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Questionnaire about the configuration of the military pastoral care in Europe

Field period: 09/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

Questionnaire instructions

Important notes:

- Please use only a black or blue ballpoint pen to complete.
- Please tick your answer in the box provided or use the fields provided.

Example of legible check mark:



Example of correction:



Example of numerical data: Nr.

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Number 12 (how many?)

- **If you do not want to or cannot answer a question, leave the corresponding field blank.**
- Since we read in the questionnaires electronically, we ask you to use only the original sent to you. Copies cannot be read in electronically.

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01	Is there any military pastoral care for the soldiers of your country?					
01	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>				
02	No	<input type="checkbox"/>				
03	Not yet	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Not anymore	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Since when?					
04	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>					
	Why not anymore?					
	In keywords:					
05	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>					

Initially, please tell us about data and facts of military pastoral care in your country.

02	How many soldiers serve in the fighting forces of your country?		
01	Men	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>	
02	Women	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>	

03	Which religions, confessions and ideologies are represented in your military pastoral care?		
01	Roman-catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Orthodox	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, which traditions?		
02	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>		
	Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, which denominations?		
03	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>		
04	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	If yes, which traditions?		
05	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>		
06	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	
07	Humanistic, not religious	<input type="checkbox"/>	

04	Do you know, how many of the soldiers in your armed forces are connected to a religious tradition?		
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	Orthodox		
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05 How many pastoral care staff is there in your fighting forces?

01 Total

06 How many of the military pastoral care staff in your forces represent the following religions/confessions/ideologies?

01 Roman-catholic

02 Orthodox
If yes, which traditions?

03 Protestant
If yes, which denominations?

04 Jewish

05 Muslim
If yes, which traditions?

06 Buddhist

07 Humanistic, not religious

07 Is the military pastoral care staff responsible for the members of their own religion/confession/ideology or are they responsible for all soldiers?

01 For members of their own confession / religion / ideology

☐

02 For all soldiers

☐

What are the duties of the members of your pastoral care staff?

08 Which tasks does the military pastoral care staff of your fighting forces perform?
Multiple choice possible

01 Individual counseling

☐

02 Group counseling

☐

03 Operation companionship

☐

04 Accompaniment of operation-like duties

☐

05 Services and other religious festivities

☐

06 Rituals of funerals and funerals

☐

07 Ethical lessons/instructions

☐

09 When military chaplains perform rituals of funerals or funerals...

Should the military chaplain belong to the same confession/religion/worldview as the deceased.

Yes

No

☐
☐

May every military chaplain exercise the rituals of funerals or bury every soldier.

☐
☐

May jewish military chaplains under certain circumstances bury a muslim soldier.

☐
☐

10 Do your military chaplains work together with military medical doctors, military psychologists or social workers? Are there any certain rules or committees for this cooperation?

In keywords:



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11 Is your military pastoral care staff liable to the seal of the confessional?

- | | | |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 01 | Yes, like all chaplains | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02 | Yes, but restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03 | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04 | The military chaplains decide, what they report | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Let us talk about the requirements your military chaplains have to meet for their task.

12 Which education do you expect from your military pastoral care staff? Multiple choice possible

- | | | |
|----|--|--------------------------|
| 01 | University education in theology | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02 | University education in religious studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03 | University education in philosophy or ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04 | University education in educational science | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 05 | Experiences in a civil congregation of their confession, religion or worldview | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 06 | The military pastoral care staff have served in the fighting forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 07 | The military pastoral care staff start their duty with a military education | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tell us about the organization of military chaplaincy in your forces.

13 Let us know how the military pastoral care staff is integrated in the fighting forces.

- | | Yes | No |
|----|---|---|
| 01 | Military pastoral care staff are members of the military | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02 | Military chaplains stay officials of their churches, religious bodies, or ideologies (e.g. humanism, atheism) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03 | Military chaplains are being paid by the state | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04 | Military chaplains are being paid by their respective church, religious body, or ideology | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 05 | Do military chaplains carry an officer's rank? | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

14 Is military pastoral care part of all military branches?

- | | | |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 01 | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | If no: which branches operate without military pastoral care? | |
| 02 | <div></div> | |

15 To which areas is military pastoral care staff appointed? Multiple choice possible

- | | | |
|----|--|--------------------------|
| 01 | All institutions of the forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02 | Schools and educational institutions of the forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03 | In camps in deployments abroad | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04 | In combat | <input type="checkbox"/> |

16 Who is the military pastoral care staff obedient to?

- | | | Yes | No |
|----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 | They obey their respective military superior | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 02 | They follow the orders of their religious leader | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 03 | They obey both | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 04 | Are the military chaplains part of the chain of commands? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 05 | The military pastoral care runs on the same hierarchy as the forces | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

17 How do military pastoral care staff and military superiors work together? Please tell us the respective rules in your military regulations. In keywords:



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Next, we are curious as to how the military pastoral care staff make their way into the military.

