as mere observers. Instead, we choose the path of active change. We step out of our comfort zone, take to the streets, and meet people where they are – to ignite a fire that doesn't burn alone. Because we believe this: there are no borders for hope.

Today's world is marked by polarization, where society often pushes us into binary categories – black or white, right or left, this or that. But the foundation of a vibrant civil society lies in embracing our differences and celebrating true diversity – not a diversity crafted through social experiments, but one that springs from the dignity and beauty of life itself.

This authenticity is most clearly revealed in every new life: a life that is unique, different from those that came before, and different from those yet to come. This is the kind of diversity we value. How do we cultivate a love for true inclusivity and a deep respect for human life? The answer begins with ourselves. By igniting an inner fire of love, light, and life, we inspire others and plant a seed of hope in every heart.

In March 2024, we celebrated five years of our existence. Over the past year and a half, ProLife Europe has

grown into what we envisioned from the start: transforming hearts and minds of students at European universities and in cities. We have grown in both hope and strength. Our student leaders and members inspire us every day to do better and to support others with the same dedication they show to their fellow students.

Every action we take and every commitment we make is a step toward a world that responds to poverty, illness, frailty, and the challenges of aging with a better answer – a world where life and hope triumph over despair. Will you join us on this incredible journey of hope, love, and transformation?

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	Luxembourg (LU)	Regensburg		Heidelberg	Berlin	Zürich (CH)
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024

Why ProLife Europe?

"ProLife Europe plays a vital role in society by raising awareness of the value of every human life, including that of the unborn. Many people are unaware of the ethical and emotional complexity surrounding the issue of abortion. ProLife Europe fosters dialogue and educates communities, reminding us of the importance of protecting those who cannot speak for themselves."

This is how Sophis, the leader of our Heidelberg Group, responded to the question: 'Why do we need ProLife Europe?'

When our founding team took the leap in 2019 to start a new organization, all we could do was hope that students would recognize our vision and make it their own. From the very beginning, our goal was the universities. We knew that change was possible. We can abolish abortion. We can spark a cultural shift across Europe. We can transform society at its core. But only if others join us in this mission.

We started with just nine people. But even in the first few weeks, it became clear: we wouldn't be alone. We found our first students who were ready to get involved. The first group launched. Others soon followed. Our dream

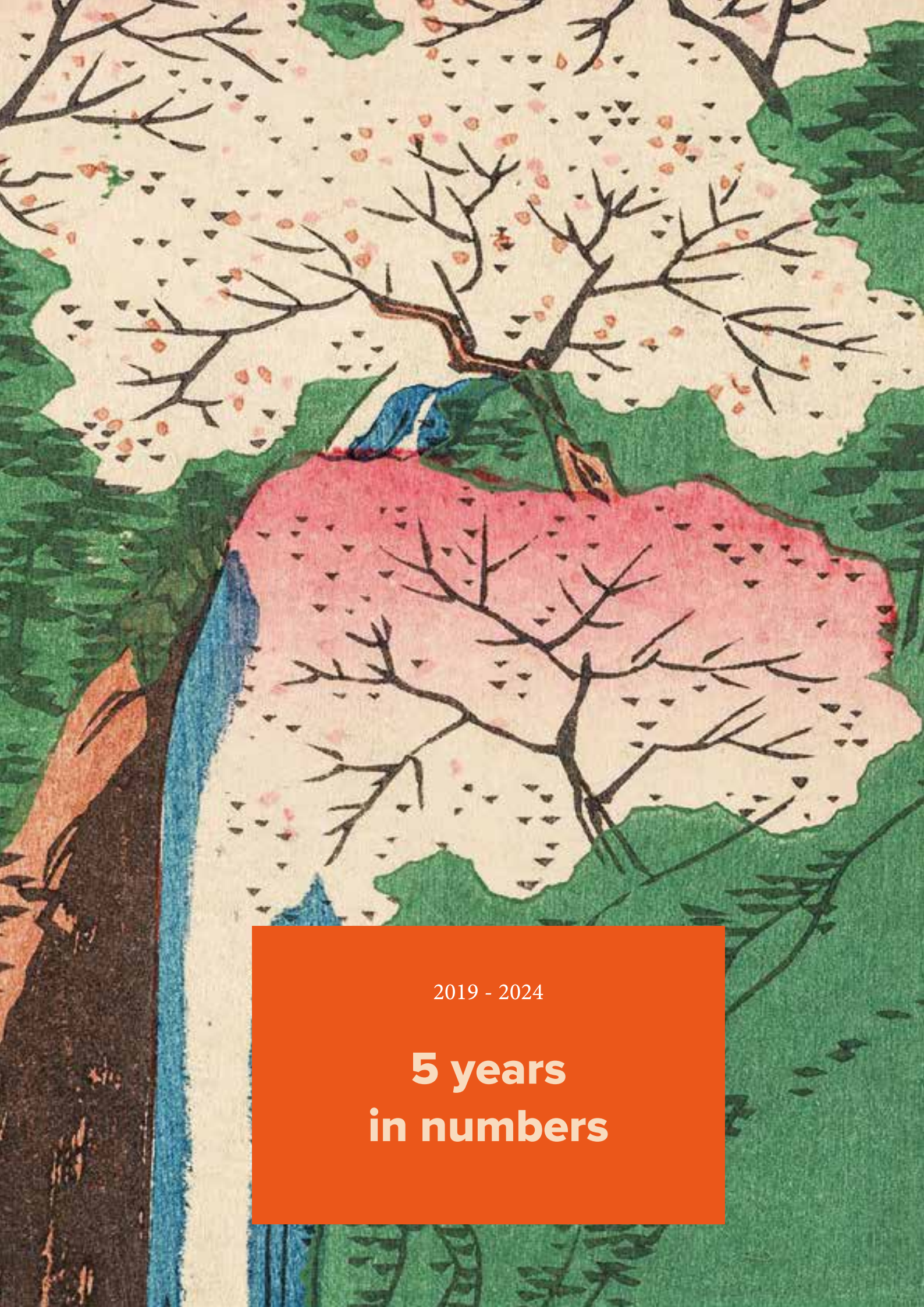
can become reality – even if it won't happen overnight.

