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Presentation

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Motivation

A vital civil society roots on the engagement and inclusion of as many people as possible. NGOs have to play a key role. They – you – offer people the opportunity to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights in a broad variety of actions. Together we commit to defend the rule of law to strengthen the democracy and the support of the most vulnerable within our society.

The Conference of INGOs is a platform to make your voice heard. Or better to say, **the** platform. The platform for exchange of expertise and experience among INGOs. The platform for a constructive participation in policy-making processes.

Personally speaking, as a member of an international association of teacher training institutions, I know well and always support the value of democracy education both in terms of creating ideas in our pupils' and students' minds and encouraging them to stand for what they think but also in terms of learning about the structure, functioning and relevance of democracy for a peaceful development of our continent.

As Comenius Association is one of the new member INGOs of the Conference, we would like to thank for the warm welcome by getting actively committed. As Rapporteur, I would like to join Anna Rurka and her team to help continue the work for a modern, interactive and diversity-friendly Conference - your Conference! - and help young or prospective members to learn more about its meaningful action.