

NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights

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Objective of the committee

In response to the commitment adopted by the INGO Conference in December 2020, this committee tackles the point:

« The INGO Conference will continue to disseminate the Council of Europe's legal instruments and tools to inform the citizens about their rights, granted by their country's commitment to the Council of Europe treaties and conventions »

Our committee explores the possibilities and limits of our NGOs to fulfil this commitment using the Council of Europe's instruments on gender equality and women's rights.

Analysis

The committee is composed of NGOs that have in common that they promote the rights of women and girls.

- First step: the concrete objectives of the participating NGOs
 - Target groups
 - Topics
- Second step: the conventions
 - Istanbul Convention
 - Social Charter
- Third step: experiences with past campaigns by our NGOs

First conclusions

- Big differences in our target groups (politicians, the general public, entrepreneurs, local authorities, parents....)
- Big differences in our topics, but close enough for mutual understanding.
- All our NGOs are primarily focused on Western Europe
- More knowledge needed in our committee on the conventions in question in order to promote them
- The entire INGO Conference should be familiar with the Istanbul Convention