Looking back on our first five years with ProLife Europe fills us with pride, wonder, and humility. We were able to establish the first officially recognized pro-life university group in Central Europe. Despite the social upheaval during the COVID pandemic, we persevered and found new ways to stay active. We've since held over 12,000 documented conversations and reached hundreds of thousands – both online and offline.

The growing resistance from official university bodies is just as tangible as the growing interest from students who recognize abortion as the great injustice of our time and who want to stand up for the unborn. We've already "lost" our first generation of students – who've now moved on from their groups and into the professional world. But the commitment to life doesn't end with graduation – it accompanies us throughout our lives. These student pioneers are now continuing their pioneering work – as teachers, doctors, and lawyers.

Person by person, field by field, but above all, conversation by conversation, we continue to build toward our goal. This is why ProLife Europe is needed.





2019 - 2024

**5 years
in numbers**

Timeline

1

United Vision, 2018/2019

Nine young adults from Germany, Austria, Portugal, and the U.S. unite around a shared belief: every human being, born or unborn, is precious and deserves protection. They realize that building a culture of life and ending abortion transcends borders, politics, and religions.

2

Strategic Planning, 2019

They begin drafting plans for an organization focused on fostering a culture of joy and love for every person. Drawing inspiration from existing groups, they aim to educate, inspire, and mobilize like-minded individuals while crafting their unique identity.

3

Official Launch, March 2019

ProLife Europe is officially founded on March 24th 2019 in Augsburg, Germany, with a focus on mobilizing university students—future parents and leaders—to educate their peers about the dignity of human life. By year's end, they complete 32 student-led outreaches—a great success!

4

First Steps, 2019-2021

Starting with nine groups in Germany and Austria, ProLife Europe takes its first steps. Despite the pandemic, the group remains active, refining its tools and expanding across Europe.

5

Growing Ambition, 2021-2023

ProLife Europe continues to develop its model. The team grows more ambitious, further expanding its presence in multiple European nations.

6

Milestone Celebration, 2024

ProLife Europe celebrates its 5th anniversary with 54 founded groups, 4,192 trained students, 285 outreaches, and over 10,000 seeds of life planted.



Groups

55

Founded Groups

In total, we have founded 55 groups. Each founding represents time invested in educating, equipping, and motivating the group members – especially the group leaders. Every member becomes a doctor, lawyer, teacher, or something similar. Each individual leaves the group ready to commit to a lifetime of advocating for a culture of life.

6

Accredited

At the universities in Freiburg, Passau, Munich, Eichstätt, Stuttgart, and – to avoid a years-long legal battle – Regensburg, pro-life student groups have been officially accredited. This accreditation allows the groups to be present in everyday university life, use university resources, and engage directly with students.

5

Denied

Many universities attempt to censor our message. Heidelberg, TU Munich, Wuppertal, and Gießen have rejected pro-life student groups, and the University of Augsburg left the application unprocessed for years. But we won't let that stop us. The groups have continued their work, shifting their focus to activities outside the university campus.

4

Months

The average time effort for a group to start.

3

Years

The average time a group stays active.

8

Members

The average number of people getting active per group.

Actions

Out of the "bubble" – we're on the front lines.

79% of our activities are directed toward the "silent majority."

Being pro-life yourself is only the first step. To create a culture of life, we must do one thing above all: reach others with our message. That means being present in our surroundings and addressing the issue of abortion. Whether on the street, in lecture halls, or through social media – every action brings us closer to more hearts and offers the unique opportunity to guide those affected toward real, tangible help.

