

## CONFERENCE OF INGOS CONF/AG(2025)OJ1

### MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Draft Agenda  
7-9 April 2025  
Hybrid meeting  
(Agora G.03 / Kudo  
Exceptionally in G.02 on 8 April morning / Kudo)

#### Monday 7 April 2025

- 09:00-10:00      Standing Committee Meeting (open to its members)  
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- 10:00-11:30      Meeting between the Standing Committee and the Chairs of  
                         Thematic Committees (with EN/FR interpretation) – G03
- 11:30 -13:30      • Meetings of Thematic Committees (without  
                         interpretation) – ([table of room reservations](#))
- Workshop on [Guidelines for CoE Secretariat on](#)  
                         [Engaging with Civil Society](#) (with EN/FR interpretation)  
                         – G.03

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#### *Taking place simultaneously:*

- 14:00-15:00      Meeting between the Standing Committee and CINGO  
                         Representatives in various CoE bodies (without  
                         interpretation) – G03

- 14:00-18:30**      **Meetings of Thematic Committees (*without interpretation*) – ([table of room reservations](#))**
- 15:00-16:30**      **Workshop on [Guidelines for CoE Secretariat on Engaging with Civil Society](#) (*with EN/FR interpretation*) – G.03**
- 16:30-18:30**      **Information meeting with new representatives and interested persons of the Conference of INGOs (*with EN/FR interpretation*) – G03**  
[Rules of procedure](#)  
[Code of Conduct](#)  
[Communication Charter](#)  
[Guidelines](#) for Conference of INGO Representatives to intergovernmental Steering Committees  
[Committee of Ministers' Resolution \(2016\)3](#) on participatory status for international non-governmental organisations with the Council of Europe

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*English/French interpretation provided*

## **Tuesday 8 April 2025**

**9:30-12:30**    **First Session of the General Assembly (open to CINGO members only) **exceptionally in Agora room G.02****

1. Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, President of the Conference
2. Nomination of the Rapporteurs of the meeting
3. Draft agenda – for adoption
4. Short oral activity report by the President
5. State of play of the Reykjavik Process
6. The role of NGOs in conflict situations
  - a. Situation in Ukraine: recent développements with online testimonies from :
    - Maksym Butkevych – human rights defender, co-founder of the NGO “ZMINA”, journalist, and Ukrainian Armed Forces serviceman. He was illegally captured by the Russian Federation while serving in the Ukrainian Armed Forces and was recently released from captivity.
    - Lyudmyla Husieinova – Head of the NGO “Numo, Sisters”, human rights defender, and former civilian detainee illegally held by the Russian Federation.

- b. Discussion of a [draft Recommendation to the Council of Europe on the ongoing war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine](#)
- 7. Civic space
  - a. Intervention by Waltraud Heller, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
  - b. Intervention by Christian Moos, European Economical and Social Committee, Civil Society Organisations Group
- 8. Strategy of the Conference of INGOs on civic space  
 Discussion of a [draft Recommendation to the Council of Europe on the shrinking Civic Space and actual political developments](#)
- 9. Report by Jeremy McBride, President of the Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs

*Buffet lunch (12:30 – 14:00) – [in front of Agora room G.03](#)*

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**14:00-18:00 Second Session of the General Assembly (open to member States)  
 – Agora room G.03**

- 10. 14:00-14:30 Presentation by Agnes Von Maravic, Head of Children's rights, Council of Europe
- 11. 14:30-15:00 Exchange of views with Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- 12. 15:00-15:30 Ambassador Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe on the upcoming presidency
- 13. 15:30-16:00 Committee on Migration Issues - Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights - Fact-finding mission to Poland: results and endorsement of a [draft Statement](#)

*Break*

- 14. 16:15-17:10 Presentation, discussion and endorsement of a [report on CINGO official visit to North Macedonia](#), 4-6 November 2024, with the participation of Uranija Pirovska, Executive Director of the North Macedonian Chapter of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
- 15. 17:10-18:00 Debate on the situation of civil society in Georgia with representatives of the Georgian civil society

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### **Wednesday 9 April 2025**

#### **9:30-11:30 Third Session of the General Assembly (open to CINGO members only)**

16. Adoption of the draft Recommendation to the Council of Europe on the ongoing war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and of the draft Recommendation to the Council of Europe on civic space
17. Proposal for the creation of a [new Committee for the International Volunteer Year 2026](#) and vote, election of the Co-chairs
18. Presentations by Thematic Committees of the Conference of INGOs and result of the Youth event
  - 18.1 Task Force on Civic Space Monitoring
  - 18.2 Youth strategy
  - 18.3 Committee for interreligious & interconvictional Dialogue
  - 18.4 Committee for the European Social Charter and its monitoring mechanisms
    - Endorsement of a [draft statement on the announced EU anti-poverty strategy](#)
  - 18.5 [NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights](#)
  - 18.6 [Sport and Human Rights Committee - Access to sport for all is a fundamental right](#)
  - 18.7 [Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child in Europe - Protecting and promoting the well-being of children of all ages](#)
  - 18.8 [\[Committee on Migration Issues - Accommodation of migrants, a major issue for the respect of human rights\]](#)
  - 18.9 Inclusive territories, environment and health
  - 18.10 Education for Democracy
  - 18.11 Human rights, Democracy and artificial intelligence: civil society in action

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#### **12:00-13:00 Meeting of the General Assembly of OING-Service Hybrid meeting (Agora G.03 / Kudo)**

Specific Kudo link for this meeting for those attending online the GA of OING Service

*Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:30)*

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**14:30-17:30 Fourth Session of the General Assembly (open to CINGO members only)**

18.(continuation) Presentations by Thematic Committees of the Conference of INGOs

19.Any other business

20.Concluding remarks and adoption of decisions