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## October 2020 Session

### Agenda

Thursday 15 October 2020 - 3.40pm-4.50pm  
Kudo online platform

### EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Claude VIVIER LE GOT & Karl DONERT

**"Is the current health crisis, with its heavy toll in human lives and the transformation of society, likely to destroy civil liberties? What actions for INGOs?"**

#### **Introduction**

The potential **weakening of civil liberties** as a result of the current health crisis leads to rich discussions during the webinar organised in June by the Education and Culture Committee.

This theme was widely supported by nearly 100 INGOs who wanted the October 2020 session to focus on it. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe had alerted the 47 member states to the risks to human rights, democracy and the rule of law, in April: "*The virus is destroying many lives and much more of what is very dear to us. We should not let it destroy our core values and free societies.*"

Civil society wishes to pay particular attention to the preservation of rights and freedoms in the context of the health crisis.

1. Opening of the meeting by Claude Vivier Le Got and Kart Donert
  - Reminder of the June session key points by Mr. Gilbert FLAM, President of the "International" Committee of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICRA).

2. Speeches by the speakers

#### *Confirmed guests*

- **Mr William BOURDON**, Founder of the Sherpa association, former Secretary General of the International Federation for Human Rights, lawyer at the International Criminal Court, member of the Paris Bar.
- **Ms Sophie KWASNY**, Head of the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe.

3. Question and answer session with the participants
4. Adoption of the 2019 activity report of the Education and Culture Committee
5. Submission of a resolution of the Working Group on Lifelong Learning
6. Conclusion of the session

#### **Memento**

**October session - Education and Culture Committee**

#### **Working Group Meetings**

Monday 12 October from 15:00 to 16:00: WG Intercultural Cities

Tuesday 13 October from 12.00 to 13.00: WG Lifelong Learning and WG Digital Citizen

Tuesday 13 October from 15:00 to 16:00: WG Heritage and Creation, Shaping Europe