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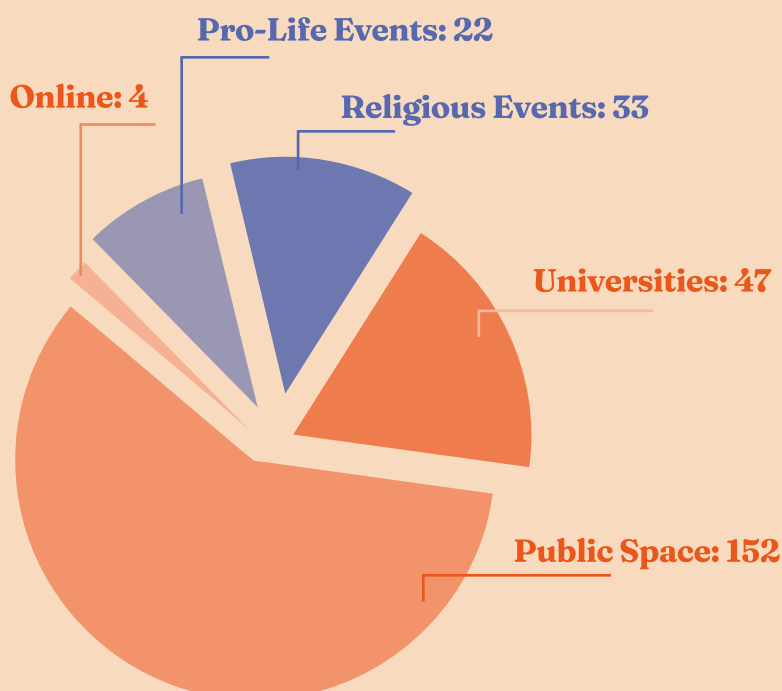
Outreaches

„What's your opinion on abortion?
By now, 10.000s of people have been asked this question.

21

Pro-Life Weekends

Pro-life events on both national and international levels offer a great opportunity to connect students, strengthen their commitment, and reignite their motivation for work on their own university campuses.



1.300

Participants

Being personally involved in a pro-life group comes with personal sacrifices – above all, time. It's often a challenge to fit outreach activities into the busy rhythm of university life. That's why it's rare for all group members to be out at the same time. But even just two people can make good use of an hour between lectures – and in that time, they've already spoken with a few individuals.

The personal commitment and the courage it sometimes takes to do outreach among one's own peers are what make the conversations effective. Personal involvement is the clearest sign that we truly care about women and their children.

Our Reach

Due to our presence in public spaces, this number can no longer be measured. Hundreds of passersby are confronted with our question during a single outreach. Just because they don't stop doesn't mean they're not reflecting on their views about abortion – or discussing it later with someone they trust. In this way, we're also contributing indirectly to breaking the taboo.

12.121

Reached Hearts

12,121 conversations – compassionate and honest – have been documented over the past few years. Each one represents an unforgettable encounter, filled with deep emotions and unexpected moments. Because every conversation stands for a person with a unique and personal story. Our open and empathetic approach allows the

other person to share parts of their life – perhaps for the very first time. These moments often include experiences with abortion, but also other deeply personal struggles. In that moment, being “pro-life” means focusing entirely on the person in front of us. We're not trying to win an argument – we're trying to reach that person's heart.

8.485

Changed Hearts

Sometimes it's spoken outright during the conversation, sometimes it's more subtly expressed through new questions – but rarely does anyone leave an outreach conversation with the same opinion they had about abortion.

In around 70% of conversations, a noticeable shift in perspective takes place. But even without someone saying, “I've never thought about it this way before,” we know this: by the end, a seed has been planted in every heart.



The Real Heroes

The real heroes are the students. It's easy to write down a goal on a piece of paper. But if no one actively works toward it, that goal will never be achieved. The same applies to cultural change: Without young people sharing their beliefs with others, our goal will remain out of reach. That's why these young people are the true heroes of our time. They actively fight for the right to life of the unborn, and in doing so, they make many personal sacrifices.



