



## Concerning the Terror in Paris

### Intensify international exchanges and inter-religious dialogue

The EBB-AEDE is an association of committed Europeans, who have championed its inception for a united, federal and above all peaceful Europe. The attacks in Paris have shown us in a terrible manner, that there are social forces that want to prevent a Europe that is based on the principles of the Enlightenment.

We believe that it is important to recognize that this brutal attack emerged from European society and was directed both against the satirical magazine "Charlie Hebdo" and subsequently against the freedom of the press as well as against Jews and Muslims, finally against the freedom of religion. Without freedom of the press, liberal democracy would not be functional. Vigilance is needed always when European fundamental rights are threatened!

A peaceful Europe only has a chance when individuals, peoples and religions interact respectfully and peacefully with each other. That means, of course, that people believing in Muslim, Jewish, Christian or other religions or in non religious traditions may belong to Europe. The European Convention on Human Rights guarantees the freedom of belief and thus also the freedom not to believe. The rejection of dictatorship must apply equally to political ideologies such as on religions in Europe.

On its next national convention from 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 EBB-AEDE will create a thematic focus on enhancing intercultural learning and inter-religious dialogue. In summer 2015 a special issue of its journal Europäische Erziehung [European Education] is planned focusing on intercultural learning.

In our opinion international exchange and meeting of children, adolescents and adults - from students and teachers - must become an obligatory offer.

Calw, in February 2015

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