

CINGO Committee Report – common format

Committee name: Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child (CSC-RC)

Date of report:

Report author name and contact details:

To encourage members to read all the committee reports and to share information effectively, please keep your free text sections short and focused on priorities activities and actions.

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2. Which INGOs are represented on the committee?

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16. Which Council of Europe committees and other activities is this committee mainly involved in? Please provide a list and a brief description of how your committee is involved.

Lanzarote Committee

Migration Committee

Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)

17. How has this committee linked with other CINGO committees in the last year?
Participation in the two CJ/ENF-ISE meetings

18. How can new members join the committee (please provide email address for expression of interest)?

As specified by Gerhard Ermischer, chair of CINGO, during the last Autumn session, the committees must be opened. All members of relevant OING are welcome.

Email address: civilsocietycommittee.rc@gmail.com

19. What else could CINGO Standing Committee and Secretariat do to support the work of the committee and the communications between your committee, other members of CINGO and other parts of CoE?

We need technical support for disseminating our action. e.g. Committee events need follow-up documents that are suitable with current ways to be informed (i.e. website including short videos). The NGO-UNIT does the best but has not the capability and means to do that specialized tasks.

Translation is also an issue (it takes time)

We need also an easier access to Zoom or BlueJeans app in order to avoid personal professional accounts and facilitate member meetings.

Please continue to pages 2 and 3 to provide a report on key activities and objectives.

Activity and Outcomes Report – please choose up to 6 main topics/activity areas

Key topic/activity	Summary of progress/impact in last 6 months	Current key issues	Plans for next 6 months
1 CJ/ENF-ISE	Participation in the 2 meetings Comments on the draft report before each meeting	To maintain CINGO's positive perception by the intergovernmental group of experts	To reinforce CINGO commitment to Children's rights Likely to contact PACE members

<p>2 Webinar Evaluation and determination of the best interests of the child in parental separation and care proceedings Exchange of views and knowledge among specialists and professionals</p>	<p>8 speakers involved 6 facilitators about 60 participants despite the busy period (June 21st)</p>	<p>The report is published on the CINGO website It includes hyperlinks to about 60 videos (full presentations and short highlights lasting about 3 minutes).</p>	<p>To disseminate the report amongst family justice professionals and policy makers and to ensure CJ/ENF ISE members are aware of its content</p>
<p>3 Developing further webinars</p>	<p>Achieved first June 2022 webinar – a lot of work and commitment pre- and post-production</p>	<p>Reviewed June 2022 webinar for technical and content issues. Will make proposals for improvements to secretariat and CINGO. Developing approach to webinars to be more streamlined and feasible.</p>	<p>Initial planning for 2023 – webinar focus on <i>'Hearing the voice of the child in court and care proceedings – perspectives across Europe'</i></p>
<p>4 Development the committee</p>	<p>Increased membership and ensured representation in key forums e.g. Lanzarote Committee</p>	<p>Further extend membership of the committee and devise a work programme for the coming year.</p>	<p>Communicate more with other committees, consider joint projects and share work of the committee with all INGOs.</p>
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Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and the CINGO Standing Committee?