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XXII. European Forum for Religious Education in Schools



Religious education and Artificial intelligence

Prague, 8 – 12 April 2026

Hotel Olšanka

Praha 3, Táboritská 23, Česká republika

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Letter of invitation

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of EuFRES, we are honoured to invite you to participate in our next conference. It will take place from 8 to 12 April 2026 in Prague (Czech Republic). The theme of our meeting is:

Religious education and Artificial intelligence

In keeping with our tradition, the conference will be attended by academics and those responsible for religious education in public schools in European countries. EuFRES is an independent body for research and the exchange of experiences. It was founded on the initiative of Catholics, but is open to other religious denominations. It is financially independent of public national or European institutions. Our statutes stipulate that all participants cover their own travel and accommodation expenses and contribute to the overall costs of the organisation. A steering committee, elected by the general assembly, is responsible for all activities of the organisation, including convening these study conferences and discussing current issues in education and training that are of common interest to EuFRES members. The statutes of this organisation, which can be found on its website, govern its rules of procedure.

The XXII. EuFRES Conference will debate issues relating to the contribution of religious education in schools to social cohesion in European societies. This conference will pay particular attention to the theme of resilience and Christian hope in relation to Catholic religious education. This is the subject of both the presentations by the invited experts and the exchange of experiences that the participants have had in their countries.

The attached documents contain the detailed programme of our next forum in Prague (Czech Republic). As at previous conferences, the presentations will again be available in various languages.

We kindly ask you to pass on this information to anyone who might be interested in this topic, as well as to those who are scientifically active in this field or who are responsible for religious education in schools.

As has always been the case, our programme will once again take into account the desire to discuss the situation regarding the conference topic in the individual countries or to present it in short presentations. You are also welcome to make a short contribution about relevant developments in your country. Further information can be found below.

We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you in Prague. With kind regards

Roman Buchta
President of EUFRES

Mariusz Kuźniar
Secretary General of EUFRES



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Artificial intelligence is the attempt to transfer human learning and thinking to a computer and thus endow it with intelligence. Instead of being programmed for every purpose, artificial intelligence can find answers and solve problems independently. But what significance does this technological development have for religious education?

The ability to use artificial intelligence and digital tools: Only those who know how to use artificial intelligence can benefit from it. Programmes such as Chat GPT already offer the possibility of artificially generating lesson content, worksheets, homework solutions or entire essays. As a general school subject, religious education must not reject current solutions, but must make use of them.

The use of these possibilities must be specifically adapted to religious education, which requires appropriate subject didactics. With its particular view of humanity, religious education must ask where the limits of the new technical possibilities lie. A Christian view of humanity must always be the cornerstone for the use of artificial intelligence.

Since the aim of religious education is to prepare pupils for responsible participation in an increasingly technologised society, the question of whether and to what extent artificial intelligence (AI) can be used in this subject is becoming increasingly important. In this context, this article pursues three objectives. Firstly, the terminology and functionality

Secondly, the exemplary possibilities and limitations of the use of AI in the implementation of the three basic tasks of religious education are explained, namely in the context of imparting structured and life-relevant background knowledge about the faith of the Church, introducing forms of lived faith and promoting religious dialogue and argumentation skills. Finally, four key points are outlined, which essentially result from the analysis carried out and – in relation to the processes of teaching and learning religion – address the question of loss through the use of AI: the undermining of learners' subjectivity, the reinforcement of prejudice or discrimination through the questionable quality and processes of AI training data production, as well as issues of data protection and security, the limited transferability and high costs of AI.



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Speakers



Mgr. František ŠTĚCH, TH.D.

Faculty of Protestant Theology, Charles University in Prague



Dr. Dr. Mariusz CHROSTOWSKI

Catholic University, Eichstätt-Ingolstadt



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Framework Programme

Wednesday, until 17:00
08.04.2026

Arrival at Hotel Olšanka (Prague)
and registration
18:00 Dinner at Hotel Olšanka
19:00 **Opening of the Conference**
Opening of the conference by the President of EuFRES,
Prof. P. Dr. Roman Buchta, welcoming remarks by various
guests, presentation of the programme and the participants
of the forum
20:00 Time to be together

Thursday,
09.04.2026

7:15 Eucharist
(organised by the Polish-speaking group)
8:15 Breakfast
9:00 **Session 1: Anthropological Change and Artificial Intelligence** (Mgr. František Štěch)
Break – coffee
10:30 Group discussion (in language groups)
11:30 Group questions and discussion with the speaker
12:30 Lunch
15:00 **Contributions from the different countries I**
16:30 Break – coffee
17:00 **Contributions from the different countries II**
18:00 Dinner
19:00 Option of a walk through Prague

Friday,
10.04.2026

7.15 Eucharist
(organised by the German-speaking group)
8.15 Breakfast
9.00 **Session 2: Influence of AI on the lives of children and young people – new paths and challenges for religious education** (Dr. Dr. Mariusz Chrostowski) and discussion
10:30 Break – coffee
11:00 **Contributions from the different countries III**
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Cultural programme (Prague)
18:00 Dinner (in the city)



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Saturday, 11.04.2026	7:15	Eucharist (organised by the Spanish-Italian group)
	8:15	Breakfast
	9:00	Results of the Forum - Introduction and work in language groups
	10.30	Break - coffee
	11.00	Resumée of the Forum 2024 - Conclusion Plenary meeting of the Forum Approval of the final document
	12:00	Lunch
	14:30	Excursion into the city
	18:00	Dinner (in the city)
Sunday, 12.04.2026	8:00	Eucharist
	9:00	Breakfast and departure

* The programme of the EuFRES meeting foresees the possibility for all participants to take part in the daily celebration of Mass. Priests who wish to concelebrate are asked to bring their alb and white stole.



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Sharing experiences

All Forum's participants are welcome to present their papers with reference to the situation in their countries.

The criteria concerning papers:

1. Reference to the conference topic, "best practice" - good examples on the topic or current situation of the country regarding religious education.
2. Please send your contributions by **February 1, 2026**. You will upload your presentation directly into the Google form, which we will send by January 20, 2026, to everyone who has registered to present a paper.
3. The paper of max. three A4 pages should be prepared in two languages (**Native language and English**).
4. The paper presentation should not exceed **15 minutes**. It is possible to make use of PDF presentation.
5. Text editing - Radosław Mazur, WT USZ
6. Those participants who will prepare a paper will be given a participation discount of 50 Euro.



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Application

All EuFRES members and participants of the XXII Forum Conference are requested to register by **January 1, 2026** (even if they do not plan to attend).

The link is available here: [Registration Form](#)

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