IFSW Europe Delegates’ Meeting, Berlin 2022

**Agenda Item 16**: Discussion on the definition of ’Social Services’

**Definition agreed by members organisations of the Social Platform for its position paper:** ***Quality Social Services for All. May 2021***

*By social services, we understand services supporting all people, but especially persons in vulnerable situations, to participate fully in society. They can be provided by public or private for-profit and/or not-for-profit entities. They include a wide range of care and support services over the entire lifespan of persons, from early childhood to older age. Social services support people at risk of exclusion or abuse or experiencing challenges or personal crises and can take many different forms.*

Note: the Social Platform definition above is the starting point for discussion of this agenda item.

It was a definition that could be agreed by the disparate member organisations (including IFSW Europe) of the Platform in preparing the Platform’s position paper in 2021.

**The question for discussion and decision is – Is it a good fit for IFSW Europe/social work, or- do we need to adapt it or write a new one?**