**Group
members**

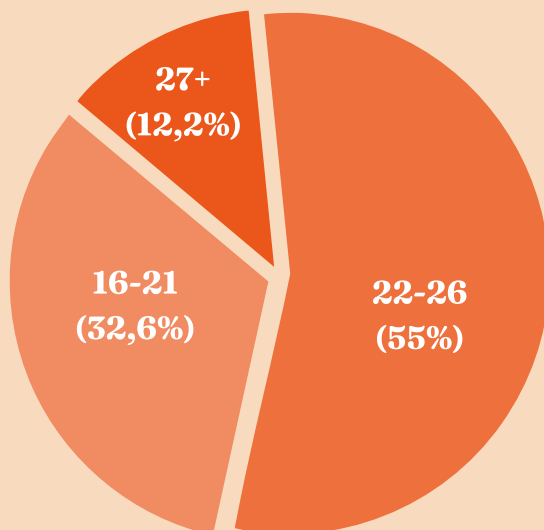


**Group
leaders**

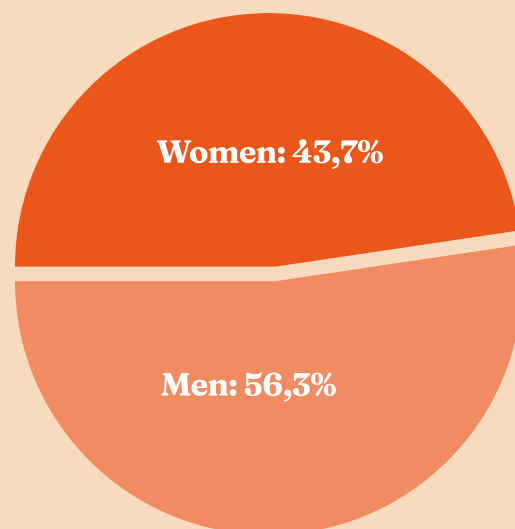


**Mentorships/
year**

for every group leader
(on average)



Most of our group members are in the middle of their studies when they get involved . Some find us even before university or dedicate themselves to the group alongside their professional education.



„It takes two to tango.” And it also takes two to create life and defend it. Men are an indispensable part of the pro-life movement, and we're glad to see this reflected in our groups as well.

Trainings

Whether it's for the conversation during an outreach or for a social media post – advocating for life is much easier when equipped with facts, arguments, and the necessary tools. To help with this, we offer various training programs for students. The focus is on conversation training, which is open not only to our groups. Since summer 2024, we've also offered an additional crash course to familiarize students with the key facts before an outreach. Additionally, we provide support and guidance for social media work as well.

3.273 participants

420 Training (sessions)

3 languages



Register now!

Instagram

ProLife Europe has built a strong presence on Instagram, reaching a steadily growing community of supporters across Europe. The official account, @prolife_europe, serves as a central platform to share educational content, updates on pro-life initiatives, and inspiring stories that resonate with a wide audience.

In addition to the main account, 35 local groups are also active on Instagram, allowing them to engage more directly with their respective communities. For example, ProLife Cologne is active at @prolife_koeln, while ProLife Gießen reaches its followers via @prolife.giessen. Other active groups include ProLife Vienna (@prolife.wien), ProLife Zurich (@prolife_zurich), and ProLife Munich (@prolife.muenchen).

These local accounts enable each group to share region-specific content, promote local events, and build a close-knit community of supporters.

Together, these Instagram profiles have significantly expanded ProLife Europe's reach. They play a vital role in spreading the message of life more effectively and in mobilizing passionate individuals committed to protecting the unborn.



Take a look at our new Reel-Series!



10.000+

Followers

36

Pages

Review in Pictures.





Successstory Regensburg

Let them speak.

It took nearly three years, but in September 2024, we achieved a major victory for freedom of speech in the fight for the unborn. After legal action was taken, the University of Regensburg reversed its unjust rejection of our pro-life student group. Following an out-of-court settlement, the group was officially recognized. They immediately took advantage of the 2024 winter semester to launch several activities on campus.





Take a look at the video! (in German)

Group leader Clara is thankful and motivated for many actions on her campus.

For eight semesters, the University of Regensburg twisted and turned, refusing to officially recognize the pro-life group “ProLife Regensburg.” Numerous attempts at dialogue, complaints, a petition with 20,000 signatures—even letters from lawyers—were all dismissed by the university. But when the student group filed a lawsuit in January at the Regensburg Administrative Court (Case No. RO 3 K 24.125), the university responded quickly: it requested an out-of-court settlement. By October 2024—after the group’s leadership had already changed hands twice—the university abandoned its unlawful stance and officially recognized the group. Since the start of the Winter Semester 2024/25, the group has been officially accredited and has already carried out regular outreach events on campus. The joy and gratitude among the students—relieved that a long legal battle could be avoided—are unmistakable:

“Our vision is to spread a culture of life! We’re bringing the pro-life message—standing for both the unborn and the

born—here to Regensburg, and especially to the university. Our fellow students will one day help shape society. We want to inspire a deep appreciation for the value of all life. To do effective pro-life work, we needed official accreditation from the university. But because of our stance in defense of unborn children, we were censored and denied recognition.

Thanks to your support, our group has now been accredited this semester. I want to thank everyone who supported us—morally, financially, and through personal commitment. Special thanks to all donors, petition signers, lawyers, and advisors! Together, we are bringing a little more justice to the unborn and helping to spread the message of the right to life!”

Clara,
current group leader of ProLife Regensburg



Onboardings Autumn 2024

Status Quo:

Upward Trend

September - December 2024

18

ONBOARDING
SESSIONS

97

ONBOARDING
ATTENDEES

30

GROUP
PROSPECTS

4

GROUP
KICK-OFFS

📍 GERMANY

There's huge potential ahead!

