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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: Action for Social Rights Committee

Date of report: 22/03/2023

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Date committee was approved by CINGO General Assembly: 28/04/2021

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

Anna Rurka anrurka@gmail.com

Jean-Bernard Marie, Jean-Bernard.Marie@misha.fr (rapporteur)

2. Which INGOs are represented on the committee?

AEH, European association of the families, AIC, ATD Four Monde, Caritas Europe, Dynamo International, EASW, ESAN, Eurocef, Feantsa, Justice and Peace, MIAMSI, Social Plateform, RENATE, Soroptimist International Europe, Volonteuropé

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.

Ad-hoc WG of the Committee of Ministers in charge of the reform of the Social Charter system

European Committee of Social Rights and Social Rights Secretariat,

CoE-FRA-ENNHRI Platform, Equinet, other sectors of the Council of Europe on the occasion of the annual ceremony and seminar/webinar on 17 October (preparation of the events by the Committee for the Conference of INGOs).

The Committee has organised several events in direct cooperation with the Social Rights Department of the Council of Europe:

The ceremony and webinar on 18 October 2021 and 17 October 2022

The 2 webinars on the follow-up procedures of the European Social Charter 29 March 2022, 14 June 2022 Webinar on the follow-up procedures of the European Social Charter - Conference of INGOs - news (coe.int)

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

Through its active members, the Committee maintains direct links with the Migration Committee of the Conference of INGOs. It is planning to collaborate with this committee in the implementation of the Social Rights Tracker project currently under development.

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

Contact the President or the Rapporteur Jean-Bernard.Marie@misha.fr

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?

It seems useful to evaluate and take stock of how many INGOs with participatory status participate / contribute to the committees and how many national and local NGOs have joined the committees or their activities. Then make a targeted communication by theme / work programme (with a calendar) of the committees towards the INGOs.

Given that the bleaujeans tool is no longer available, it would be preferable to have a zoom or other tool allowing interactive communication (several rooms) and interpretation during events organised by the committees

To facilitate communication between the committees and the SC, the minutes of the SC should be published regularly and / or transmitted to the committee chairmen to synchronise action. The SC should rely more on the committees to relay the implementation of the Conference's strategic priorities (three-year plan).

Hold a regular exchange of views between the SC and the committee chairs.

Map the thematic priorities of the member INGOs and direct them to the committees (linkage)

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**
- 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).**

1. In 2022, the committee established an MoU (agreement) with a lab of the University of Strasbourg. This collaboration has made it possible to host an intern within the committee, thanks to the financing of the internship by the lab. Anna Diaz started her internship in March 2023 and will continue until July 2023. Her internship is dedicated to the development of the Social Rights Tracker platform, which is a tool for monitoring the effective implementation of social rights as guaranteed by the revised European Social Charter. We would like to organise a launch event in July 2023. The extra year will allow the committee to make the Tracker operational and known.

2. Monitoring the implementation of the reform of the Social Charter system. Following the work carried out by the CM Ad-hoc WG, it is intended to support keeping the topic on the CM agenda.

3. Build on a new format for the event linked to the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and test it in October 2023

4. Reflect on the follow-up to the themes and initiatives that the committee has undertaken over the past 3 years.

- c. Has the committee decided to continue with the same Chair or appoint a new one?**

If a new Chair is being proposed, please give their name.

The Chair and the Rapporteur agreed to continue their work for another year.

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
1. Social Rights Tracker	Social Rights Tracker released, in partnership with the University, internship funding obtained, internships started.		Work on the content of the website Thematic analysis of current issues Launch event Analysis of how the tracker works Follow-up to the project

<p>2. 2021, 2022: International Days for the Eradication of Poverty - each year two events organised by the Conference of INGOs</p>	<p>Commemoration of the international days 2021, 2022 with CoE personalities (SG, PACE, ECHR, Commissioner for Human Rights, European Committee of Social Rights) 2022 Event on the theme "ENDING THE NON-Taking rights". 2021: Event on "Decent Work</p> <p>Impacts: INGOs have communicated about events, people interested in the issues have become involved (new members) in the Committee's INGOs</p> <p>Mobilisation of political figures and actors directly involved</p> <p>Draft Rec submitted to the GA of the CINGO</p>	<p>A new format for the day should be considered and experimented with to make the event more impactful</p>	<p>A proposal of a new format and experimentation in October 2023</p>
<p>3. Two Webinars (29 March 2022 and 14 June 2022) on the follow-up procedures of the European Social Charter</p>	<p>Contributing to INGOs' knowledge of the monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter in order to encourage them to take an active part in them.</p> <p>Highlighting the essential role of INGOs and NGOs in the application of the Charter's monitoring procedures to better protect social rights at the pan-European level.</p> <p>Raise awareness and support INGOs and</p>	<p>How to advance the implementation of socio-economic rights by making better use of the monitoring procedures of the European Social Charter?</p> <p>What is the limit of the multi-speed inter-state system, with only 16 states having ratified the protocol on collective complaints?</p> <p>What political importance is given by the SG and the CM to</p>	<p>This action will be pursued through the Tracker, which will feed the work of the European Committee of Social Rights and highlight it</p>

	NGOs in collective complaints.	this instrument that is so important for civil society and citizens in Europe?	
4. Position paper of the Conference of INGOs on the reform of the Treaty system of the European Social Charter on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Charter and the 25th anniversary of the revised Charter Adopted by the Committee on 16/06/2021 Adopted by the Standing Committee on 12/08/21	The drafting of this position marked the beginning of the contribution of the Conference of INGOs through the Committee to the process of reforming the Social Charter system. This position was communicated to all the bodies concerned. The Committee was represented and contributed to several meetings of the Ad-hoc Working Group of the MC	How to communicate with Member States for the effective consideration of social rights and the strengthening of the Social Charter system at the Reyjavik Summit	
5 Communication at the Parole de rue 2021 and 2022 Forum in Brussels organised by Dynamo International	To contribute to the better knowledge and visibility of the Social Charter system		

9. Is there anything else you would like to share with CINGO members and/or the CINGO Standing Committee?