

Elections for the Board of OING-Service, 15 December 2021

Motivations of the candidates (alphabetical order)

Davide CAPECCHI, EFIL

„The European Federation for Intercultural Learning has been working together with the Council of Europe since 1974 for the promotion of intercultural learning, by nurturing a European network of volunteers running youth exchanges and long-term pupil mobility programmes. We are since then partners of the European Youth Foundation, contributing to the development of European youth work.

EFIL has actively taken part in the works of the INGO conference in the last five years, bringing youth representatives to discuss the crucial matters for civil society in Europe. Recently, we have just become observer members of the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE) of the Council of Europe. From an organisational perspective, we feel ready to contribute with a greater level of commitment in the construction of the post-Covid19 Europe, considering the principles of ‘Living together in diversity’. We have also followed the work of the INGO-Service, and believe in its role to transform the political priorities of the Conference into concrete projects. We also have great expectations for the realisation of the potential of the INGO-Service in the future.

I have personally a long history of cooperation with the Council of Europe, having been involved in youth work and policy for the last 15 years, first with the European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA) and then as Policy and Research officer at the partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union in the Youth field. The organisational and personal motivation and experience are at the basis of my candidacy as Board member of the INGO-Service, where I wish to bring my knowledge of the youth and education sector in Europe, the familiarity with the Council of Europe’s work and institutions, and a strong belief in the key role of civil society in promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law, as well as a transversal managerial experience acquired during a whole career aiming at the optimization of resources and processes and at the management of change.“

Léon DUJARDIN, ESAN

"Founder of ESAN, co-founder of the Social-platform in Brussels, he has participated since 2006 in all the sessions of the Conference and has always made sure to pay our membership fee to OING-Service. Member of its Board since 2018, he participates in all its meetings and works to make known its importance to support the activities of the Conference.

He will put his national and European experiences at the service of OING-Service, experiences acquired in particular as a member of the Board of the French Association le Secours Populaire Français, recognized of public utility, and author of its statutes, but also as a member for 6 years of the National Council on policies to combat poverty, appointed by the French Prime Minister."
(unofficial translation from French)

Marie-Claire GALIBERT, FIAPA

„The Federation I represent has been a member of the Conference with consultative status since 1985, which became participatory status in 2003, and is entitled to submit collective complaints to the European Committee of Social Rights.

For the last 3 years, I have participated in the work of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. I have appreciated the issues addressed by the various speakers invited. Human rights are defended with energy and competence. The reorganisation of the functioning of the Conference, which took many months of work, should soon bear fruit.

I have been a member of OING-Service for 3 years as Vice-President. The work consists in finding funds internally, which allow to intervene financially during the European travels of qualified persons. The work and the involvement of OING-Service are essential for the good functioning of the Conference.

The usefulness of the association and its good working atmosphere explain why I am renewing my candidacy for the post of Vice-President for a new mandate.“

Joyce HERRENT, EYBA

“In 2018 having received the participatory status of the EYBA (the European Young Bar Association) at the Conference of INGO’s of the Council of Europe, I was elected President (from June 2019 to June 2021) to create an internal working group dedicated to the Association's involvement in the Conference. This has enabled me to observe and participate in the activities of the Conference over the last few years.

Being the Immediate Past President of the Association, which is drawing to a close, I have more time and energy to devote to a function within the Conference and more particularly to the INGO Service. I have also other expertise, I was the treasurer for example.

I am therefore very experienced in team work through my experience within the EYBA committee and I would like to offer this experience to the INGO Service.

Since 2006, I have been working as a lawyer in Belgium at the Mons and Brussels Bars, where I am from and where I live.

I could therefore make available my legal faculties but also the experience of a strong network of many European lawyers developed thanks to the EYBA.

I was also involved for many years and gained valuable professional experience in various positions within the Young Bar Conference of Mons between 2007 and 2012.

My mother tongue is French and I can work in English very well.”

Heleen JANSEN, IAW

"I have been the treasurer of INGO-Service for 3 years. During this time I have invested a lot of time in making the files digital. This is necessary because all reservations and transport tickets are also digitised. The system is not yet working optimally and it is necessary to work on it in the coming period.

I think there should be more young people on the board, but they need to be properly trained and be able to work with a system that works well. I would like to contribute to that and that is why I am standing as a candidate in this election."

(unofficial translation from French)

Jean-Pierre JOUGLA, FECRIS

„FECRIS has been active in the Council of Europe since 2005. It includes some fifteen European countries. Over the years, it has learned to know the functioning and the needs of the Conference of INGOs.

Personally, I have practised as a Lawyer and also as an Avoué à la Cour (solicitor to the Court of Appeal) and I can therefore bring my legal knowledge if necessary.“

(unofficial translation from French)

Annelise OESCHGER, ATD FW

„Together with our team, as President of OING-Service since June 2018, I have had the opportunity to accompany the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe in a decisive phase of its existence which culminated in its reform. Since then, the Conference has been acting even more decisively and effectively for the realisation of human rights for all people in Europe and for truly democratic societies.

OING-Service must be able to contribute more to these efforts and therefore experienced forces as well as forces bringing new skills are needed. I am a candidate for a second and final term of office in order to support this new dynamic.“