Benjamin Famula

In July 2024, I began my second year as regional coordinator for ProLife Europe in Northern Germany. Just a month later, in August, I joined some of my group members at the Youth Festival in Medjugorje – an experience that brought us closer together and deeply motivated us for our work back home. What excites me most is that we've now reached a point where students are actively reaching out to us wanting to start a group. That wasn't something I saw often during my first year. At the same time, I can clearly see the real impact my groups are having at their universities and in their cities. In Gießen, for example, a simple chalk action on campus sparked a university-wide debate. New people continue to join the groups – often because current members invite them or even inspire friends in other cities to start their own groups. There's definitely huge potential ahead!



📍 PORTUGAL

A door to something big

Pedro Líbano Monteiro

In November, we had the privilege of welcoming our president, Maria, for a few eventful days in Portugal. Together with the support of some amazing volunteers, we organized an outreach event, hosted an onboarding meeting at a university, and spoke with a local youth group. We also participated in a LifeTalk organized by our Coimbra group. It was incredible to witness the energy and enthusiasm these initiatives sparked! These moments didn't just strengthen our current group—they opened the door to something much bigger: we're on the verge of launching three new groups in Lisbon, Porto, and Braga. I'm beyond excited for what's ahead and deeply motivated to continue defending and celebrating life here in Portugal!



📍 AUSTRIA / SWITZERLAND

New seeds take root

Lucia Bardini

The Marches for Life in Cologne, Zurich, and Vienna were key moments for making new connections and networking with young pro-life advocates—some of whom later became active members of our groups. The “Marsch fürs Läbe” in Switzerland was especially significant, as it marked the starting point for a new group there: ProLife Zurich. In addition, two groups have recently restarted in Heidelberg and Innsbruck and are already actively engaged in outreach efforts. This is especially meaningful for Heidelberg, as the previous group was not permitted at the university and had largely dissolved. Another major success is the official accreditation of the Regensburg group at their university, which now enables them to engage freely in dialogue with their fellow students.

3 Outreach-
Stories

Secret to success

Outreach

Every outreach and every conversation tells a story of encounters that would have otherwise never happened. Pro-life meets pro-choice in a personal setting and a safe space for dialogue. The result? Hearts open, thoughts are challenged, and most importantly, wounds begin to heal. We're sharing three stories that speak on behalf of thousands of others.

📍 DUISBURG

Planting Seeds

June '24

The personal conversations we have during our outreaches are like seeds we plant. And the more we can open society to our message, the more fertile the ground becomes. You can't force a conversation to bear fruit on the spot. It often takes time to rethink fundamental parts of one's worldview. That's why we don't always get to see the results of our efforts right away.

But moments like the outreach on campus in Duisburg this June show that it works. There, our students had a brief encounter with a young man they had already spoken to in March. Back then, during his conversation with Juline, he admitted he didn't know much about the topic but was open to hearing her perspective. He wasn't ready to take a stance just yet.

In June, however, he told Fabian that he had taken the time to learn more and reflect—and had come to the conclusion that unborn human beings deserve the same protection as those already born.





📍 ZÜRICH, CH

All I could do was to hug her

September '24

In September 2024, our team traveled to Zurich for the founding of a new group and supported their first outreach. Maria from Vienna had a particularly moving experience there: “I was generally surprised by how many people were shocked by the depiction of an abortion—many had tears in their eyes and were in awe. But one encounter especially touched me—a young woman, seemingly pro-abortion. When I asked her if she knew what an abortion could do to a woman, she suddenly burst into tears in front of me.” The woman had had an abortion five years ago and still suffers from it. “It would have been hell,” she told me. Her friends are all feminists and want to keep abortion legal, but “they have no idea what they’re talking about.” I felt so sorry for her! All I could do was hug her. At the end of our long conversation, I directed her to a counseling center, and she replied, “I hope this is the first step toward my healing.”

📍 LISSABON, PT

Dialogue, not indifference

November '24

In November 2024, we set out for the first time to conduct outreaches at universities in Portugal. Both at the University of Lisbon and at the Faculty of Letras, we were pleasantly surprised. The Faculty of Letras, known for its focus on arts and humanities, is particularly recognized as a liberal university. Yet, our time there was filled with positive and open conversations. Even though many expressed support for abortion, we were able to offer new perspectives to all of our conversation partners. Some even confirmed during the conversation that their views had changed. What stood out to us most positively was that all the students seemed to grasp the seriousness of the topic of abortion. No one responded with indifference or disinterest; everyone was genuinely interested in the dialogue. While we may not have convinced everyone immediately, we certainly built the first bridges for future encounters.





