

## **INGO Conference of the Council of Europe**

### **Contribution to the work plan**

#### **Actions**

To maintain and develop our organisational membership in INGO Conference through:

- a) Actively contributing to capacity building and campaigning and lobbying activities at a European level with INGOs of different backgrounds and vectors of activities;
- b) Participating in the 2 semester meetings of the Conference INGO (January and June) and in the thematic working groups, namely those with close links with the main activities of the professional category (Human Rights Committee, Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee);
- c) Passing on info about INGO Conference activities in Strasbourg and other parts of Europe;
- d) Providing information on issues relevant to social work being discussed at INGO Conference meetings to our members and where appropriate lobbying their MEP's and Heads of State for the changes required;
- e) Using the INGO Conference as a platform for closer cooperation and joint activities with EASSW and ICSW (who are members of the Conference) in influencing the process of eradicating poverty, preventing the violent conflicts, fighting for the rights of transnational migrants and against human trafficking;
- f) Promoting the European Social Charter and its Complaints mechanism as fundamental instrument for the effective safeguarding of all social rights in Europe;
- g) Using a practical guide to conduct dialogues in the communities where they are most needed. This user-friendly [Dialogue Toolkit](#) can have impact in situations where people want to build social cohesion and the human rights based approach to diversity issues. Toolkit is document made by members of INGO Conference and was successfully used in several countries (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/dialogue>);
- h) Disseminating information about INGO Conference activities to our members and the wider social work community by using representatives annual reports and the site of the Conference;
- i) Participating in the main events in Strasbourg (celebration of 40 years anniversary of INGO Conference 25 June; the Day "Europe against the

death penalty”, 10 October; World Day of eradication of poverty, 17 October; World Forum for Democracy, 9 – 10 November).