

Report of the CINGO Committee - common form

Name of Committee: Rights of migrant people

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In order to encourage members to read all committee reports and share information effectively, please keep your free text sections short and focused on priority activities and actions.

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2. Which NGOs are represented within the committee?

Voluntary Association Europe – ACISJF – Caritas Europa – Choose Love – Danish Refugees Council – ESAN – EUROCEF – EUROGEO – EUROPEEN DOCTORS – EYBA – FIACAT – Justice and Peace Europe – Doctors of the World – Mental Health Europa – MIAMSI – Pax Romana – PICUM – QCEA – RENATE – EU Churches Network / Freedom – European Network of Stateless Persons – Smile of the Child – SOS Mediterranean – UNAEC

3. In which committees and other activities of the Council of Europe is this committee mainly involved? *See the list in appendix below*

4. How has this committee connected with other CINGO committees over the past year?

Permanent link with several Committees through ad hoc INGOs (**Education** – UNAEC / **Social Rights** – Caritas Europa / **Interfaith** – Church in Freedom)

° For example : the side event "*shadow games*" about unaccompanied minors ; field visit in Greece.

5. How can new members join the committee (please provide an email address to express your interest)?

Direct mailing to the Chair: guery.daniel@sfr.fr

6. What more could the Standing Committee and the CINGO Secretariat do to support the work of the Committee and the communications between your Committee, the other members of CINGO and bodies of the CoE?

Please continue on pages 2 and 3 to provide a report on key activities and objectives.

Activity and results report - please choose up to 6 main topics/areas of activity.

Key topic/activity	Summary of progress/impacts over the past 6 months	Current key issues	Projects for the next 6 months
1 Link to the Secretary General's Special Representation on Migration	Regular contacts and collaboration on the basis of the Council of Europe Action Plan on the protection of vulnerable persons in the context of migration and asylum in Europe (2021-2025)	Themes of the <i>Action Plan</i> common to the Committee's reflections and in particular: * Compliance with the Conventions * Access to rights	- Pursue a relevant collaboration - Support for the preparation of the mid-term review of the action plan by 2023.
2 Side event Shadow Games (Supported by FIACAT)	22 June 2022 on " The situation of unaccompanied minors " Link with Embassy of the Netherlands and the PACE	- Treatment of unaccompanied minors, - compliance with conventions , - age determination	- Refer to the Committee's work on this issue. - Promote screenings of the film.
3 Link with the PACE's Migration Committee (Carried by several members of the Committee)	- Establishment of a collaborative link - Exchange of views - Participation in the Committee's activities (Side Event and Webinar interventions)	The issue of pushback and other relevant themes in relation to the issues raised by the Committee (e.g. integration of?).	- Intensify ties. - Address the Committee's recommendation. - Establish a relevant cooperation for both parties.
4 Webinar On the "issue of pushbacks" (carried by EYBA)	25 October 2022. - Present the vision of NGOs on the subject, in particular to all the Council's stakeholders. - Introduce the relevance of the new PACE report.	Pushbacks: legal aspects; humanitarian and political impacts.	- Continue the Committee's involvement in these issues. - Continue and share an enlightened reflection on the theme of pushbacks.
5 Recommendation Drafted by ad hoc working group and supported by the entire Committee	- Produce a reference document on the issues met by NGOs to access migrant populations, ... - ... and on fundamental rights in terms of security,	- Anchor the reflections raised by the Committee's action plan on a political basis on which the Council's bodies and Member	- Validate and disseminate this recommendation.

	education, health of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.	States can rely if they wish so.	
6 Field visit (Greece) Chairman of the Committee and several INGOs of the Committee and NGOs on the spot	- Develop various activities and links with civil society actors , contacts with the other pillars of the Council of Europe - A direct link with NGOs in the field appeared useful before closing the Committee's activities.	- Honor a holistic view of the situation experienced by migrants. - Bring macro and micro analysis closer to migration.	- Collect live testimonies on the field in connection with the local sections of the Committee's INGOs. - Evaluate the analyses done so far. - Participate in the finalization of the recommendation.

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

3. In which committees and other activities of the Council of Europe is this committee mainly involved?

The Committee on the Rights of Migrants has regular contact with the Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs, its President and its representative for the Committee.

3.1 As from its creation, its validation by the General Assembly of April 2021, the Committee "Rights of Migrants" has **contacted the Special Representation of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in charge of Migration, Refugees and Asylum Seekers.**

In practical terms, this means:

- ✓ An initial contact with presentation of the objectives,
- ✓ A comparative presentation of the "Action Plan of the Council of Europe" and the Action Plan of the Committee on the Rights of Migrants; identification of common points with a perspective of joint work,
- ✓ Participation in coordination meetings between the different departments, services of the Council of Europe (quarterly meetings) in order to inform each other and enrich the approaches and specific actions.

3.2 **The issues addressed by the Committee on the Rights of Migrants are naturally linked to other Committees** created in April 2021 or at the subsequent General Assemblies of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. Indeed, the Committee is particularly keen to deal with the holistic dimension of migration and not just one aspect. Thus, **at least one representative of the following committees is present as a "structural link":**

- ✓ **The Committee of the "Civil Society for the Rights of Children"**
- ✓ **The "Action for Social Rights" Committee**
- ✓ **The Interreligious and Interfaith Committee**
- ✓ **The Committee: "Education to democracy".**

In concrete terms, this means that the drafting of the basic texts on the right to health, security and education has been carried out taking into account the reflections of the other Committees.

In the same way, the field visit planned to test the activities and reflections of the Committee is designed so that the members of the "Migrants' Rights" Committee representing another Committee can indicate a correspondent on the spot to participate in the meetings and debates.

More particularly, we can note a close collaboration between the Committee on the Rights of Migrants and the Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child during the "shadow games" side event on the situation of unaccompanied minors.

3.3 links with other Council of Europe bodies

- ✓ The Committee of Ministers
 - Presence of a representative of the Netherlands delegation at the "shadow games" Side Event
- ✓ The "Migration Committee" of the Parliamentary Assembly
 - Participation in the side event "shadow games"

- Participation in a meeting of the Committee with exchange of views and joint work to come

- ✓ The Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Contact made
 - Sending of information on the situation at the Spanish-Moroccan border
 - Planning of a joint meeting between the Commissariat and the Migration Committee

- ✓ The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
 - Contact made
 - Plan to participate in a joint event, a specific meeting

- ✓ The SRSG
 - Regular contacts and goodwill exchanges
 - Participation of the Committee in meetings of the Migration Coordination Group