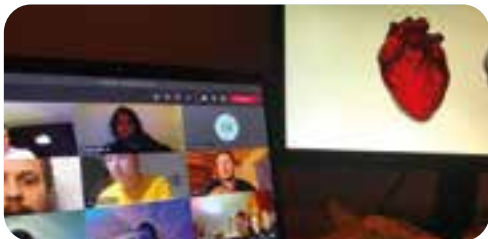
Structure,
Content

Educating future leaders

Trainings

The most important component of our dream to create a culture of life is breaking the taboo around the topic of abortion. We must talk about it – and then be able to answer questions and respond to criticism. This is the purpose of our "Why pro-life?" training series.

Trainings content:



In Part I, participants learn the "Fundamentals of the Right to Life." This includes prenatal development, abortion methods, current laws and statistics, as well as the support services currently available to pregnant women. This knowledge forms the foundation for any future conversations.



In Part II, we address the fundamental question: how do I talk about abortion? That means clarifying the goal and the mindset with which I enter a conversation. Only with the right attitude can I engage in an open dialogue and truly connect with the other person.



In Part III, participants learn practical ways to respond to common pro-abortion arguments. They are also introduced to helpful questions and examples that can encourage the person they're speaking with to rethink their position.



In the IVth and final part of the training series, we address modern and culturally driven pro-abortion arguments. This includes topics such as "My body, my choice," disability of the child, and whether men are entitled to have an opinion on the issue—among many others.

📍 INDIEN

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the training session I attended with ProLife Europe, particularly the invaluable guidance I received from you.

Sahil, 31, Co-founder "Bharat For Life"

Feedback Trainings

📍 LINZ

What I appreciate about Pro Life Europe is that the focus is on the individual and the main goal is to plant seeds. It's about engaging with the other person and truly understanding them – having heart-to-heart conversations.

David, 28

📍 STEINHEIM

YOU ARE REALLY DOING SUCH A GREAT AND AWESOME WORK.

Tami, 24

📍 AMSTETTEN

Thank you so much, and once again a big thank you for the training! It was truly very informative and instructive. Thank you for your amazing service!

Marie Terese, 28

📍 ROTHENBURG

THANK YOU FOR THE SEMINAR. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU SHARE INFORMATION – WITH WARMTH, CARE, AND CLARITY. THANK YOU!

Beate, 47

📍 KÖLN

"MY HEART BURNS FOR PROLIFE EUROPE!"

Anna, 26, ProLife Köln

📍 BRUNECK

Thank you sincerely for your commitment to protecting life. I appreciate your calm manner, and I admire your love for others – open and free of judgment. In this, you are a role model to me.

Lioba



5 events in
2023/2024.

Finding

Leaders

The most important success factor for an active pro-life group—whether it's based at a university or active in a city—is a motivated and committed group leader.

The responsibility and opportunity to unlock the full potential of group members rests on the role of the group leader. When the group creates a semester plan, that's a great first step. But only with an active leader will the set goals be achieved.

For the ProLife Europe team, the top priority is to find good group leaders. A website alone isn't enough for that. Personal contact is the greatest guarantee for long-term commitment. A group leader who has a personal relationship with their regional coordinator will be more likely to seek advice, present new ideas and concepts, and participate in major initiatives.

In practice, this means: our team must hit the streets to find potential new group leaders. Over the past year, we've been able to use various major events in different

countries to do this. On-site, we speak to as many young people as possible, asking them first about their general stance on abortion and then explaining that both abortion and the fight for a culture of life require personal commitment—their personal commitment. Not everyone is willing to make this personal sacrifice, but the young people who are ready to do so will soon take on responsibility and start a group in their own community.

Some of these groups are already active, while others will be starting in the coming weeks. We want to thank all our generous donors who made our participation in these events possible!



📍 LISBON, PT

World Youth Day

August 1st - 4th, '23

Our time at World Youth Day clearly shows us: Students are looking for an opportunity to engage against abortion!

In August 2023, our team participated in World Youth Day for the first time. In the so-called "City of Joy," participants were given the opportunity to learn about various global initiatives. Looking back, we can say that the ProLife Europe booth was VERY popular. In just four days, we conducted several hundred conversations. The turnout was so strong that we didn't have time for breaks, lunch, or even a proper sip of water in between. But the effort was absolutely worth it. We were very surprised by how many visitors confronted us with content-related discussions, especially those who were pro-choice – particularly participants from France, Germany, and Poland.

While World Youth Day is a Catholic event, many participants didn't see a problem connecting their faith with a pro-abortion stance. In many, often lengthy discussions, we were able to help change their views. The majority of our visitors confirmed this directly in conversation. Phrases like, "Wow, I've never thought about it that way. I now have a completely different perspective on this topic" were common and encouraged us to keep going. We were especially encouraged by the many responses from young people wanting to actively engage in ending abortion. Some had actively searched for an organization and were thrilled to have found ProLife Europe.





📍 AUGSBURG

"MEHR"- Conference

January 2nd - 5th, '24

In 2024, we were also able to participate with an information booth at the MEHR conference in Augsburg, with over 11,000 enthusiastic participants.

