



**International Federation of Social Workers –
Europe e.V.
Nomination of Candidates for IFSW Europe
Regional Executive Committee
Elections at Delegates Meeting October 2026**

**Call for Nomination of Candidates for IFSW Europe Regional
Executive Committee for election at the October 2026 Delegates
Meeting.**

During the IFSW Europe Delegates' Meeting in Utrecht, Netherlands 9th – 11th October 2026, in accordance with our statutes and by-laws, we will hold elections to fill four vacancies on the IFSW Europe Executive Committee.

- Two full Executive Committee members: two-year term
- Up to two Deputy Executive Committee members: one-year term

We are calling on member associations to submit nominations by 8th October 2026 17:00 CEST. Associations are asked to nominate no more than one person per country.

The Role of Executive Committee Member

The Executive Committee member role is defined in our statutes and by laws. S/He is expected to take on roles and responsibilities based on the work program approved at the delegates meeting as well as any additional functions as needed. S/he is expected to attend the executive meetings held throughout the year as well as additional meetings each year. Meetings are mostly online with one or more in person meeting outside the DM.

Up to two deputies may be elected on one-year terms. The deputies will replace any executive member who is unable complete their two-year term.

Making a Nomination

Below is the nomination forms and all necessary information about the three documents required to make a nomination/to be nominated.

The member organisations are invited to nominate by sending three documents:

1. A written nomination - including the signed consent of the nominee and signed approval by the Board/senior team of the association - using the Nomination Form below
2. a CV for the candidate, and
3. a short election statement from the candidate [maximum 300 words in English, French or Spanish].

Please send all 3 documents TO Jill Childs, Europe Honorary Secretary:
europe.ifsw@ifsw.org by the deadline of 8th October 2026 17:00hr

(PLEASE READ THE PRIVACY NOTICE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NOMINATION FORM ON P 3 AND FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE ELECTIONS PROCESS ON PAGES 5 AND 6)



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NOMINATION FORM FOR IFSW E REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 2026 elections

Name of candidate Kristine Evertz

Country where living/working the Netherlands

Organisational Address BPSW, Leidseweg 80, 3831BE Utrecht

Contact e-mail address for candidate Kristineevertz@gmail.com

(Personal email addresses
will be redacted by the IFSW E
secretariat and kept privately for
official use only kristineevertz@gmail.com

Nominating organisation Beroepsvereniging van Professionals in het Sociaal Werk

Recent and current position/s held by the candidate in the nominating organisation
Previous: Boardmember BPSW for 13 years
Now: (Depute) Executive Member IFSW
Member of Network International BPSW,
Member of the Van Dantzig-Committee, for
exceptional effort on preventing child abuse.
Boardmember of the Housing Foundation

Candidate

I agree to be nominated for the post of Executive Committee Member in IFSW Europe e.V. and confirm that I am a member in good standing of the IFSW member organisation which is nominating me

Signature

Date: 01-10-2026

Nominating organisation

I hereby nominate the above individual for the post of Executive Committee Member and confirm s/he is a member in good standing of this organisation. I am authorised to make this nomination on behalf of the organisation.

Signature

Position in IFSW member organisation Jan-Willem Bruins, CEO
Organisation BPSW

Date 05-10-2026

Please also send:

- a **CV for the candidate**: Do **not** include personal address/es or contact details that the candidate would not want to share with colleagues or which may be visible publicly on the website.
- a **short election statement** [maximum 300 words]



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All three documents should be sent with this nomination form to Jill Childs, Honorary Secretary of IFSW Europe] europa.ifsw@ifsw.org by 8th October 17:00

Late nominations can only be accepted by exception and require the majority of DM delegates to agree to late acceptance.

Data privacy

PLEASE NOTE the nomination forms and information are uploaded and saved on the IFSW website for the Delegates Meeting and may be viewed by a wide range of people with member log in access until after the meeting. **Please do not include sensitive personal information in any documents that you would not want to share with a wide group of colleagues and/or others who may gain access to the document.**

If you have any queries about data privacy, please email europa@ifsw.org



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Further information and guidance about Europe Executive Committee and elections

According to the Articles of IFSW Europe e.V., the executive committee consists of *six members*:

- The President of the European Region;
- The Vice-president of the European Region;
- The European treasurer;
- Three members at-large.

