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CINGO Committee Report for the General Assembly (required format)

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Committee Chairs are advised to read the Guidance for CINGO Committees to assist in completing this report for the General Assembly.

Committee name: Environment and Health Crisis Committee

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Date committee was approved by CINGO General Assembly: April 2021

N.B. If this committee was approved in Spring 2021 it will come to the end of its mandate at the 2023 Spring Session of the General Assembly and you must complete section 7 if you wish the committee to continue for another year.

*To encourage members to read all the committee reports and to share information effectively, please keep your free text sections **short and focused on priorities activities and actions.***

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

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2. Which INGOs are represented on the committee?

Delegates :

EAT (European Association of teachers)
ELISAN (European Social inclusion and Local Action Network)
IFHP (International Federation for Housing and Planning)
IAF (International Allotment Federation)
ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners)
PCICPM (International Catholic Peace Movement)
RENATE (Religious in Europe networking against trafficking and exploitation)

Participants in one of the meetings or events organised during the last months:

AEC (European association of Railwaymen)

AFDU (Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités)
 AIRHH (Association Internationale de la Recherche en Hygiène Hospitalière)^o
 ANDANTE (Women's organisation)
 EAT (European association of Teachers)
 EASPS (European association of Training Centers for Socio-Educational Care Work) ATD Fourth World
 AVE (Association for Voluntary Action in Europe)

CITI (International Council for Intellectual Transmission)
 EEB (European Environment Bureau)
 ECICW (European Center of the International Council of Women)
 ECWF (European council of WIZO federations)
 ELISAN (Social action network)
 ESAN (European Social Action Network)
 Eurogeo (European association of Geographers)
 BPW (Business Professional Women)
 IFHP (International Federation for Housing and Planning)
 IAF (International Allotment Federation)
 IRSE (The Robert Schuman Institute for Europe)
 ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners)
 MIAMSI (Mouvement international d'Apostolat en milieux sociaux indépendants)
 PCICPM (International Catholic Peace Movement)
 Pax Romana
 RED (International Association Rurality, Environment, Development)
 RENATE
 IUEGS
 UIA (International Union of Architects)
 And about twenty national NGOs from Council of Europe member states

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.

- **Steering committees: CDCPP and DH-Bio**, via on the one hand the presence of members in respect of their NGO, on the other hand the participation of the heads of these steering committees in the work of our committee. For example, in the frame of a contribution to the World Health Summit of October 2022 (participation of Laurence LWOFF, executive secretary of the CD-Bio at the committee meeting of October 4, 2022).
- **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**. Contribution through the provision of amendments to the work of the Governance Committee. The chair of the committee, AM Chavanon, was invited to speak at the Workshop on the revision of the European Urban Charter (European Urban Charter III) on March 21st. The Congress rapporteur on this text and other speakers invited to the present session

- **GRETA** with whom it had discussions in anticipation of a meeting organised by members of the Committee in Venice on 15 November 2022 on Human Trafficking aggravated by crisis situations

4. How has this committee linked with other CINGO committees in the last year? How has this committee linked with other CINGO committees in the last year? The links have materialised during work meetings and various events, in particular thanks to the presence of common members. This was the case with the **Actions for Social Rights Committee** and the **Committee on the Rights of Migrants**.

The increasing violence in times of crisis requires closer collaboration with the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on Women's Rights.

5. How can new members join the committee (please provide email address for expression of interest)?

=> by email

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=> via the web page dedicated to the committee on the website of the Conference of INGOs

=> via the committee's own websites:

<https://environmental-health-crisis.weebly.com/> (French)

<https://www.environmental-health-crisis-coe.org/> (English)

=> Either through the next twitter and LinkedIn accounts of the commission. For the moment those of AM Chavanon and Elena Curtopassi are available online

6. What else could CINGO Standing Committee and Secretariat do to support the work of the committee and the communications between your committee, other members of CINGO and other parts of Coe?

=>> Foster the organisation of meetings at the Palais or in the regional offices of the Council of Europe

Within the CINGO

- Help mailing invitations
- More specifically inform the committees about the contribution possibilities during events created by the Organization such as the World Forum for Democracy
- Encourage regular exchanges, such as the next networking event

Vis-à-vis other Council of Europe bodies

=>> Open the possibility, with the concerned secretariats, of sending a committee representative to the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable

Development, and to the CLRAE committees meetings when a report is related to the committee activities

The objective is to offer the skills of our high-level experts to these assemblies and in turn to be able to disseminate their work.

