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# **Moral report OING-Service 2019**

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We are at the heart of the coronavirus epidemic at the time this text is being written. The crisis caused by the virus is disrupting the social and economic life of all the countries affected. Associations are being hit hard in the way they operate, including INGOs that are members of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe. The values of solidarity which associations are upholding are more necessary than ever in these difficult times. We should thank them for this.

### **1. The year 2019 was particularly rich in new activities and events**

Here are some of the events in which our OING-Service association has been involved:

- In line with the "Roadmap for Youth Participation" (integrated in the Action Plan 2018-2020 of the Conference of INGOs) :

The Conference of INGOs launched the "**Youth Delegates Programme**", thanks to the support of OING-Service. The expenditure was validated by the the General Assembly of 12 April with the authorisation to charge against previous reserves up to 6000 €. The main objective is to encourage young INGO members to participate and to inspire INGOs to actively involve their young members (unfortunately, many young representatives of INGOs with participatory status cannot afford to actively participate in the Conference sessions due to a lack of financial resources).

The call for and selection of candidates was carried out jointly with the Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth. For 2019, six young delegates from 5 countries were selected to participate in the work of the Conference and they proposed, among other things, to introduce a "Youth Check" of the texts elaborated within the Conference.

This "Youth Delegates Programme" was positively evaluated and could be renewed thanks to OING-Service, and therefore, thanks to the contributions paid by its members.

- Raising awareness on the theme of migration :

. The Conference of INGOs, in partnership with the City of Strasbourg and the Permanent Representation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Council of Europe, organised at the Odyssée Cinéma in Strasbourg the **screening of the documentary "Grand H"** by Frédérique Buck, followed by a debate with members of associations from Luxembourg presented in the film. This documentary gives the floor to a series of stakeholders

concerned by migration-related issues and questions the assumption of civic responsibility. OING-Service contributed financially to this event (interpretation + accommodation for the 2 speakers, who travelled at their own expense).

Many thanks to the City of Strasbourg, which made the cinema room available, to the Representation of the Grand Duchy for taking care of the rental of the interpretation headsets and for the reception given at the end of the event, as well as to the producer of the film who renounced the package. Thanks also to Maritchu Rall, former President of OING-Service, who was in contact with the City throughout this project, to Faruk Günaltay, Director of the Odysée Cinéma, and to all those who believed in and contributed to the success of this wonderful initiative.

. The Conference of INGOs, with the collaboration of the Swiss association "Action for Women" and the Quaker Council for European Affairs, had the pleasure of presenting the **exhibition "SEEN: Portraits of women on the run, by themselves"** in the hemicycle of the Palais de l'Europe. The main objective of the SEEN exhibition, which was realised in two shelters in Greece, is to change the way women on the run are portrayed in the traditional media.

The exhibition was organised with the support of the Permanent Representation of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, which also hosted the reception that followed - many thanks to it - and of OING-Service.

## **2. To support the secretariat of the Civil Society Division of the Council of Europe**

OING-Service reimbursed the travel expenses for two meetings of the Standing Committee with the Council of Europe grant intended for this purpose. In addition, reports of meetings of the Conference of INGOs and its Standing Committee have been translated in either English or French by us. It should be noted that this additional work, like all other work for our association, was done on a voluntary basis. As every year, OING-Service reimbursed the representation expenses of the Conference of INGOs to the Steering Committees and subordinate groups.

## **3. On the occasion of the two sessions of the Conference of INGOs, in April and October**

our association had a stand in front of the meeting rooms to inform our member INGOs and gain new ones. To this end, we have also produced two newsletters, which are available on our website.

In addition, and as in the past, OING-Service organised the INGOs' dinner in April. It allowed more communication between the INGO representatives which is crucial to the development of the INGO Conference. As the - chargeable - dinner was appreciated, the experience will be repeated at the next occasion.

## **4. The 2019 accounts**

The accounts show a slightly negative result of 404 €. It should be noted, however, that a large part of the costs of the "Youth Delegates Programme" could be covered by the ordinary budget - previous reserves therefore remained almost the same.

The number of contributing INGOs remained almost unchanged: 119 INGOs in 2019 (116 in 2018).

Details of resources and expenditure are published in the accountant's report.

## **5. Our projects**

According to the communication from the Division for Democratic Innovation to the Standing Committee in January 2020, the budgetary situation of the Council of Europe is such that there will be no new resources available, including for the Conference of INGOs.

As subsidies are likely to become scarcer and in order to be able to develop our activities with the Conference, we are considering an experiment in seeking donations from a targeted public, which could respond favourably to this demand. We will keep you informed of the results of this experiment.

## **6. Our team**

It is the same since the General Assembly of June 2018. Some members are more solicited and involved than others. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank our president Annelise Oeschger and our treasurer Heleen Jansen for the quality of their work, their availability and their kindness.

Moral report by Marie-Claire Galibert, Vice-President