

**Standing Committee**  
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**Standing Committee meeting**  
**Report**  
**11.07.2024**  
**09:00-11:00**  
**Online meeting**

Present: Gerhard Ermischer, Goran Miletic, Simon Matthijssen, Ciaran King, Christoph Spreng, Piotr Sadowski, Iordanis Chorooglou, Bénédicte Kern, Christoph Speckbacher & Geneviève Laloy

- Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, Chair of the SC
- Rapporteurs will now act according to the actual list: Geneviève
- Draft agenda - for adoption: agenda adopted
- Minutes for adoption ?
- Introduction into Jota Cloud (Simon)
  - Simon explains the features of Jota Cloud.
  - He has sent a link by email. Choice of language.
  - Easy to use and share information about our organisation: Sharing agendas, meeting reports, contacts, photos, etc.
  - We have a one-year subscription. 600 per year.
  - Gerhard reminds us that we need to activate our new email addresses.
- **Reports on:**
  - **Communication with CM**
    - Communication made on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
    - It went very well. One hour was devoted to this discussion. 20 minutes of presentation & 40 minutes of discussion.
    - A lot of the points were covered as planned, and we were able to address some critical points.
    - Gerhard feels that there are opportunities to get things moving. Change is in the air.
    - Greater confidence on the part of certain ambassadors, particularly the Netherlands. He made some positive comments about the way we work and the way CINGO is developing.
    - Gerhard has really tried to promote and structure everything that has been done within the CINGO. This should be highlighted even more on the website.

- Also ensure that committee reports are posted on the website. Since the AGM in April, a number of activities have been carried out that should be visible.
- G. very satisfied with Lithuania's presidency.
- **Civil Society Conference in Helsinki**
  - Part of the CDDH meeting.
  - 100<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was life-streamed. Most people were online.
  - The major points were discussed.
  - G. tried to point out the issues and the positive actions taken.
  - Lotta Valtonen, Anu's replacement, was much appreciated.
- **GA of the CDDM in Helsinki (Simon)**
  - Simon was taking part as a representative for the first time.
  - Enormous amount of work. Everything that is discussed is filtered and validated beforehand.
  - We're on site with all the people representing their countries.
  - Amy Jacobsen was very active.
  - Working on the A.I. Francesca Fanucci was extremely valuable.
  - We now have an agreement covering the different areas of work.
  - We wanted to move towards a handbook for the use of AI, but there will already be one for the EU and another for countries outside the EU.
  - Very positive collaboration with Ciaran. Make sure that he can take over the role of deputy at these meetings.
  - See Simon's notes for more information
- **High-Level Conference on Social Charta Vilnius (Piotr)**
  - Gerhard spoke on behalf of the CINGO. Piotr took part in Pannel 3
  - Next High-level Conference in Bulgaria?
  - We were outspoken. The speeches were much appreciated and relayed.
  - We were approached by France's overseas territories because they are not included in the Social Charter, even though there are many problems, and we talk about 3 Million people.
  - According to Piotr, we should use every opportunity to make our voices heard, to "make some noise". Around the table, compliance with the social charter is inevitably quite variable and therefore essential.
  - Malta to organize a meeting with focus Jeunesse
  - CDDEM WG on Civil Participation Roy Virah-Sawmy, from the European Partnership for Democracy platform to represent the CINGO at the CDDEM.
  - G.: No structure, office, etc. yet. This will be done at the next meeting.
  - This is a very important subject because it talks about the role of civil society, participation, etc. It's very important that Gerhard and Roy are there.
  - Work that will not interfere with PACE. Completely separate debates.

- Gerhard is optimistic and thinks there is room for action.
- Roy: great opportunity to input into the process in terms of updating documents, making the recommendations evolve with the new issues.
- With all the limitations of the CDDEM, it's important to take control and provide our input.
- More than 50 people online to manage a large number of bridges and documents received a week in advance. It's good to be two people. Next steps on our strategies:

- **General:**

- cfr document by Ruth Allen + adjustments proposed by Anna Sevortian. Gerhard would be happy to send it.
- For point 9. s, Christoph suggested putting "IA & Human rights".
- Ciaran: stateliness & nationality
- Piotr: delete the point 9.r included in the social charter
- Gerhard: delete the point 9.k
- Iordanis: add a more general point on Rule of law
- Send Gerhard the final adjustments, which will be passed on to Ruth & Anna so that the questionnaire can be sent out without delay.

- **Youth (Ece)** – reported

- **Communication (Ece)** – reported

- **Representation of CINGO in CoE bodies:**

- Information sent to the secretariat, which in turn sends official information to the bodies concerned.
- Letter to be sent to members. Important to specify what is expected of CINGO representatives. Christoph Speckbacher emphasised the importance of specifying what was expected of them, as well as information on how costs would be covered.
- List with the various CINGO representatives. Will be put on Jotacloud.

- **Any other business**

- Iordanis needs to check with Ece to get access to the social networks
- From now on, we'll be using our new addresses
- It is proposed that the committee chairs also have a CINGO address.
- North-South price: nomination process. Proposal from Christoph for someone from Goma. If we have any other ideas, we'll contact C.
- Next meetings: 22/08 morning & 5/09
- Simon asks again about the possibility of having paper business cards.
- Simon & Christopherw IOI: file at the cabinet
- Christoph Speckbacher: We need draft agenda for the next GA in October (6 weeks before the GA) + Draft report for GA April 2024 to be finalized.

Rapporteur: Geneviève Laloy