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### **Statement on the creation of the Central European Beit Din**

The European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) and the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly (ERA) are announcing the creation of a Central European Beit Din (CEBD) under the umbrella of the EUPJ.

The establishment of the CEBD will be announced by the EUPJ in a written form to the Federations in Bratislava, Budapest, Prague and Warsaw in the first calendar week of 2021. The CEBD will operate in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

It is the only Progressive Beit Din, in these four countries, recognised by the WUPJ, the EUPJ, and its Rabbinic Assembly, ERA.

The position of Head of the Beit Din, *Av/Em Beit Din*, will rotate on an annual basis between Rabbis from those four countries.

Rabbi David Maxa will be the Convenor of this Beit Din, assisted by appropriate administrative arrangements. The address of the Central European Beit Din is in Prague, Ec Chajim community, Jindřišská 873/27, 110 00 Prague.

This court shall be called at Rabbi Maxa's invitation anywhere in those four countries. Rabbi Jackie Tabick will be the honorary Convenor during the first year of its existence, mentoring and supporting the Central European Beit Din.

Any legitimate ERA Rabbi can be called to sit on this Beit Din. The certificates issued by this Beit Din will be in Hebrew, in the language of the applicant, and in English.

The founding Rabbis of the CEBD are Rabbis Misha Kapustin, David Maxa, Thomas Salamon, Anita Kantor, Tom Kučera and Stas Wojciechowicz, assisted by Rabbis Andrew Goldstein and Jackie Tabick, EBD, and René Pfertzel, ERA.