



## PRO ORIENTE Foundation (Vienna, Austria)

### **About us**

PRO ORIENTE was established as a church foundation on November 4, 1964, in Vienna, during the Second Vatican Council. The Foundation has regional committees in other Austrian cities like Salzburg, Graz, and Linz.

PRO ORIENTE is committed to fostering communion between the Eastern and Western churches and has a longstanding experience on the way to a closer rapprochement between churches that have been separated for centuries.

By opening spaces for dialogue, PRO ORIENTE contributes to overcoming conflicts and promoting reconciliation in religious contexts, which impacts societies at large both locally and globally.

Through their engagement in PRO ORIENTE, Christians from the Eastern and Western churches jointly contribute to the common good and, consequently, to building a more humane society.

### **Eastern Churches**

As an international competence network on churches of the Christian East, PRO ORIENTE offers in-depth expert knowledge on these churches. This includes an online overview of the various Eastern Churches, their current situation, their history, and the contexts of their formation.

### **Initiatives**

As a globally recognized platform, PRO ORIENTE contributes to reconciliation processes in different regions of the world through dialogue and cooperation with the Eastern Churches. Various ecumenical forums have been established to address open theological and social questions. Emphasis is placed on promoting cooperation between the Eastern and Western churches in their joint commitment to reconciliation and peace.

### **Projects**

With tangible actions and projects, PRO ORIENTE is committed to the practical implementation of dialogues in concrete contexts, thus contributing to understanding and cooperation in society at large. Particular attention is given to empowering the next generation, in projects like the "PRO ORIENTE Summer Course" for students of theology from various countries and denominational backgrounds.