

Motivation letter – Geneviève Laloy

Having been involved for many years in the INGO Comenius Association, I have been fortunate in recent years to be able to follow with interest the evolution and work of the Conference of INGOs. Our Association was granted participatory status in 2017 following several years of monitoring its committees and working groups.

By applying, I wish to participate as actively as possible in the positive transformation of the Conference of INGOs and its development within the European bodies. Following the reform process recently endorsed by its Assembly, the Conference has given itself the means to evolve in a relevant and constructive manner.

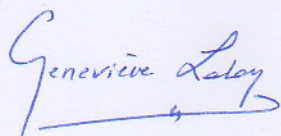
In order to enable the Conference to represent civil society even more effectively at the Council of Europe and, through it, at the European Union, it is in my view a priority to :

- **develop the visibility** of the Conference of INGOs both within and outside the Council of Europe in order to increase the voice of civil society.
- **improve communication** within the Conference and with its various interlocutors in Europe and the world.
- **to enhance the value of each INGO** with participatory status within the Conference and, as far as possible, to ensure that the Conference is **open** to new INGOs which will be able to multiply the quality and actions of the Conference.
- **encourage** a truly **active involvement** of each of the INGOs in the Conference and **develop a series of concrete actions** with a potential influence on the Council of Europe.

Furthermore, it is essential that the work within the Conference will be carried out in a team spirit, with transparency, efficiency and conviviality, around common values at the service of civil society represented by the Conference of INGOs.

The mission of the Conference of INGOs is to bring the voice of civil society to the Council of Europe. In order to best succeed in this mission, it is necessary to have a motivated, motivating and active working team. It is in this sense that our Association will support the candidature of Gerhard Ermischer as President.

For my part, I feel I can bring an expertise in the field of education and culture as well as the ability to be actively involved in various collective projects of significance for our society.



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