



Cologne / Hochdorf, February 4, 2021

## **Information on the 2021 Continental Assembly**

Dear responsible persons in the National Kolping Societies,  
dear Kolping Sisters, dear Kolping Brothers,

"Has been cancelled – Has been postponed" - these are headlines with which we have long become familiar. The pandemic still holds us in its grip. It challenges us and makes us worry about our health, our livelihoods and our jobs.

Our work in the Kolping community, the usual everyday Kolping life, is also severely restricted. Especially at this time, direct forms of exchange would be very valuable. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet for the Continental Assembly last year. It is already foreseeable that our Continental Assembly - as originally planned in April in Hungary - cannot be held either.

In two virtual meetings the Continental Board has discussed and decided the following:

The Continental Convention from April 9th to 11th, 2021, in Esztergom/Hungary is cancelled. We thank the responsible persons of the Kolping Society Hungary very much for their kind invitation and the valuable preparatory work that has already been done. It would be nice if we could meet in Hungary already next year.

Instead, the 2021 Continental Assembly is planned as a presence meeting on

**22nd to 24th October, 2021, in Cologne / Germany.**

If a face-to-face meeting is still not possible at that time, a digital Continental Assembly will be held instead. Cologne was chosen as a venue because there, the technical requirements for either a face-to-face meeting or a digital meeting are available.

New information will be sent out with the invitations and documents in mid-August 2021.

We ask you to save this date for Kolping Europe. At the same time, we ask you to keep in view the new election of the Continental Executive Board and to nominate possible candidates.

## **Kolping is sacred to me!**

We are pleased to draw your attention to the online petition "Kolping is sacred to me!" launched by the Kolping Society of Germany. The Continental Executive Board calls upon you to participate in this petition. The petition is understood as a request to Pope Francis for the canonization of Adolph Kolping. We want to set a sign that the life and work of Adolph Kolping radiates into our present time. Every signature counts! On the occasion of the Rome pilgrimage 2022 the petition will be handed over to the Pope. Further information and the signature form are available at [www.petition-kolping.de](http://www.petition-kolping.de).

Dear Kolping Sisters, dear Kolping Brothers,

"The future belongs to God and to those who show courage!" In these uncertain times, we wish you all this trust in God, combined with the hope that better times may soon follow. Let us stay in touch with one another! At the same time, we wish you much courage and strength and thank all of you who, despite difficult circumstances, continue to work with dedication for our society, for the benefit of our fellow people - entirely in the spirit of Adolph Kolping.

We send you kind regards - also in the name of the members of the Continental Executive Committee - combined with a heartfelt "Treu Kolping",

yours



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