

CONFERENCE OF INGOS CONF/AG(2026)OJ1

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Draft agenda 14-17 April 2026

**Hybrid meeting
 (Agora G.03 / Kudo)**

Tuesday 14 April 2026

09:00-10:00 **Standing Committee Meeting** (room B4.06C) – *members of the SC only*

10:30-11:30 **Meeting of the Standing Committee with the Chairs (or representatives) of the CINGO thematic committees** to prepare interventions in the General Assembly following results of the committee meetings - (room Agora G03) – in person

11:30-18:00 **Meetings of the thematic committees**

Time slots: 11:30 – 13:30 14:00 – 16:00 16:00 – 18:00	Committees shall send their requests for time slots by 20 th March 2026 with the following information: size of room (small 12 people, medium 40 people, or bigger), the time slot they want and any additional service they need. <u>Check the Committee meeting room here</u>
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16:00 – 18:00 **Task Force on Civic Space Monitoring** (room Agora G03)
 Hybrid format - EN/FR interpretation

Zoom link:

<https://coeint.zoom.us/j/65066407371?pwd=2qKx33emD9kdsOGYQevDTOSyBLu4xW.1>

Meeting ID: 650 6640 7371

Passcode: 904949

Wednesday 15 April 2026

9:30-13:00 First Session of the General Assembly (open to the member States)

English/French interpretation provided

1. Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, President of the Conference of INGOs
2. Nomination of the Rapporteurs of the meeting
3. Draft agenda – for adoption
4. [Activity Report of the CINGO](#) including financial report from OING-Service and Secretariat
5. 11:30 Actual developments concerning the Democratic Pact for Europe presented by Cécile Greboval, New Democratic Pact for Europe, Council of Europe
6. 12:00-13:00 Exchange of views with special guests
 - 12:00 Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the UNECE Aarhus Convention (online)
 - 12:20 Tonje Meinich, Chair of the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH) (online)
 - 12:40 Ambassador Gabriel Revel, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the Council of Europe on the upcoming presidency (15 May - 10 November 2026)

Buffet lunch 13:00-14:15 – in front of room Agora G.03

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14:30-18:00 Second Session of the General Assembly (CINGO members only)

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7. *Special thematic debate on Hate Speech and Hate Crime and Discrimination with special focus on Anti-Semitism and hatred against LGBTQI+ communities with the participation of:*
 - Irene Kitsou-Milonas, Special Representative of the Secretary General on antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred and all forms of religious intolerance
 - Michael Ottolenghi, Permanent Representation of the United-Kingdom to the Council of Europe

- Mats Lindberg, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
- Yanna Parnin, Head of Unit, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC), Council of Europe
- Ahmet El-Salamy, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Youth & Student Organisation (IGLYO)
- Isuf Halimi, European Center for Human Rights – ECHR
[The SPHERE+ Evidence Base Report](#) – [Recent survey](#)

8. Special item on Youth - Enabling Youth Employment Through Civil Society and Participation

- Ece Ciftci – Member of the Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs
- Dr. Tobias Flessenkemper - Head of the Council of Europe Youth Department
- Emine Kamisli - Chair of the Esas Social & First Chance Program
- Hazal Elif Gollwitzer - First Chance Program Graduate

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Thursday 16 April 2026

9:30-13:00 Third Session of the General Assembly (CINGO members only)

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9. Final report by CINGO Committees whose 2-year term is coming to an end and voting on prolongation for one year

9.1 Final reports

- Committee [Inclusive Territories, Environment and Health](#)
- Civil Society Committee on the [Rights of the Child in Europe: Protecting and promoting the well-being of children of all ages](#)
- Committee [Education for Democracy](#)
- Committee Human rights, Democracy and Artificial Intelligence Civil Society in Action
- Committee for [Interreligious and Interconvictional Dialogue](#)
- Committee on [Migration Issues](#)
- Committee [NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights](#)
- Committee [Sports and Human rights](#)

9.2 Votes on prolongation for one year and election of Committee Chairs

- Committee Inclusive Territories, Environment and Health
- Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child in Europe: Protecting and promoting the well-being of children of all ages
- Committee Education for Democracy
- Committee for Interreligious and Interconvictional Dialogue
- Committee on Migration Issues
- Committee NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights
- Committee Sports and Human rights

10. Oral report by other CINGO Committees

- Committee for the [European Social Charter and its monitoring mechanisms](#)
- Committee for the International Volunteer Year 2026

11. Discussion and adoption by CINGO of any draft texts

- 11.1 Draft Recommendation "[Ensuring climate justice, the protection of vulnerable populations and social cohesion in the face of energy instability and international climate disengagement](#)"
- 11.2 Draft Recommendation Toward Greater Effectiveness in the Fight Against Antisemitism in Europe
- 11.3 Draft Recommendation to PACE and Congress and Resolution for CINGO on a platform for inter-religious dialogue
- 11.4 Draft Declaration on the new law on death penalty in Israel passed by the Knesset on 30th March 2026
- 11.5 [Draft Statement from the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Europe](#)

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14:30-15:15 Meeting of the General Assembly of OING-Service Hybrid meeting (Agora G.03 / Kudo)

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

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15:30-18:00 Fourth Session of the General Assembly (CINGO members only)

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12. 15:30 – 16:45 Report of the CINGO representatives at Steering Committees and other bodies of the Council of Europe (Enlarged Partial Agreements, Drafting Groups) and concrete examples
[CINGO representatives in CoE bodies](#)
13. 17:00 – 18:00 Functioning of CINGO in the CoE and opportunities for members to participate, link up and contribute to work of the CoE
[Strategy 2024-2027](#) ; [Code of Conduct](#) ; [Rules of Procedure](#) ; [Communication Charter](#)

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Friday 17 April 2026

9:30-13:00 Fifth Session of the General Assembly (open to member States)

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14. 09:30 – 10:00 Report from Jeremy McBride, President of the [Expert Council on NGO Law](#)
15. 10:00 – 11:00 Presentation, discussion and endorsement of a [report on CINGO fact-finding visit to Serbia on Civil participation in the decision-making process](#), 9-11 September 2025
16. 11:15 – 12:15 Presentation, discussion and endorsement of a [report on CINGO fact-finding visit to Greece on Civil participation in the decision-making process](#), 12-14 November 2025
17. Exchange on 2026-27 projects and 50th anniversary of the CINGO
18. Adoption of the list of decisions
19. Date of the next CINGO Session