**Report of IFSW Europe Regional Representative/Commissioner**

**For Delegates Meeting in Oslo, 2025**

**Please complete and send this report to** [**europe@ifsw.org**](mailto:europe@ifsw.org)

**by 24th September 2025**

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| **Your name** | **Gabriele Stark-Angermeier** |
| **Your association** | **DBSH – German Association of Social Work** |
| **Commission, institution or network where you represent IFSW Europe** | **Ethics Commission – Regional Rep. Europe** |
| **Date of report** | **28th September 2025** |
| **When did you start being the representative?** | **October 2022** |
| **Do you have a support person/group?** | **Graca Andre (Portugal)**  **Graça is currently providing support, and other stakeholders in the field of ethics are welcome to get involved.** |
| **Do you wish to continue for the year 2025/26?** | **I am happy to continue working for another term as a representative of the Ethics Commission at regional and global level.** |
| **If you wish to continue, do you need a new support person/group?** | **I am delighted to receive further support.** |
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| **Please list the main events and meetings you attended between October 2024 and September 2025** | **Between October 2024 and September 2025, there were three online meetings of the Global Ethics Committee, with exchanges taking place in between to explore topics in greater depth.**  **After adjusting the tasks and roles of the Global Commissions and their links to the respective regional commissions, the Ethics Commission has drawn up a work plan and priorities. The focus is on supporting the country representatives in their ethical work worldwide.**  **Another priority will be the revision of the Ethical Principles. The focus will be on assessing artificial intelligence and its significance and benefits in social work.** |
| **Please describe other work you undertook in your role (e.g. policy work, writing, contributing to webinars etc)** | **One of my main tasks is to familiarise myself with the various scientific studies and identify their relevance for practical application.**  **The network (SWERG) is an important partner in this regard.** |
| **What have been your main achievements in this role in the last year?**  **The most important steps taken last year were the development of a work plan with all IFSW regions. This work plan is still in progress. At the same time, I am also involved in discussions on ethical issues at the national level and in German-speaking countries.** | |
| **What themes and opportunities should the IFSW Europe representative to this institution, commission or network focus on during the next year?**  **A question that is being asked more and more frequently in practice: if the shortage of skilled social workers continues to increase, can social work still be carried out in accordance with ethical standards? Will there also be ‘triage’, for example in the area of child and youth welfare?**  **Cooperation with other commissions, such as the Education Commission, would be interesting.** | |
| **If you wish to continue in your role, please list your personal objectives/aims for the next year.**  **As the Ethics Committee is only just beginning its work, I would like to contribute my efforts here to developing a sound process for revising the ethical principles.**  **At the same time, I would like to explore the above-mentioned question of practical relevance in greater depth and also discuss it with others.** | |
| **Any other information you wish to share**  **Thank you very much for allowing me to participate here and exchange ideas with others.** | |