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Terms of Reference - CINGO Committee Proposal Form

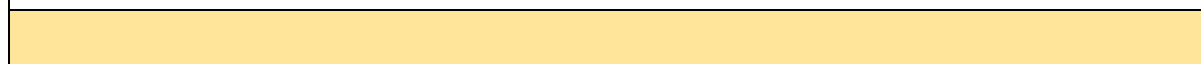
approved by the General Assembly on 10 April 2024

1. Name of Proposed New Committee: Education for Democracy
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2. Name of proposer: Arja Krauchenberg

3. The INGO you represent: Lifelong Learning Platform
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4. Your email address: arja.krauchenberg@llplatform.eu



5. Summary of the purpose of the committee: (no more than 100 words) The Committee on Education for Democracy was approved by the General Assembly of CINGO in April 2022; since then, it contributed to sharing best practices across CoE member states, mainstreaming the most innovative and efficient methods to embed democratic values in all forms of education and training. We are seeking an extension of the mandate for one additional year to focus our work on advocacy outputs and ensure that the work done so far can meaningfully contribute to the policy priorities of the Council of Europe.

6. Date of proposal: 01/03/2024
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7. Are you seeking a new/changed mandate for an existing committee? Yes
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8. If yes, what is the current name of the committee? Education for Democracy
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9. Proposed Committee Chair Name, INGO and email address <i>Arja Krauchenberg, Lifelong Learning Platform, arja.krauchenberg@llplatform.eu</i> Proposed Committee Vice/Deputy Chair Name, INGO and email address (if relevant) n.a.
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10. Every new committee must include members from <u>at least 5</u> different INGO Heads of
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Delegation to CINGO and must have at least 7 members in total. Please list below the names and role of INGO representatives and any non-CINGO experts forming the new committee.

n.a., this is a request for renewal

11. All CINGO committees should relate and contribute to the work of at least one significant workstream within the Council of Europe. Which Council of Europe committee/s of other activity/ies will your committee primarily contribute to?

The purpose of the extension is for INGOs to follow the steps outlined by the new Council of Europe Education Strategy “Learners First”. In particular, we would like to uphold the very first principle, i.e. to “renew the democratic and civic mission of education” by showing 1) how non-formal and informal pedagogies have a bigger role to play and 2) how civil society working in education and training is best-placed to answer this call. So far, the Committee collected a compendium of different existing inspiring practices to reinforce “Democratic participation” through non-formal and informal learning, linked to the Council of Europe Education strategy and Conference of INGOs Strategic Plan.

12. How can new members find out about and join the committee?

Participation in the Committee has been and will continue to be open to all INGOs. It suffices to get in touch with the chair or with the Secretariat of her belonging INGO at info@lllplatform.eu.

13. Please summarise how the new committee contribute to and advance the priorities and influence of CINGO and Civil Society within the Council of Europe? (no more than 200 words)

Showcasing the contribution of civil society to education and democracy has been the core pillar of this Committee for the past two years. Now, members of the Committee on Education for Democracy seek to bring civil society expertise directly into the work of the Council of Europe by offering policy recommendations that, based on the compendium and the practices it gathered, can enhance not only the role of education in our democracies, but also the part that civil society organisations play in it. Besides, allowing organising civil society into the very heart of decision-making is itself a democratic principle. The Committee would also like to contribute to the next Conference of INGOs Strategic Plan for the next three years.

14. Please provide an outline of the new committee’s work plan priorities for the first year (April 2024 – March 2025)

Council of Europe and/or CINGO priority topic/area of work	Committee objective/s	Summary of planned activities April – October 2024	Summary of planned activities November 2024 – March 2025
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1. Council of Europe Education strategy	Complement the current Education Strategy with principles to better highlight the contribution of non-formal and informal learning	Drafting a set of recommendations for the Education Strategy of the CoE	
2. Council of Europe Education strategy	Promoting civil society's views on "education for democracy"		Position paper with recommendations and practices showcasing the role of civil society stakeholders and contributing to the CoE work on education

15. Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and/or the CINGO Standing Committee?

n.a.