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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:**

***Committee on Migration Issues***

*Accommodation of migrants,  
A major issue for the respect of human rights*

**2. Name of Proposal Author:**

**Mr Daniel GUERY**

**3. The INGO you represent: MIAMSI**

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**5. Summary of the Committee's Objective: (no more than 100 words)**

After having taken on a monitoring unit for several years (2016-2021) and then ensured the work of the "Migration Committee on access to their fundamental rights for migrants, refugees and asylum seeker, as well as the access by INGOs to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers", after its field trip to Greece, it became obvious that the issue of accommodation for migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, is of major concern. Indeed, accommodation that respects human rights promotes effective integration and accessibility of services, including security and physical integrity, physical and mental health (care), and education.

The experience of working effectively with the other bodies of the Council of Europe has led us to broaden the Committee's concern to migration issues in general, to be able to respond to current events and engage in joint work with these bodies (such as the PACE Migration Committee, for example); hence the generic title: "**Committee on Migration Issues**".

**6. Date of proposal: February 28, 2024**

**7. Would you like to give a new or amended mandate to an existing Committee?**

This Committee shall be a logical follow-up to the Committee on the Rights of Persons who are Migrants.

8. Proposed Committee Chair - Name, INGO and email address

Ms Christine MONTY, OENDDF: [Christine.monty@europeanobsndfr.org](mailto:Christine.monty@europeanobsndfr.org)

Proposed Vice-President/Deputy President - Name, INGO and e-mail address

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9. Each new Committee must include members with at least 5 heads of delegation from INGOs other than INGO and must have at least 7 members in total. Please indicate below the names and roles of the representatives of INGOs and non-INGO experts who make up the new Committee.

**Below are ALL the INGOs involved with active members**

**ACISJIF**: Michèle MORITZ – Delegation Chief

**B'NAI B'RITH** : Stéphane TEICHER - Delegation Chief – Yves Alexandre - expert

**BOAT REFUGIES FONDATION** : Nick Van Der STEENHOVEN – Delegation Chief – expert

**CARITAS EUROPA** : Maria NYMAN – Secretary General –

**COMENIUS** : Monika Becker - Delegation Chief

**EN-RE** : Henk BAARS – Delegation Chief

**ESAN** : René LEDERMANN – Delegation Chief

**EUROCEF** : Julien KHAYAT - President -

**EUROGEO** : Harry ROGER – Vice-President and Delegation Chief

**FIACAT** : Lionel GRASSY – Delegation Chief

**FIUC** : François MABILLE : Secretary General and Delegation Chief

**I HAVE RIGHTS AMKE** (Athens GR) : Ella DODD – expert (Coordinative Advocacy) & Salomé Brun

**MEDECINS DU MONDE** : Nicolas FUSCH - Delegation Chief

**MIAMSI** : Daniel GUERY - Delegation Chief

**OENDDF** : Christine MONTY – President and Delegation Chief

**Pax ROMANA** : Begonia OCIO – Delegation Chief

**RENATE** : Mc HUGH – Delegation Chief

**SOS-MEDITERRANEE** : Marine Thomas – Advocacy Manager – Delegation Chief

**THE SMILE OF THE CHILD** : Costas YANNOPOULOS – President - Marc Van den REECK – Special Delegate in charge of international relations

**UNAEC Europe** : Laurent GREGOIRE – Delegation Chief

10. All COING Committees must be linked to and contribute to the work of at least one important workstream within the Council of Europe. To which Council of Europe Committees or other activities will your Committee mainly contribute?

The Migration Committee is already in contact with many Council of Europe bodies and will continue in this direction (note that for some Steering Committees the request comes from these structures themselves):

**PACE** in the framework of CONSTANT work with the Migration Committee

The **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities** in the context of current affairs

In **DIRECT** contact with the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers **SRS**

The **Commissioner** for Human Rights

**Democracy** and Human Dignity Branch

The CPT **Steering Committee** (Torture and ill-treatment)

Children's **Rights Steering Committee**

Steering Committee for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (**CDBIO**)

**GREVIO – ECRI - CDADI**

Facilitated links at meetings organized by the SRSG

**11. How can new members learn about the Committee and how to join?**

During plenary sessions or at any time by contacting the Presidency.  
On the website of the Council of Europe / Migration Committee: numerous productions.

