

CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF RAPPORTEUR OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOs

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Presentation

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Motivation

My name is Katarzyna Sokółowska and I would like to become a rapporteur of the Conference of INGOs. I think that my experience and involvement in different organisations can bring a new contribution to the functioning of the Conference. For the last 1,5 years I have been representing AEGEE-Europe at the Conference which gave me understanding of points which could be improved. One of them is better concentration of actions taken by Committees in cooperation with member organisations. I would like to see more organisations being not only present at the meetings but also taking actions and initiatives. Another point which is important and should be improved is effective communication - not only internally, with members INGOs but also externally to make the Conference more visible. I truly believe that my experience from different fields and projects can improve it by proper tools. Due to the fact that last years I was mainly involved in youth field I would like to work more on bringing the conference to young people.

I think the INGOs Conference has a lot of potential which is not in use currently. As a part of a big governmental organisation – the Council of Europe - we definitely need a place where organisations can meet and discuss their opinions and input on the topics taken by the Council of Europe. Non-governmental organisations are the party which is the closest to the people's voice. The Conference can make their voice stronger within the Council of Europe and externally.