

CINGO Committee Report for the General Assembly (short format)

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Committee name:

Committee for the European Social Charter and its monitoring mechanisms

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Autumn 2024

N.B. If this committee was approved in Spring 2024 it will come to the end of its mandate at the 2026 Spring Session of the General Assembly. Please be sure to complete section 5 to request a mandate for another year. Please keep answers short and focused on priorities and actions

1. Committee Chair/Vice Chair name/s and contact emails

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Co-chairs

2. Which INGOs are represented on the committee?

Andante
All Together in Dignity ATD Fourth World
Caritas Europa
Dynamo International
EASSW
EPLN
ESAN
ETUC

EUROCEF
European Network Church on the Move
FIAPA
Lifelong Learning Platform
Lifelong Learning World Committee
MIAMSI
Parents International
Pax Romana
RENATE
Soroptimist International of Europe
Volonteurope

3. Which Council of Europe committees and other activities is this committee mainly involved in? Please provide a list, a brief description of how your committee is involved.

- Rights of the Child cttee – ESR cttee members are also involved in these cttees
- Migration cttee – ESR cttee members are also involved in these cttees
- Volunteers Year cttee – ESR cttee members are also involved in these cttees
- Sports and HR cttee – ESR cttee members are also involved in these cttees
- CINGO Youth Strategy - – ESR cttee are actively contributing to the strategy

4. How has this committee linked with other CINGO committees in the last year?

The Migration committee made reference to the RESC in one of its statements.

All Together in Dignity ATD Fourth World, EASSW and EUROCEF were involved in activities of the CINGO Youth Strategy programme

5. If your committee is at the end of its two-year mandate at the 2026 Spring Session of the General Assembly, please answer the following questions:

Not relevant

6. Activity and Outcomes Report – please choose up to 6 main activities and outcomes.
Please add links to any online resources created and published in the last 12 months.

Topic	Summary of activities/impact in last year.	Current key issues/concerns	Plans for next 6 – 12 months
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0. Initiate the Committee visibility	https://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/committee-for-the-european-social-charter-and-its-monitoring-mechanisms		Continue to be active on social networks using the hashtag #SocialRightsMatter
1. CINGO Statement on the announced EU anti-poverty strategy	Preparation of the statement – adoption at the spring 2025 Session	Inclusion of the ESC in the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy + Ratification by the EU of the RESC	Follow up in May 2026 and Summer when the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy and the EU EPSR Action plan will be launched
2. UN Day for Eradication of Poverty – ceremony at the Palais de l'Europe	Preparation and facilitation with CINGO President G Ermischer	Institutionnal Maltreatment as barrier to access social rights	. Gain correction in the LOGO design on the Slab (which is not at all accurate) . Attendance of Alain Berset at the 2026 Ceremony
3. UN Day for Eradication of Poverty – Webinar	Preparation and facilitation with UN Rapporteur on Poverty and Human Rights	Which Social Rights ambition in the prepared EU Anti-Poverty Strategy?	Continue to give visibility to the spring 2025 CINGO Statement on the announced EU anti-poverty strategy statement
4. Campaign against the territorial exclusions in States' ratification of Social Charter	Cttee members strongly involved: Volonteuropa (Kimbé Rède) and ATD Fourth World	. Gain knowledge in what is happening in the different relevant member States . Create momentum to gain end of Territorial exclusion by France (achieved in March 2026)	Continue to give visibility to the French move and the possible Collective Complaints which soon will be submitted on issues regarding French Overseas Territories
5. Involvement in the preparation of side-events at the High-level conference on Social Rights and the RESC	Co-Chairs organised various consultation and dialogues with the ESC Department to support to the preparation and delivery of "side events" on the 18 th March in Chisinau	. Make sure a side-event could tackle Youth issues and that another one could address the "Territorial Exclusion" debate	The two side events took place. On the Youth issues, follow up finalisation of the Enter! Recommendation evaluation and the September 2026 EU-CoE Symposium on Young People and Social Rights

6. Strengthen the dialogue with PACE and its “Social” Committees	Both Co-chairs + other members of the Cttee took actively part in a December 2025 Conference organised by PACE in Paris on the RESC	. Bonds were made with members of Pace. . Support was givent to the PACE declaration on Social Rights https://pace.coe.int/news/10189/the-65th-anniversary-of-the-european-social-charter-social-rights-as-the-foundation-of-resilient-democracies-and-social-justice	Continue the collaboration with PACE, in particular to initiate a process towards a recommendation on “Social Rights and Democracy in Social Services” (See HLC cttee statement)
7. Publication of a cmttee Statement at the High-level conference on Social Rights and the RESC	Preparation of the statement and visibility at the HLC in Chisinau https://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/-/statement-by-cingo-s-committee-on-the-european-social-charter-and-its-monitoring-mechanisms-	Many challenges are discussed in the Statement	Short term follow -up: Cover letter with the Statement to be sent to all 46 Permanent Representation at CoE with specific national requests.
8. Marking the 50th Anniversary of CINGO and the 30th anniversary of the opening to signature of the RESC	Preparation of a public webinar to be held on May 5 th 2026 with key note speaker Aoife Nolan		Promotion of the webinar during the CINGO Spring Session
9. Regular Hybrid or Online Committee Meetings	Since the start of the Cmttee mandate, the members were giving the opportunity to meet between 6 to 8 times in plenary meetings		To be continued

7. Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and/or the CINGO Standing Committee? (max 200 words)

Support for the Promotion of the May 5th webinar (Marking the 50th Anniversary of CINGO and the 30th anniversary of the opening to signature of the RESC) during the CINGO Spring 2026 Session