Under the motto "God is Here – MEHR24," the MEHR conference attracted more than 11,000 visitors to Augsburg. The Christian faith was at the forefront, but many were interested in the topic of the right to life. With a quiz on abortion, we gave attendees the chance to test their knowledge while simultaneously initiating conversations.

Over the four-day conference, we had discussions with over 700 people of various ages. Many were familiar with the topic of abortion, but few were aware of the magnitude of the issue. "More than 100,000 abortions per year in Germany?" Most were stunned. During the conversations, it became evident that many had never even considered actively doing something about abortion.

Many young people were surprised when we introduced the ProLife Europe group concept and explained how a group can become active and the long-lasting impact that a conversation or action can have.

We left the conference with several contacts who were interested in learning more about starting a group or were ready to get involved in one. Every single contact is a major success and represents many hearts reached for life.

With great excitement, we were also able to showcase our new collection of merchandise at MEHR. Would you like to wear something "pro-life"? Visit our new shop on our website!





📍 MEDJUGORJE, BIH

Mladifest

August 2nd - 7th, '24

More than 40,000 young people from all over the world gathered in August for the International Youth Festival in Medjugorje. We were able to inspire many of them for the pro-life cause.

For the first time, we participated in the International Youth Festival in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the summer of 2024. Together with several group leaders, members, and interested individuals, two members of our team were on site, connecting with people daily through conversations as well as through shared prayers for life. The 13 members of our team conducted over 300 conversations. Many young participants were very interested in ProLife Europe and open to the idea of getting actively involved. Several contacts are already active in a group, including the leader of the new ProLife Zurich group.

At the same time, the event gave us the opportunity to further motivate already involved group leaders and strengthen their commitment. The shared experience with the regional coordinators of ProLife Europe strengthens the relationship between our team and the groups, helping ensure that the groups remain active throughout the year.

Conclusion: Participating in the Youth Festival in Medjugorje was incredibly worthwhile. In hindsight, we can't say why 2024 was our first visit, but one thing we know for sure: it won't be our last!





📍 LISBON, PT

Missa das Universidades

September 18th, '24

The Catholic mission is very strongly present at universities in Portugal. This is evident in many details.

The Catholic mission is very strongly present at universities in Portugal, which is evident in many aspects. One example is the grand semester opening event, "Missa das Universidades" (University Mass), celebrated by the Cardinal of Lisbon himself.

Following this, the "Festival of Movements" offers various organizations the chance to present their activities and inspire new students to join. This year, we were able to have an info booth there. The event is particularly appealing to first-year students, offering them the opportunity to build their social network in the new university environment while learning about different organizations. We were

able to engage with several students, explain our group concept and the various activities of a group, and inspire them to start new groups. Some attended an initial on-line meeting the following week to start organizing their group. In the conversations that followed, we found eight potential group leaders who will start their groups in the summer semester. We also had a conversation with a university chaplain who is now assisting us in reaching out to students at his university. One student said, "I recently told a friend that we urgently need a Pro-Life movement for young people in Portugal. And here you are! Perfect! Let's get started!" This event was an ideal opportunity to launch our work in Portugal at high speed.



"Abortion is still a taboo" (Coimbra)



"What can you do?" (Lisbon)



📍 DEN HAAG, UTRECHT, NL

"Waarom Pro-life belangrijk is"

November 13th - 15th, '24

Why being pro-life is important: Two talks and a march with an information stand – a successful weekend paves the way for new groups in the Netherlands."

On November 15, 2024, we had the opportunity to participate in the annual March for Life in The Hague, Netherlands. We used this opportunity to organize two lecture evenings beforehand – in Utrecht and The Hague. Both evenings highlighted the importance of the pro-life work: abortion rates are rising annually, not only in the Netherlands. Women are left alone with their pain and wounds, while politics turns a blind eye. That makes our commitment to life even more important. This message was reinforced by a personal testimony from Roos (a volunteer with ProLife Europe), who spoke about the possible conflicts even within the closest family when one suddenly – like her – takes a stand for life. But even if her family doesn't understand or sup-

port her, she still continues – for the unborn children!

With Roos' encouraging words in our minds, we joined the March for Life on November 15. The endless streams of participants were incredible! Bus after bus, people from all over the country gathered, totaling more than 10,000. The march is a silent march, which emphasized the impressive atmosphere even more. Through the silence, the seriousness of the event, and most importantly, the gravity of our situation, was powerfully underscored. At our information booth afterward, we engaged in conversations with many young people. Some of them are already working with us on establishing groups in the Netherlands.



Life and death.



Josef Maria Büchsenmeister
21.06.1993 † 22.06.2024

How close life and death can sometimes be was something we experienced firsthand in 2024 with our core team.