18 Military pastoral care staff applies for a job in military pastoral care

- 01 Yes ☐
- 02 No ☐

19 Military chaplains are nominated for their service by their respective churches, religious bodies or ideologies

- 01 Yes ☐
- 02 No ☐

20 Who chooses the new military chaplains?

21 How are the leading military chaplains vocated?

22 How is the military bishop chosen?

26 Is there a highest representative of the military chaplaincy in your forces?

Yes ☐
How is he or she chosen?

01

02 No ☐

24 Does a church, religious body or ideology have to confirm the choice?

- 01 Yes ☐
- 02 No ☐

Education in ethics is growing more and more important in today's often unclear deployments, because mistakes of individual soldiers can lead to international tensions fast.

25 Are there any designated ethics lessons for your forces?

- 01 Yes ☐
- 02 No ☐

26 Who is responsible for ethics lessons?

- 01 The military superiors of the soldiers ☐
- 02 The department of defense ☐
- 03 The department of military pastoral care ☐
- 04 Another institution, which one: ☐

27 Who is teaching ethics?

- 01 Officers ☐
- 02 Military pastoral care staff ☐
- 03 Specialized ethics teachers ☐
- 04 There is a possibility for military pastoral care staff to take part in the ethics lessons ☐



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28 Is there a certain curriculum for ethics lessons?

01 Yes ☐

02 No ☐

29 What are the key contents of ethics lessons?
In keywords:

We would like to know how you perceive the relationship between the military pastoral care of your country and the military pastoral care of other countries.

30 Are there any structures for cooperation on a regular basis? (e.g. conferences, workshops?)
Which ones:

Yes ☐
Which ones?

01

02 No ☐

31 Looking at the military pastoral care of your country compared to other countries, what strikes you?

Positive, keywords

01

Negative, keywords

02

32 Do you see any possible problems in international cooperation?
In keywords:

33 Does the military pastoral care of your country focus on other parts than the military pastoral care of other countries?
Please name some examples.

Military pastoral care has grown over the decades. We want to take a closer look at its history now.

34 Since when does military pastoral care exist in your country?

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35 Please give a rough scheme of the historic origin of military pastoral care in your country, in keywords. You might also want to name some relevant references.
In keywords:

36 Which events were especially formative for the military pastoral care of your country?
In keywords:

37 Have there been times without military pastoral care in your country? Any disruptions or new beginnings? E.g. after the French Revolution or World War Two?

Yes, the following ones: ☐
01
02 No ☐

38 Has military pastoral care staff of our country been involved in any colonial wars?

Yes, the following ones: ☐
01
02 No ☐

39 Has military pastoral care staff of your country been involved in any liberation wars?

Yes, the following ones: ☐
01
02 No ☐

40 In which of your most recent deployments abroad did military pastoral care staff take part?

41 Has any military pastoral care staff been killed in one of these deployments abroad?

If yes, how many and where? ☐
01
02 No ☐

42 Does military pastoral care staff of your country carry a weapon?

01 Yes, always ☐
02 Yes, in case they want to ☐
03 Yes, in case they have to ☐
04 No, never ☐

Please let us know how your military pastoral care staff is connected to the religious body they represent in your forces.



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43 Are there any regulations regarding the relationship between the military pastoral care staff and the churches or religious bodies they represent in your forces?
In keywords:

What do you think?

44 Why do the soldiers of your forces need military chaplaincy?

45 Please mark your personal opinion on the scale.

		Yes	Rather yes	So / so	Rather no	No
01	Are all soldiers of your forces allowed to contact military chaplaincy at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Does military chaplaincy offer services and dialogue in all military facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Are the soldiers of your forces allowed to refuse using weapons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Is military chaplaincy supposed to encourage the soldiers to fight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Is military chaplaincy supposed to encourage the soldiers to be benevolent in their reaction to the enemy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Is military chaplaincy supporting the development of a free and peaceful understanding of the soldiers profession?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Is military chaplaincy helping with personal problems and life crises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Would you agree that military chaplaincy should be abolished?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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46 Please tell us your concluding opinion on the service of military pastoral care staff.

Finally, please tell us

47 The country you had in mind while answering the questions

48 Your profession

01 Spiritual leader ☐

02 Officer ☐

Other ☐

03

Thank you for participating!