



CONFERENCE OF INGOs CONF/AG(2026)OJ2

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Draft agenda

28 September – 01 October 2026

Hybrid meeting

Council of Europe, Agora room G.03 / Kudo (hybrid meeting)
(+ G.02 in duplex and “viewer only” mode)

Monday 28 September 2026

09:00-11:00 Meetings of the thematic committees

11:00-13:00 [Task Force on Civic Space Monitoring](#) (room Agora G03)
Hybrid format - EN/FR interpretation

13:30-14:15 **Opening ceremony of the exhibition “Say NO to violence against women and YES to gender equality”.** Organised by the CINGO’s Gender Equality Committee in cooperation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to showcase the activities of a variety of NGOs in their mission to combat violence against women and fight for gender equality in Europe and worldwide
Place: Palais de l’Europe of the Council of Europe (lobby of the hemicycle)

14:00-16:00- Meetings of the thematic committees

16:00-18:00 [Living with climate risk in Europe: Strategy Session of the CINGO in view of COP31](#)
Hybrid format - EN/FR interpretation

Tuesday 29 September 2026

9:30-12:00 First Session of the General Assembly (CINGO members only)

English/French interpretation provided

- Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, President of the Conference of INGOs
- Nomination of the Rapporteurs of the meeting
- Draft agenda – for adoption
- Activity Report of the CINGO
- Looking ahead: Introductory presentation - Ideas on possible future priorities and future committees, and their terms of reference. In view of the afternoon consultations in smaller groups.

12:00-13:00 Thematic discussion (open to the member States and Council of Europe staff members)

Migration Through Human Stories: A CINGO Conversation on Migration and Human Rights with the Protagonists and Director of the movie [Along the Way](#) (2022) that will be shown in the evening

Should additional seating be required, participants are invited to follow the thematic discussion from G.02

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

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14:30-17:00 Interactive session in groups to discuss proposals and ideas on future priorities, future committees and their terms of reference

In front of room G.03, Agora

19:30 Welcome

20:00 Film event “Along the way”

Strasbourg, downtown, ([NOOTOOS conference centre](#), Eglise Saint Pierre le Vieux ([map](#)) – **All participants are invited to attend**

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Wednesday 30 September 2026

9:00-12:00 Second Session of the General Assembly (open to the member States)

English/French interpretation provided

- 9:00-9:15 Update on work of the Expert Council on NGO Law - Presentation by Jeremy McBride, Chair
- 9:15-9:45 Presentation of the Civic Space Report 2026 by Aarti Narsee, European Civic Forum (ECF)
- 9:45-10:45 Presentation, discussion and endorsement of a [report on civil participation following the CINGO fact-finding visit to Denmark](#) carried out on 11-13 May 2026

Break

- 11:00-12:00 Presentation, discussion and endorsement of a [report on civil participation following the CINGO fact-finding visit to Montenegro](#) carried out on 23-25 June 2026

12:00-13:00 *Special debate between young participants and Deeyah Khan, film director, on the making of the documentary [White Right: Meeting the Enemy](#) (see also next agenda item) – All participants are invited to attend*

Should additional seating be required to accommodate the youth group, CINGO members wishing to attend the debate are invited to move to G.02.

CINGO family photo

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14:30-17:00 Third Session of the General Assembly (open to the member States)

- Screening (50'mn) of the documentary [White Right: Meeting the Enemy](#) on the rise of the new far-right movement in the United States

English/French interpretation provided

- Debate with the director of the documentary [White Right: Meeting the Enemy](#), Deeyah Khan

18:00 **Reception offered by the Mayor of Strasbourg**
Entrance: 9 Rue Brûlée, from the inner courtyard

19:30 **Dinner on the occasion of CINGO's 50th Anniversary**
Salle Mozart, 1 rue Miroir, Strasbourg, downtown

*€35 per person - Please register by e-mail with [Thea Mohr](#), Treasurer of OING Service - **Participants are kindly asked to confirm their participation and proceed with the payment before 23 September 2027.***

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Thursday 1st October 2026

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

English/French interpretation provided

9:30-10:30 Review of annual youth activities and presentation of the upcoming calendar on youth related activities coordinated by Ece Ciftci

10:30-11:30 Information on current activities within the Intergovernmental Committees

- o Presentation of the intergovernmental committee work on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), by Kristian Bartholin, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (CAHFIMI); short message (online) by the CINGO representative of the CAHFIMI, Ilaria Fevola, European Partnership for Democracy (EPD)
- o Presentation of [Resolution 2669\(2026\) of the Parliamentary Assembly "Fighting back against transnational repression"](#), by Rafal Sokol, Secretary of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Break

11.45-12.00 Information on the joint event with environmental civil society groups (Strasbourg, 12 October 2026) by Sumeyra Arslan and on the CINGO High level coordination meeting on Human Rights Defenders (Strasbourg, 18-19 November 2026) by Anna Sevortian

12.00-13.00 Summing up of the outcome of the Interactive session on future committees and their terms of reference and debate on future priorities

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

English/French interpretation provided

14:30-15:15 Special topic on “The anti-gender movement – going backwards in women’s rights. How can we counteract negative narratives?”

Organised by the CINGO Gender Equality Committee (Anita Schnetzer-Spranger, Cho-Chair) with a presentation on the global phenomenon of the anti-gender movement and its key actors (Jonas Skorzak, Humanist International, European Advocacy and Research Officer) and the introduction of the GEC’s “Practical Guide to deflect anti-gender rhetoric” by Charlotte Gilmartin, Head of Policy Unit of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Division

- Continuation of debate on future priorities
- Presentation by the Verification and Dispute Committee on the [preparation of, and process for the elections](#) in April 2027 – [Extract of the Rules of procedure on the role of the Standing Committee](#)
- Vote on draft [recommendation on Living with Climate Risk in Europe - Acting for Prevention, Health and Human Rights approved](#) by the Standing Committee
- Adoption of the list of decisions
- Date of the next CINGO Session: 19-21 April 2027

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Friday 2 October 2026

**Hybrid training session organised with the
European Committee of Social Rights on
participating in the implementation of the European Social Charter**

9:30-09:35 Opening: Henrik KRISTENSEN, Head of Department of Social Rights, Council of Europe Europe and Gerhard ERMISCHER, President of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGO)

Session I: Engaging within the context of the Reporting Procedure

9:35 – 9:50 General overview of the reporting and non-accepted provisions procedures of the European Social Charter by Tatiana PUIU, Vice-President of the ECSR

9:50 – 10:05 Presentation of the targeted questions under the reporting procedure for Conclusions 2027, by Aoife NOLAN, President of the ECSR

10:05 – 10:25 The role of civil society: contributions, opportunities, case example from [tbc] on submitting comments to national reports; Speaker: TBC

10:25 – 10:50 Q&A session with Aoife NOLAN, President of the ECSR and Secretariat

Session II: Engaging within the context of the Collective Complaints Procedure

10:50 – 11:10 General overview of the Collective Complaints procedure of the European Social Charter, including follow-up. By George THEODOSIS, Vice-Presidents of the ECSR and Henrik KRISTENSEN

11:10 – 11:30 The role of civil society: contributions, opportunities, case example from ERRC, FEANTSA, ICJ and ETUC, by: Karolína BABICKÁ – Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ); Maria Jose ALDANAS, Human Rights Policy Officer FEANTSA; Stefan CLAUWERT, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation [tbc]

11:30 – 11:50 Q&A session on reform and follow-up to decisions in collective complaints

11.50 -12.00 Closing and next steps, by Henrik KRISTENSEN