

CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOs

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Presentation

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Reasons for standing

The Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations is the forum where each of our organisations can and should express themselves. It legitimately represents the voice of civil society in a world that is increasingly calling this role and this freedom into question.

Within this organisation, we can help to establish a more inclusive society, defend human rights and continue building true European citizenship within a democratic space, with the aim of responding to global challenges concerning social cohesion.

These objectives, which are considered priorities by the team that worked alongside Anna Rurka, have been included in the Conference's roadmap and I would like to translate them into real action.

For over six years at the Conference and on its behalf since 2015, I have been co-ordinating the Human Rights Committee's working group on combating hate speech. We have brought our actions closer to the process initiated by our Council of Europe partners (ECRI, No Hate Speech Movement, No Hate Parliamentary Alliance).

This process has been developed by the Council of Europe and all the relevant international stakeholders. I propose that we take it forward and give it practical shape by expanding our Conference's tools and means of action.

Together, each of us at our own level can continue to build a Europe that is not just a dream.