

Standing Committee
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Standing Committee meeting
Report
04 October 2022
10.00 –13.00
Hybrid meeting

1. **Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, Chair of the SC**
Present: Gerhard Ermischer, Simon Matthijssen, Olga Sadovskaya, Geneviève Laloy, Christoph Spreng
Slightly delayed: Ruth Allen, Goran Miletić, Anna Sevortyan
Absent: Anna Rurka, Piotr Sadowsky, Rares Craiut, Davide Cappecci, Beata Zwierzinska
2. **Appointment of the rapporteur of the meeting**
Christoph Spreng
3. **Draft agenda - for adoption**
The agenda is adopted.
4. **Preparation of GA and networking event in the afternoon**
 - 4.1 Mary-Ann reports that the decision on the loss of CINGO-Status of COJEP is taken by the GS and is pending for approval at the CM. There has not been a request for action addressed to the CINGO itself.
In consequence, the Minutes of the last SC Meeting need to be amended.
 - 4.2 For the networking this afternoon Tables are ready in the *Café des Parlementaires*, printed material and Roll-up Posters come from the Agora.
 - 4.3 The CM will meet tomorrow Wednesday on the Eminent Persons Report; Ireland, current CM Chair, will join the CINGO Plenary on Thursday to provide some insight.
 - 4.4 Geneviève will chair the Plenary of Thursday afternoon in order to liberate Gerhard for participating in an important CM Rapporteur Group Meeting.
5. **Self-organization of the SC**
 - 5.1 Simon will send the SC Session Manager Schedule (attached here as Annex no.1)
He also raises the need to mind about/organise the follow-up of SC decisions.
 - 5.2 Davide Cappecci has changed jobs, his new position does not permit side activities, hence he retires and a new President of OING-Service needs to be elected. Possible candidates were discussed.
 - 5.3 Rares Craiut is unable to be our Representative to the Joint Council on Youth. Urgent action needed as the next JCY meeting is this month. It is decided that Gerhard will ask Iordanis Chorozioglou (Young Bar Association) who is a 2nd year Youth Delegate to CINGO. The appointment to the JCY does not need to be carried out by a formal INGO Delegate.

5.4 Beata Zwierzinska is currently sick. Geneviève does not get updates from her.

5.5 It is decided that this whole Agenda item no.5 will be continued in depth at the next SC Meeting on 13 October.

6. Potential Country visits next year

6.1 After some discussion Georgia (possibly June?) and Iceland (mid-May in connection with CM/Summit in Reykjavik) are retained for further clarification.

To be kept in mind for Country visits is the capacity for Report writing in order to engage in the follow-up and the subsequent CINGO Plenary.

6.2 In relation to CM/Summit in Reykjavik, our CURE campaign colleagues raise the idea of a Civil Society Summit.

7. Preparation of Gerhard's visit with the new Director General of DG II, Ms Marja Ruotanen on October 7

7.1 It is suggested that we ask DG Ruotanen about her ideas and priorities.

7.2 Our proposal that the CoE agree to be Patron of the World NGO Day, the annual 27 February event, which we have successfully have taken up (2019 at the Palais, 2020 in Brussels, 2022 online, always with the support of WND founder Marcis Skadmanis (Latvia/UK). The EU has regularly sent messages of support to this day. This patronage can be a booster to CoE visibility.

7.3 Items for clarification with the new DG are: The name of the CINGO Social Media account; the Group of Eminent Persons Process; the Helsinki Process; the Annual Exchange of the GS with civil society organisations.

8. Report on the recent communication with FRA and the upcoming meeting with their director.

Recently there has been a change in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency structure. To restore the desired CINGO-FRA relationship, an exchange of letters between the FRA Director and our President is envisaged, creating the basis to resume the cooperation.

9. Start to draft a mission statement for the CINGO in the light of the re-structuring of the CoE.

Our Mission Statement is also included in our broad-based elaboration and formal adoption of the [CINGO Strategy](#). In view of the CoE Summit, of the Evaluation Process and a Statutory Resolution we can use and build on what we've already got.

10. Any other business

10.1 The Migration Committee is planning a fact-finding visit to Greece on 21 November. Geneviève as Liaison from the SC should go but cannot. Goran agrees to join as the SC Representative.

10.2 The World Forum for Democracy, 7-9 November 2022: The CINGO will sponsor/conduct a Lab on E-Democracy. Anne Kraus has offered to help. Gerhard will ask her to moderate this Lab, one discussant slot still needs to be filled.

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Christoph Spreng, Rapporteur

Minutes of SC Meeting 04 Oct. 2022 – Annexe Nr.1

Von: S Matthijssen <ombudsman.hr@gmail.com>

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Betreff: management of meetings

Dear Colleagues,

As a result of the discussions about reporting on the standing committee sessions we decided as follows:

We appoint **Session Managers**, who have the tasks:

1. **to ensure** that there is a rapporteur (she/he can do it herself) who makes a decision list (not extensive minutes)
2. **to organise/coordinate** the agenda and to ensure that it is sent to colleagues in good time
3. **to analyse** the latest draft decision list and to verify how the decisions have been implemented and, if necessary, to ensure that decisions that are not followed up are discussed in the new session.

My proposal for the coming year is that the following persons 'cover' de session managers job (in which I refrained from including Rares and Beata who are apparently unavailable, which is why the last day [1 June] has not yet been filled in.).

Thursday, 13 October 2022	Simon MATTHIJSEN
Thursday, 10 November 2022	Christoph SPRENG
Thursday, 1 December 2022	Goran MILETIC
Thursday, 12 January 2023	Genevieve LALOY
Thursday, 2 February 2023	Anna SEVORTIAN
Thursday, 2 March 2023	Olga SADOVSKAYA
Thursday, 6 April 2023	Piotr SADOWSKI
Thursday, 4 May 2023	Ruth ALLEN
Thursday, 1 June 2023	??????

Kind regards,

Vriendelijk groetend,

Simon Matthijssen