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## WINTER SESSION CONFERENCE OF INGOs

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### **MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF INGOs DRAFT AGENDA**

**Friday 27 January 2017**

**9.30 – 13.00 // 14.30 – 17.00**

**Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe  
Room 1**

1. Opening of the meeting by Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs – Snezana Samardzic-Markovic, Director General of Democracy (DGII) – Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, Head of Culture, Nature and Heritage Department, DGII
2. Agenda : for adoption
3. Nomination of the meeting Rapporteur
4. Synopsis of the meeting on 24 June 2016 [[CONF/PLE\(2016\)SYN2](#)] : for adoption
5. [2016 Activity report of the Conference of INGOs](#) : for review and adoption
6. Information from Gender Equality Expert – Anne NEGRE
7. Thematic debate 'The information society – progress made and the threats facing public authorities and NGOs ?'

10 am – Opening by the President of the Conference of INGOs and the Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Group of Rapporteurs on Democracy (GR-DEM), Ambassador JUREVIČIENĖ.

10.15 am – Standards and tools developed by the Council of Europe: Internet Governance Strategy (2016-2019), Human Rights for Internet Users guide, etc. - Alexander SEGER, Head of Cybercrime Division, Silvia GRUNDMANN, Head of Media and Internet Division – Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime, DG 1

10.35 am Overview from Sébastien FANTI, member of the Valais Bar, elected to the post of Data Protection and Transparency Officer of the canton of Valais in Switzerland

11 am – New technologies, privacy and surveillance – perspective of human rights organisations, Jędrzej NIKLAS, PANOPTYKON Foundation (Poland)

11.15 am – Discussion with the participants

11.50 am to 12 noon: Overview in the light of the proceedings at the Conference of INGOs by Didier SCHRETTER – special advisor on communication and representative of the Conference of INGOs on the Council of Europe’s Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI).

8. Texts to be adopted:

- [Roadmap on migration](#) (Jean Michel CAUDRON)
- [Recommendation on ‘Surveillance of lawyers: the need for standards safeguarding client confidentiality’](#) (Michel AGUILAR)
- [Draft Resolution of the Conference of INGOs on the protection of freedom expression and of association in Turkey](#)
- Draft declaration on “the European Social Charter is central to the dialogue between the Council of Europe and the European Union”
- Draft declaration of support for the letter of the Secretary General on the proposed legislation which would decriminalise certain domestic violence in the Russian Federation

9. Situation of NGOs in the member States of the Council of Europe (14.30-16.30)

- [Report on the visit in Poland](#) presented by the President of the Conference of INGOs, put into perspective by Mr NIKLAS, from the [Fondation PANOPTYKON](#). Comments by the government presented by Ambassador Janusz STAŃCZYK, Permanent Representative of Poland to the Council of Europe; (tbc)
- [Report on the visit in Romania](#) presented by the President of the Conference of INGOs, put into perspective by Andrei POP, representative of the [Foundation for the development of civil society](#). Comments by, government presented by Ambassador Răzvan RUSU, Permanent Representative of Romania to the Council of Europe ; (tbc)
- [Report on the visit in Germany](#) presented by the President of the Conference of INGOs, put into perspective by Mirko SCHWAERZEL, representative of BBE - ([Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement](#)), national network for civil society. Comments of the government presented by Ambassador Gerhard KÜNTZLE, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Council of Europe (tbc)
- Situation of the NGOs based in Turkey – [Draft Resolution of the Conference of INGOs on the protection of freedom expression and of association in Turkey](#), following the attempted coup on 15 July 2016  
[Report](#) on the meeting with Turkish NGOs on 1-2 December 2016

10. Upcoming activities and date of the next meeting (30 June 2017)