=>> Disseminate the texts adopted by the committees to all the pillars of the Council of Europe on all themes, without exception. In particular to the Steering Committees, the Congress and PACE committees as well as the relevant GRs and the SG (formal transmission other than the Newsletter).

=>> Inform the committee of the follow-up to the recommendations transmitted to the CM and other Council of Europe bodies (recommendations adopted by the Conference on the proposal of the Committee). Information on the response provided by the General Secretariat.

=>> Finally, while bearing in mind that the Conference is not an institutional body but that civil society is one of the assets that the Council of Europe seeks to develop, see how the work of the committees can be taken into account in the general framework of the activity of the Council of Europe. (Past work most often omitted by other bodies)

7. If your committee is at the end of its two-year mandate at the 2023 Spring Session of the General Assembly, please answer the following questions:

- a. **Does the committee wish to continue its mandate for another year? Yes or No**
YES
- b. **Please explain why the extension of mandate for another year is being requested and describe what objectives this committee will be pursuing over the next 12 months up to Spring 2024 (no more than 250 words). (Please also send a work plan for 2024/24 with this form if available).**

=> **Ongoing work with** the Governance Committee of the **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe** on the revision of the European Urban Charter,

=> **Programming of side event** during the next UN-Habitat Summit to be held from June 5 to 9, 2023 in Nairobi

=> **Contribution** to the **upcoming World Health Summit** in October in Berlin **and the upcoming SDG Summit** to be held in September in New York.

=> **Participation in several events and work in progress** of member NGOs and European and international partner networks

As SDS are a global priority supported by the Council of Europe, the Environmental and Health Crisis Committee considers it essential to get involved in their development as part of its work within the Organisation, alongside the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress and the ministerial sector.

c. Has the committee decided to continue with the same Chair or appoint a new one?
 Yes
 If a new Chair is being proposed, please give their name.

8. Activity and Outcomes Report – please choose up to 6 main topics. Please add links to any online resources/publications/reports (etc) your committee has created and published in the last 12 months.

Topic	Summary of progress/impact in last 6 months	Current key issues/concerns	Plans for next 6 – 12 months
<p>1. Agenda 2030</p> <p>“The crossroads of Sustainability, Climate Change and Health: practical approaches and lessons for the post-covid cities” Nairobi - 01/03/2022) Hybrid Meeting from UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi (video)</p>	<p>Exchange and collection of good practices with UN-Habitat, IOPD, UCLG, Mayors of major world cities, the Regional Council of Veneto, the Brazilian institute for sustainable cities and the Conference of INGOs, dissemination of these practices</p>	<p>⇒ Insufficient commitments and resources deployed in the face of environmental and health crises aggravated by armed conflicts, particularly in the area of access to healthcare, energy and food supply</p> <p>⇒ Necessary adaptation to demographic changes and the population ageing</p>	<p>⇒ Work on legislation and regulations that promote virtuous SD practices (circular economy, energy sobriety, active ageing, etc.),</p> <p>⇒ Preparation of a side event during the UN-Habitat summit (June 3 to 5 in Nairobi)</p> <p>⇒ Preparation of a contribution to the SDG Summit (September 19-20, 2023 in New York)</p>
<p>2. World Health Summit - Berlin October 2022</p> <p>Committee meeting 4 Octobre 2022 Full video</p> <p>Dr Jozsef Gabanyi Laurence LWOFF Vildana GACIC, Professor ROSENDAAL</p>	<p>⇒ Dissemination of a call to participants in four of the Summit workshops => Study on the response to heat waves in the ecosystem of the elderly</p> <p>⇒ Dissemination of good practices in favour of active ageing</p> <p>⇒ “Tribunes libres” on</p>	<p>Violation of human rights in access to health and medico-social services due to age and disability in constrained budget context</p>	<p>⇒ Preparation of a contribution to the 2023 Health Summit => Promote a decentralised restructuring of social and medico-social services in the face of the new needs of populations and territories</p>