The President of the Region and the Vice-president elected at the global General Meeting are members of the Executive Committee.

Term of office: *The President and the Vice-president serve for 4 years and can be reappointed for a further 4-year term.*

The treasurer and the additional three at-large members are elected by the European delegates meeting. Two are elected in even years and the two others in uneven years.

Term of office: The Executive Committee members elected at the Delegates Meeting is 2 years (bylaw 7).

Two deputy members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Delegates Meeting at *every ordinary Delegates Meeting*. Deputies are these two candidates for the Executive Committee, who obtain the third and fourth highest number of votes. The one with the third highest number of votes is the first deputy member.

Term of office: The deputy members serve for one year (bylaw 7).

Executive Committee functions

According to the Articles, the functions of the Executive Committee are:

- a) to work in accordance with the work programme decided by the Delegates Meeting.
- b) to establish within the budget a secretariat with staff needed to handle the affairs of IFSW Europe e.V.
- c) to prepare the budget to be approved by the Delegates Meeting.
- d) to revise the budget annually and present it for ratification to the Delegates Meeting.
- e) to prepare an annual report to be circulated to all member organisations before the Delegates Meeting.
- f) to report to and keep the Global Executive informed of the work and activities of the European region.

In practice the Executive Committee is responsible for implementing the work programme approved by the Delegates Meeting and for taking forward the work of the Region between Delegates Meetings.

Members of the Executive Committee will have lead responsibility for sections of the work programme and for taking forward areas of work agreed with the Executive Committee which are defined on the Executive Members Work Portfolio's paper. As the Region has no budget for paid staff, Executive Committee Members are expected to continue work between Delegates and Executive Committee meetings.



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The Executive Committee usually meets two times a year, including once before and once after the Delegates Meetings. Most work is undertaken by e-mail and through monthly web meetings. The working language is English.

Deputy members of the Executive Committee

The By-laws define the position of the deputies: If a member of the Executive Committee is elected for President of IFSW Europe or the Vice-President at the General Meeting, the deputy member takes the seat vacant until next Delegates Meeting. In case of an Executive Committee member's retirement or long-term absence, the deputy member shall take that member's place until next Delegates Meeting or until the absent person returns.

Financial assistance for Executive Committee Members

There is financial support for Executive Committee Members. This includes the cost of essential travel to meetings, such as airfares, trains and buses. Hotel costs and meals are also paid. There are no funds to support office costs, but essential phone and fax calls can be paid. Receipts are required for all claims.

Deputies are paid their expenses at the moment they take a vacant seat of the Executive Committee or in other ways are involved in the work of the Executive Committee.

Election Committee and the procedure of election

The President of Europe region, in cooperation with the Election Officer, informs the Member organisations about the procedure for the upcoming election at the Delegate Meeting (i.e. in this document).

At the start of the Delegates' Meeting an Elections Officer and tellers are elected or reappointed. The Election Officer has responsibility for overseeing the election, this includes to determine the eligibility for election of the persons nominated with prior approval of their member organisation and scrutiny of their submitted papers. This is according to the IFSW Constitution, the Bylaws and the Articles and Bylaws of IFSW Europe e.V.

Information about persons nominated by 8th October will be distributed to member organisations at the start of the DM.

The Member Organisations elect the members of the Executive Committee from the persons nominated and approved by the Election Officer. Those elected will secure the greatest number of votes.

Voting will be in accordance with the IFSW Constitution, the Bylaws and the Articles and Bylaws of IFSW Europe e.V., namely one vote for each country [co-ordinating body or member organisation].

Decisions of the Elections Officer will be final, unless overturned by three quarters of the present member organisations.

Further information

Any member organisation or individual who wishes to discuss any matter arising from this briefing or to consider a nomination is invited to contact Ruth Allen, President of IFSW Europe: europe.ifsw@ifsw.org

We wish to encourage nominations and are happy to discuss questions in advance.
IFSW Europe