On June 22, we received the sad news that Josef Büchsenmeister – a founding member of ProLife Europe, a good friend, long-time companion, and the strategist behind many of our actions – had tragically passed away in a mountain accident. The news deeply shook us all. On the day of Josef's funeral, our vice chairperson Miriam Becker was in the hospital in labor. Her little son took a bit more time, but finally, on July 1, he came into the world. Miriam and her husband had already agreed on the name before the birth – and just as we said goodbye



Joseph Becker
01.07.2024

to a Josef, we welcomed another Joseph into our midst.

Miriam is also a founding member of ProLife Europe and is involved in all areas of our work. She is an inseparable part of ProLife Europe. We wholeheartedly congratulate her on the fulfillment of her heartfelt wish to become a mother and wish her and her family all the best. We know that she will continue to support ProLife Europe in every way possible, and we are convinced that her little Joseph will one day follow in her footsteps – and maybe even those of his namesake.

... but the board remains.



Maria Czernin
President



Miriam Becker
Vice-President



Manuela Steiner
Treasurer



Benedikt Oyen
Secretary

With the General Assembly in July 2023, the first major change in our board took place.

Manuela Steiner, who had been the Chairwoman since the founding of the organization, resigned from her position. The chairmanship was taken over by Maria Czernin. A graphic designer by profession, Maria has had a deep passion for the protection of life for many years. She is responsible for much of the development of ProLife Europe, from the name itself, to the logo and graphic appearance, to our well-known and now indispensable orange outfits. Manuela Steiner remains a board member and is still responsible for fundrai-

sing and the administrative organization of our work.

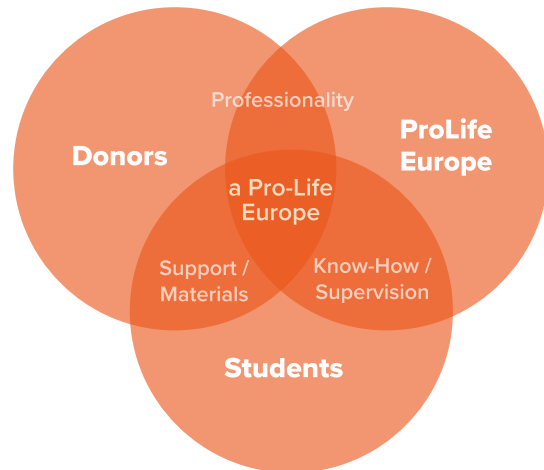
Miriam Becker is the Vice-Chairwoman and was, until her maternity leave, responsible for the leadership of the Field Team. She continues to advise us and will take on small projects in the future, whenever her time as a mother allows. The board is completed by Benedikt Oyen – also a founding member and long-time member of the group in Bonn. His experiences as a student in a group are crucial to all strategic decisions in the board.

We thank Maria and her team for their outstanding leadership and tireless dedication!

We are doing the difficult, with you we can do

the impossible.

In the past years, we have already achieved a lot – especially reaching many hearts. Every conversation is a step in the right direction. But we know that many great steps lie ahead of us for a true culture of life in Europe.



Our current needs:

- 1- Graphic designer
- 2 - Additional Regional coordinator for Germany
- 3 - Partners and Sponsors to expand in new countries

Who supports us?

"I would love to go out on the streets as well, but I can't anymore. Thank you for doing this work with the students on my behalf." This statement was made recently by a long-time supporter. To this, we can only reply: Thank you for making this work possible with your donation. All the actions we can report on – outreaches, group formations, information stands – are only possible

thanks to the generosity of thousands of individuals who, together with us, believe in our dream and place their trust in us with every donation. ProLife Europe would have remained just an empty dream of our founding team without this trust. That's why we want to sincerely thank our generous and loyal donors.



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2.382

people have
donated so far

What do the students say

about us?

"ProLife Europe has shown me that everyone has the opportunity to make a difference."

Fabian (ProLife Duisburg)

"The protection of the weakest, especially the unborn, has always been one of my central life goals. ProLife Europe has given me the opportunity to give a voice to these children."

Joaquin (ProLife Köln)

"Being a part of ProLife Europe has truly changed my life. It has given me hope, a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to make a difference."

Sophia (ProLife Heidelberg)

"We definitely need a universal European movement, and I am proud to be a part of it."

Vladislav (ProLife Heidelberg)

"PLE has not only made it even clearer to me how important it is to advocate for the unborn, but it has also provided me with a framework to carry out this commitment in a meaningful way."

Clara (ProLife Regensburg)

(!) This commitment and these experiences are only possible thanks to your donation! Together, we will change the culture.

How you can support us:

1. Help ProLife Europe with a monthly donation.

With a regular donation, we can plan more effectively and work more efficiently.

2. Become a Life Saver.

1. Open the donation page on our website.
2. Start a monthly donation (min. 15€/month)
3. Choose "Life Saver" as donation purpose.
4. Put in your postal address to receive you "Life Saver" - Kit.

3. Become a sponsor for a regional coordinator.

Through the work of our regional leaders, a Europe without abortion can become a reality.



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to the selfless donors,
to the tireless employees:

Thank you.

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