

ECEN Assembly 2023

Thematic Group: Every Part of Creation Matters

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Aim

The purpose of the group is to explore in depth the CEC discussion paper *Every Part of Creation Matters* (EPCM) focusing on part II on the paper, a critique of the European Green Deal (part I on ecotheology is dealt with in another discussion group). The discussion will introduce the challenging issues raised by the EU Green Deal: the fraught relationship between economic growth, the environment and inequality, issues of concern to churches across Europe and beyond.

Methodology

Following the keynote address to the assembly on EPCM the discussion will be structured around the questions in the text of EPCM which participants will be invited to discuss and to share experiences and responses. There will be an opportunity to introduce other relevant questions or information, for example the new *Climate Inequality Report 2023*.

Outcomes

Participants will have:

- a good understanding of the arguments and issues set out in EPCM;
- space to formulate and express their views on the contents and the confidence to share their arguments; and
- awareness that CEC is seeking views of member churches with encouragement to promote discussion across European churches.