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STATEMENT

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Coming from a small country with a great history in terms of world and European presence, I would like, first of all to express the voices of the less visible and less influential voices in the European context.

In addition it is my wish and duty to make the right use of my experience in diverse professional settings but as well at the positions of co-ordination and decision making places.

In Portugal I'm connected with the main and decisive moment of the consolidation of the profession of social work: the recognition of the academic degree, the improvement of the legislation towards the careers for professionals, the reinforcement of the professional associativism and the on-going process to recognise a higher level of regulation of the profession.

My involvement since 1976 in academic life is as well a relevant compromise and some of the effects are already visible: to recognise the contribute of Social Workers to analyse the dynamics of society, its problems and the investment in changing interventions.

I also had/have the chance to get international experiences and to deal with diversity and cultural ways of living the professional life.

I consider that this trajectory could be a good contribution to the IFSW Europe, thus, basing my application to be part of the European executive.

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