**12. Please summarise how the new Committee contributes to and advances the priorities and influence of INCE and civil society within the Council of Europe? (no more than 200 words)**

During the meetings organised by the SRSG, the Migration Committee, through its representatives, can, on the one hand, inform all participants from the various Council of Europe bodies of the activities and priorities of the Migration Committee, and on the other hand propose specific collaborations (cf. PACE, Congress and/or ad hoc Steering Committees).

The links established over the last few years have made it possible to put our focus on accommodation on the agenda of the various "contact structures", to pool efforts and to strengthen the link with the INGOs and the Conference itself.

**13. Please provide an overview of the priorities of the new Committee's work plan for the first year (April 2024 - March 2025).**

Priority theme/area of work of the Council of Europe and/or INCE	Objectives of the Committee	Summary of planned activities April - October 2024	Summary of planned activities November 2024 - March 2025
<b>1. Fostering links between the Council of Europe, the Conference of INGOs and the reality on the ground</b>	<b>Broaden the scope</b> of contacts with civil society, beyond the members of the Conference of INGOs, and reach out to national political actors.	<b>Establish contacts, Strengthen the network</b> by respecting the complementarity of each approach to the theme of accommodation for migrants.	<b>Gathering experiences from the field</b> to illustrate and base the Committee's reflections on real-life experience in relation to the issue of accommodation for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
<b>2. Linking Democracy and respect for Human Rights in the defence of vulnerable people</b>	<b>Highlight good practices</b> to base arguments related to the themes chosen in relation to the issue of accommodation for migrants, refugees and	<b>Implementation of the design of one or more</b> foundational documents for the work of the Committee.	<b>Finalise the documents</b> for sharing with the various partners in the Conference, the Council of Europe and beyond.

	asylum seekers.		
<b>3. To act as a link between the Migration Committee, the Conference of INGOs and the Council of Europe in general; Promote the inclusion of civil society</b>	<b>Participate in the work of other Council of Europe bodies.</b>	<b>Strengthen contacts</b> with the SRS, the PACE Migration Committee and other Steering Committees.	<b>Propose the Committee's analyses and include</b> comments, proposals and projects from other Council of Europe bodies.
<b>4. To raise awareness of the objectives and missions of the Council of Europe and the role of civil society.</b>	<b>Provide platforms for the exchange of ideas and</b> concrete experiences, such as webinars and roundtables.	Engage in an <b>open debate at the Plenary Sessions</b> of the Conference of INGOs and other Council of Europe bodies.	<b>Proposal of targeted webinars</b> with field experience.
<b>5. Support civil society in the various member countries and validate the Committee's areas of work / themes</b>	<b>Use field experience and comparative analyses</b> based on Council of Europe values to verify the validity of the Committee's objectives and activities.	<b>Develop best practice criteria</b> for the accommodation of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.	<b>Establish contacts for a field visit</b> (second year of the mandate) to test the best practices developed.
<b>6. Strengthening the link between the Committee of Ministers, member states and civil society</b>	Participate in the <b>defence of human rights</b> and propose ad hoc policies.	Consider <b>possible directions</b> for the development of a <b>recommendation</b> .	Establish a <b>working group</b> on the actual design of a recommendation and its writing.

**14. Is there anything else you'd like to share with the members of INCE and/or the INCE Standing Committee?**

We regret that this new document presenting the plans for the establishment of the Committee has come late. Our Committee had been working on the old document (attached) which allowed for further development of the objectives and presentation of the activities in a manner that respected their complexity.

In addition, we invite each member of the Standing Committee, each member of the Conference of INGOs to visit the site and learn about the work carried out during the years 2021-2024 because

**we certainly intend to continue this work.**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/rights-of-persons-who-are-migrants>