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Letter of support from ASproAS, the nominating association for ANA RĂDULESCU

Position: IFSW European Regional President

The Executive Committee of the Association of Social Workers in Romania (ASproAS) nominates Ana Radulescu for election for IFSW European Regional President position.

Special actions in relation to COVID – 19

- Promoting social workers response in Europe in the website and Social media (Facebook, Tweeter). IFSW Europe Facebook and website has been hugely successful as a place for the profession to share information and learn from one another.
- In addition to creating a space for members reports, Ana created a separate space on the website for collecting all the experiences:
https://www.ifsw.org/social-workers-response-to-covid-19-in-europe/?fbclid=IwAR0XI6e2pUjFVfANaKouVVrSYI_9Ws_KhYzhNmLfm7d0RhK4zjURhA7E_9U
- Publication of a press release: <https://www.ifsw.org/ifsw-europe-statement-on-covid-19/>
- Providing a Help-Desk for the social workers in Europe. From March 2020, more than 120 social workers contacted IFSW Europe for guidance;
- Preparation of an online meeting for the IFSW Europe members and their members on 24 April 2020;
- Preparation of all actions for the online transfer of the working agenda of IFSW Europe given that the DM has been cancelled.

From 2019-2020 in her function as IFSW European Regional President, Ana was focusing on:

- Empowering member organisation and bringing the non-active members back to IFSW Europe. In this regard, Ana visited a number of members and participated in their national conferences;
- Continuation of applications for external financing. In this regard, Ana has prepared the application for the project financed by IFSW Global funds: a social Europe is possible! The young generation of social workers are the spearhead of change.

At the same time, Ana included IFSW Europe in a number of applications which are pending or started negotiations for future application in the EU funds: (1) Ana also included IFSW Europe in a project application under the EU with a number of universities and Council of Europe in the subject of applied PhD research. The application is still pending for evaluation. (2) she started negotiations with a French research agency (ANR) for the preparation of the 2021 re-submission a project; (3) she prepared an application on domestic violence under Justice Programme (JUST) Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) – the results will be publish in September 2020.

- Strengthening cooperation with IFSW Europe partners and providing support to our Representatives;
- organised the IFSW Europe Executive Committee Meeting in Vienna, Austria, in February and September 2019;
- organised the IFSW Europe Delegates Meeting and the IFSW Europe Executive Committee Meeting in Vienna in 2019;
- Increase the support offered to members in relation to their own ministries or government. In this sense, Ana supported the steps taken by Poland, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Ireland and the UK in relation to their own governments.

From 2017-2019, in her function as IFSW European Regional Vice President, Ana was advocating consistently for the federation and ensured that social workers are visible. In her one year term, Ana:

- prepared the application and is coordinating the IFSW project “Social Workers for Transformational and Sustainable Social Protection in Europe”. In this role she activated the members of IFSW Europe to develop the perspective of the involvement of social workers in implementation of the Social Rights;
- applied and received the approval from the European Social Platform and European Commission to take part in “Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth” in Gothenburg, on 17 November;
- represented IFSW at the United Nation Geneva, speaking at the event dedicated to World Social Work Day and participated in a similar event at the United Nations, New York;
- represent IFSW in regional and national conferences;
- supported member organisations in organising events on World Social Work Day and promoted the national activities on Social Network.
- supported the IFSW European Conference 2019 in Vienna;
- took part in the Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth (ACIG), organised by the European Commission in Brussels. Ana Radulescu has a presentation at this event and moderates a workshop on quality in social services and social workers involvement in the professionalization of social services;
- organised the IFSW Europe Executive Committee Meeting in Vienna, Austria, in February 2018;
- organised the IFSW Europe Delegates Meeting and the IFSW Europe Executive Committee Meeting in Bucharest;

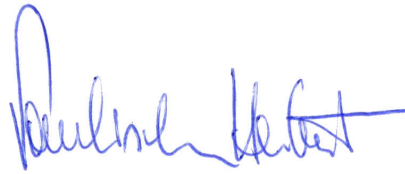
Ana Radulescu also was active in supporting member organisations to publish statement and she was also writing and published a number of statements and articles:

- <https://www.ifsw.org/ifsw-europe-statement-on-covid-19/>
- <http://ifsw.org/news/ifsw-europe-will-represent-social-work-at-the-social-summit-2017/>
- <http://ifsw.org/news/social-workers-for-transformational-and-sustainable-social-protection-in-europe-2/>
- <http://ifsw.org/news/ifsw-statement-on-international-womens-day-2017/>
- <http://ifsw.org/news/there-is-enough-for-everybody-its-about-sharing-social-workers-engagement-in-fighting-poverty/>
- <http://ifsw.org/news/united-nation-geneva-celebration-of-world-social-work-day/>

Ana's achievements in promoting and representing the profession focus on how social workers contribute to building a sustainable social protection system in Europe. Her main priority is on strengthening the visibility of the profession regarding the impact and benefits of social services on people's lives and on social and economic growth.

Through her work and commitment, Ana became a main activist in raising awareness for the profession and for the importance of social workers related to creating a cohesive society and strong social protection in Europe.

Her previous achievements make her the ideal candidate for the desired position.



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