

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (IFSW)
EUROPEAN REGION**

**Appointment of Designated Representatives to External Organisations
to DM Reykjavik**

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Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP)**

NOMINATION : ...Zagreb DM (April 2016)

PARTICIPATIONS from April. 2016 to April 2017

2016 June

**Fundamental Rights Forum - Rights , Respect, Reality: the Europe of Values in
Today`s World - Vienna, June 20 -23**

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The participation at this Forum besides several conferences, reports 3 important workshops : “ Legal entry channels for people in need of international protection” over the theme Rights based Governance; “ Empowering rights holders : the contribution of professional groups in improving rights fulfilment” over the theme Empowering rights holders; “ What can progressive realisation of economic social and cultural rights mean in the EU, in the context of European Pillar of Social Rights initiative” over the general theme Fundamental Rights compliant sustainable growth.

The 1rst WS did bring interesting and oportune debate about the refugees conditions to be welcome in Europe and the states and civil society responsibilities or as a pressing group . The 2nd WS did ask our attention to the urgency to accomplish HR with the contributes of several professionals in a multidisciplinary perspective in an efficient strategy to the best aims . Some proposals were planned and contacts exchanged to next steps. About the 3rd WS was important the introduction of European Social Pillar issue and next steps to citizens participation included the calendar of several meetings in European Region. In Portugal the meeting with UE representatives was held at September . It was a good opportunity to participate not only as member of Portuguese Association of SW representative but also sharing with

the participants IFSW E Work Plan in view HR realisation and the pertinence of Social Rights accomplishment with Civil and Cultural Rights.

October 2016

Participation as speaker in a Conference about “HR and SW education : challenges and perspectives” sharing all the several steps that was run at IFSW E in view further steps to Social Workers qualification theoretical and practices (Conferences, pre - conferences, Workshops etc...) It was held at Coimbra University, SW School at the EASSW Delegates Meeting. Over a previous contact with FRA - FRP it was possible to reach a lot of documentation that was shared in the conference in a appropriate desk which contents was shared with the participants as possible.

Also at this conference I did participate in a Poster concerning a new project about HR Education to SW near students and practices. This project was inspired by a colleague from USA that was challenged by IFSW E in last World Conference Stockholm when did participate in a WS from European HR Commission .Now is developing that research in her country but interested in interchanging it with European Social Workers. This project shall be adapted according the characteristics of European population which did begin in Spain with scales translation and next step will be at Portugal. We are trying to finalise the proposal to share it with FRA in view a further cooperation.

December 2016

Presentation and a Workshop dynamic to SW in Madeira Islands in the celebration of 50th birthday of HR Protocols.

Planning for the celebration of Specific Days at Portugal over International interchangings for Social Work Students and Practiciens:

20 November - UN HR Child Convention - Expert in Child HR (Austria)

20 February - Social Justice Day - President of Consejo General de Trabajo Social da Galicia (Spain)

14-15 March - SW celebration month - WS dynamic about HR and sustainability Expert in HR, Ethics and Sustainability (Germany)

Further Appointment

I am interested to be re-appointed for a further period as IFSW Europe representative at **Fundamental Rights Platform**. **I hope to be possible a strength** cooperation with the team of HR Commission reinforcing a network at the IFSW. I would like to help Social Workers to become Human Rights mediators since we have realized how much it is pertinent over our diary practices and professional interchanges. Also it was confirmed by the growing interest of each IFSW EU participant and challenged by the last complex events that are affecting Europe and World. Also I feel stimulated for belonging to SPT and the topics on its agenda, with the specific task on HR issues.(3 Pillar) .

Graça Maria André - 19 April 2017