



NOT WAITING FOR MIRACLES

1. Exchange Partners

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2. Summary

Our story starts in Helsinki, Finland, where a new wooden chapel has opened up for everybody in the midst of the central shopping area. We discuss the new modern diverse world with the pastor there and a researcher at Åbo Akademi university, in Turku. Our story continues to the problems that the churches are facing, often due to diversity-related issues. We discuss the problems within the Catholic church in Portugal with a researcher from a catholic movement that wants to reform the church from the inside, lobbying the Vatican and the media for the ordination of women priests. We get a comment from the Portuguese high commissioner for immigration and intercultural dialogue. We meet activists in Finland that want to get people to resign the church through a very successful webpage and we discuss all these problems with two bishops from the two different churches. The story ends with the young radical church worker from Finland. The aim is to bring together the most important ideas that we have learnt from our interviews in these two different countries. We also want to give the audience a sensorial experience by using sounds from the ceremonies that we have experienced. We are confident that this program will work as a discussion opener in many different forums.

3. Dissemination of the Output

Our stories were broadcasted on public radio stations in Finland and Portugal. In Finland one story was broadcasted 2.5 and 4.5 as a part of a 1 hour long discussion programme at radio Vega/ YLE Swedish speaking national radio station. Also the story with some pictures was on the website of radio Vega. In Portugal it will be broadcasted in Antena1, Portuguese Public Radio, as a 25 min radio documentary on June, 2.



4. *Biographies of the authors*

INGRID SVANFELDT - *Finland*

Freelancer

FAO, freelance unit within the Union of Journalists in Finland - fao.fi



FAO- freelance unit of Radio and Tv journalists in Finland. The freelance unit FAO has 450 members. It is a unit that belongs to the Union of Journalists in Finland. Founded in 1921 the Finnish Union of Journalists is an independent tradeunion with over 15 500 members working in journalistic professions. The membership of the union is growing continually. Over half of members are women. The proportion of freelancers, students and retired people has expanded in the 2000s.

Masters degree in communication and journalism from the university of Helsinki 2002. Worked for 5 years at the swedishspeaking national tv-news programme at YLE (National broadcasting company in Finland). From 2007 a microcompany that produces current affair TV- and radioprograms mainly for the swedishspeaking media in Finland. Also produces media workshops for public schools and teaches media at different mediaschools. Active boardmember and spokesperson of the freelance unit FAO, within the Union of Journalists in Finland.



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The Radio and Television of Portugal (RTP) MH IH is a Portuguese state-owned enterprise that includes radio and public television. Before the year 2004 the Portuguese Radio (RDP) and the Portuguese television (RTP) , public radio and television companies were respectively, were independent and separate and distinct legal entities . In 2004 , they were restructured and merged into one public company. RTP is one of the most viewed television channel in Portugal, with millions of viewers and listeners around the world. RTP is also on the Web www.rtp.pt and mobile platforms.

Ricardo Alexandre runs a world affairs program at public radio Antena1 from RTP, Radio and Television of Portugal. Deputy News Director (2005-2012). Assignments in Ukraine (2014) Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia and Kosovo, East Timor, Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan and Pakistani tribal areas, Libya and Iran. Covered elections in US, UK and Brazil, and fifth and tenth anniversaries of 9/11. He has been regularly invited to comment on issues pertaining to the Balkans. Degree in Sociology and masters in European Policies. Currently a Doctoral student in International Relations. Fellow of the GMF, joined Mediane program in Groningen (2013), with exchange program in Finland.



