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## CINGO Committee Report for the General Assembly (required format)

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Committee name: Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child in Europe -  
Protecting and promoting the well-being of children of all ages

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*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.***

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**3. Which Council of Europe committees and other activities is this committee mainly involved in?**

Council of Europe Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child - CDENF

- The Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2022-2027
- Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE),

Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the Lanzarote Committee)  
 Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS)  
 Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and specifically the General Rapporteur on child participation of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development  
 European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) / Advisory Council on Youth  
 Istanbul Convention and GREVIO  
 Consultation Group of the Children of Ukraine

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

Shared membership and dialogue with Migration and Gender Committees  
 CINGO Youth Strategy

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

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**6. 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><b>1. Contribution to the overall work of the CoE Children's Rights Steering Committee (CDENF)</b>  <a href="https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/cdenf">https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/cdenf</a>  <b>Key areas of work in plenary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Protection from abuse in online environments and safe development of AI/digital tech</b></li> <li>- <b>Comprehensive Sexuality Education</b></li> <li>- <b>Protection from violence</b></li> <li>- <b>Child Friendly Justice</b></li> </ul>	<p>Participation of CINGO and the RC Committee at 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Plenary sessions in Strasbourg and to the mid term strategy review conference (April 25) (Rep: Ruth Allen, International Federation of Social Workers and Standing Committee)</p>	<p>Ensuring contribution of civil society perspectives and promotion of the role of CINGO in all discussions in the Steering Committee. Ensuring contribution Expert/Drafting Groups (see item 2)</p>	<p>To ensure civil society (CINGO) participation in one or more expert/drafting groups of CDENF including Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS)</p>
<p><b>2. Recommendations and Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the Rights of the Child in Care Proceedings (adopted by CDENF December 2024)</b></p>	<p>Participation in expert drafting group and Completion of detailed CINGO contributions to final drafts within the drafting group and consultation, and to final debate within CDENF Dec 2024</p>	<p>Awaiting approval by CoM within 2025 of recommendations and EM on both Care Proceedings and Parental Separation on order to promote through civil society channels</p>	<p>To hold a CINGO RC committee Webinar on the Recs and EMs and their implications for civil society actors on children's rights. Suggested this may be with migration and/or gender committee – Dec 2025</p>
<p><b>3.Representation in the Lanzarote Committee (the Committee of the Parties to the <a href="#">Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse</a>)</b></p>	<p>Participation in all sessions of Lanzarote Committee in 2024/5 (Rep: Katerine Melissari – Hope for Children). Feedback provided to the CINGO CR committee.</p>	<p>A practical issue – the Lanzarote Committee has now moved back to all in person meetings, requiring additional time and funding for CINGO participation</p>	<p>Promotion within CINGO of declaration on <b>Declaration on protecting children against sexual exploitation and abuse facilitated by emerging technologies (T-ES(2024)09)</b></p>

<b>4. Liaison with Pompidou Group on 'Promoting the Mental Health of Children and Youth by Addressing the Risks of Online Gambling and Gaming'</b>	RC Committee representatives will meet with Pompidou Group delegation on 7 April 25 in person to discuss collaboration with RC CINGO committee on policy and dissemination	This is a relevant area for RC Committee collaboration. The issue will be capacity to take forward the opportunity.	Further concrete plans to come from face to face meeting in April to build collaboration and cooperation on tackling online addiction harm with Pompidou group
<b>5 Involvement of RC Committee members in 'Responsive Social Services' European research and practice development project</b>	Eurocef, IFSW and ATD are deeply involved in a major multi-university research project which includes studying the concept of 'responsiveness' of social services in relation to children and young people, and their democratic participation in local services and decisions. RC Committees will bring reports into CINGO and CDENF later this year		Reports on the Responsive project to CINGO and CDENF, a webinar and other dissemination of resources and tools will be taken forward towards the end of 2025.
<b>6 Children's Rights as a transversal issue</b>	RC Committee has discussed the importance of ensuring children and young people's (YP) perspectives are more visible in the work of CINGO.	To promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More collaboration between RC committee and other CINGO committees</li> <li>- More consideration of child and YP perspectives across the work of CINGO, and more cross referencing with the Youth Strategy</li> </ul>	To develop joint activities with other committees and develop regular communication/liaison with the Youth Strategy

<b>Support the Implementation of the European Child Guarantee (Council Recommendation n° 9106/21 from 4 June 2021)</b>		To prevent and combat social exclusion by guaranteeing effective access of children in need to a set of key services: free early childhood education and care. free education (including school-based activities and at least one healthy meal each school day) free healthcare and housing.	Develop joint actions with the CINGO Committee for the European Social Charter to present and disseminate the European Child Guarantee. Organise a webinar to discuss and evaluate the implementation of the European Child Guarantee in each European country.
<b>Support/Contribute to the work of the Consultation Group on their children of Ukraine "CGU" on Ukrainian children's rights, including children relocated/taken to Russia.</b>		Finding a rep to join the Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine (CGU) in the children's rights division.	Work to support action on children of Ukraine. Create a "campaign", working with CINGO and broader stakeholders in CoE and beyond, that aims to combat discrimination and raise awareness about the real-life experiences of children in migration.

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