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Head of Delegation of SIE (Soroptimist International of Europe) to the Conference of INGOs

Commitment: Creation of the Committee of the Conference of INGOs (CoE) "NGOs as advocates for Gender Equality and Women's Rights"

In view of my international experience and my in-depth knowledge of the advocacy mission of the INGO Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE), I was appointed representative to the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe in 2013. I have been present at every session of the Conference, as well as at other events, often accompanied by other members of my organisation. My investment in the Conference of INGOs: from June 2018 to April 2021, I have been chairing the working group "Gender Perspectives in Political Processes" and I coordinated the Gender Equality Rapporteurs of the working groups of the Conference of INGOs. Several members of my INGO have joined working groups of the INGO Conference (2018-2021 and 2021-2023).

SIE, present in 41 member states of the Council of Europe, defends human rights with a particular focus on the status of women and girls. Its objectives: education, financial autonomy, the fight against violence against women, access to health care, food security and sustainable development.

In Europe, our 1.150 clubs (30.000 members) which are committed to improving the lives of women and girls, especially those in difficult situations and/or victims of violence have done innumerable grassroots actions as well as awareness-raising campaigns, in particular for ending violence against women.

I am the initiator of the project "NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights". It perfectly reflects the objectives of SIE and the commitment of the INGO Conference to "continue to disseminate the Council of Europe's legal instruments and tools to inform the citizens about their rights".

CV of Bettina HAHNE

Born in 1954

Biochemist, scientific editor

Member of SIE since 2001

International experience since majority:

Germany: 11 years

France: 26 years

United States: 3 years

Belgium: 3 years

Japan: 2 years

Ivory Coast: 1 year

Languages: German (mother tongue), English and French fluently (spoken and written)