	<p>the committee website by Dominique PREDALI and Dr Jozsef GABANYI, committee experts</p>		<p>⇒ Advocate with Member States and local authorities in favour of care for all and at all ages of life.</p> <p>⇒ Disseminate good practices intended to support, accompany and strengthen the capacities of minors, young adults and families in order to react to situations of distress caused by COVID 19</p>
<p>3. Stockholm+50 - One health: “A healthy planet for the prosperity of all”</p>	<p>⇒ Exchange of views with senior advisors of the Stakeholder Forum for Sustainable Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● J-G STRANDENAES ● Leida REIJNHOUT <p>⇒ Contribution to the positioning of the Conference of INGOs</p>	<p>⇒ Worrying deficiencies within States on the “One Health” approach</p> <p>⇒ Absence of a holistic and collaborative approach</p>	<p>“Healthy cities” operation project in the wake of Stockholm+50 and the adoption of the European Urban Charter by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>4. Climate change - COP 27, Sharm El Sheikh (6-18 November 2022)</p>	<p>⇒ Contribution to the work of the Council of Europe and to the positioning of the Conference of INGOs</p> <p>⇒ Hearing of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suzanne BROLLY, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg (France) - Paulo BARNABA, Treviso (Italy) - Miltos SAKELLARIOU, president of the 	<p>⇒ A growing fear of runaway effects of climate change</p> <p>⇒ Non compliance with commitments made by States under the Paris Agreement</p> <p>⇒ Multiple, cumulative and uncontrollable climate impacts (floods, storms, wildfires, water</p>	<p>⇒ Looking for a meaningful participation/ positioning on climate in the frame of COP28</p> <p>⇒ Participation in UNEP and Member States working groups on climate change</p> <p>⇒ Encourage national and local</p>

	<p>NGO Altera Vita (Greece)</p> <p>⇒ Meeting of 4/10/2022 (Full Video)</p> <p>⇒ Adoption of a resolution “Acting together” on 14/11/2022 in reaction to the political declarations of the Summit.</p>	<p>scarcity, loss of biodiversity and soil depletion that disproportionately hit the most vulnerable lands and people in the world</p>	<p>public authorities to draw up plans to combat climate change in line with the Paris Agreement, helping to make energy and consumption sobriety an effective value, by supporting recycling and the place of a circular economy</p>
<p>5 Participation of citizens in political decision-making</p> <p>⇒ Contribution to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities’ revision of the European Urban Charter</p>	<p>⇒ Invitation to submit amendments to the text and to participate in the work of the Joint Workshop of the three committees, (21/03/2023)</p> <p>⇒ Mobilisation of experts from the committee's NGOs Statement by the President (to be uploaded shortly)</p>	<p>⇒ Trust crisis between governments and citizens, use of violence and street protests</p> <p>⇒ Need and timing for greater participation</p>	<p>⇒ Consolidate the collaboration established in recent years between the Conference of INGOs and the Congress</p> <p>⇒ Continue to advocate for the establishment of sustainable deliberative structures and choosing justice-based ecosystem solutions</p>
<p>6 Solidarity issues: support to vulnerable people who are victims of poverty and human exploitation</p> <p>Collaboration of the Environmental and Health Crisis Committee with ENSA (European Network of Social Authorities) 15-17/11/2022 in Venice</p>	<p>⇒ Study on means of combating human trafficking to support migrants in vulnerable situations, especially in times of crisis;</p> <p>⇒ Development of a therapeutic support program for unaccompanied minors and their host families</p>	<p>⇒ Rise in crime and urgency to support vulnerable people in the face of armed conflict, the economic, social and financial crisis and COVID</p> <p>⇒ Increasing poverty and food crisis</p> <p>⇒ Need for innovation in the social services sector to meet emerging energy</p>	<p>⇒ Implementation of projects and responses at local and European level</p> <p>⇒ Pooling of good practices</p> <p>⇒ Work within the ENSEL network (Social Emotional Learning)” Support for this platform (NGOs, universities, schools) which aims to develop</p>

		needs	the skills of young people so that they can exercise their fundamental rights at home, in their schooling and in the community.
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9. Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and/or the CINGO Standing Committee?

Collaboration of experts from the committee, including ELISAN, in the “Inclusive cities for sustainable families” project, which collects good practices on SDG11 with the family as the engine of inclusion development. A report is annually presented to the UN through IFFD, another expert on the Committee.

Participation of the chair to a UNESCO-NGOs international conference on evolving education in crisis times [\(video\)](#)