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IFSW Europe News Briefing for Members – August 2025

Public version: this provides an update on current activities and opportunities for participation in the activities of IFSW Europe by Europe associations.

Message from IFSW Europe President

Ruth Allen



Dear IFSW Europe Members

Welcome to the third IFSW Europe briefing for 2025.

*The focus of this briefing includes preparing for our next Delegates' Meeting in **Oslo, Norway 2pm Friday 3 to 12.30 Sunday 5 October 2025.***

Below you will find the draft agenda and the subsidy form (attached to the members email and uploaded onto the IFSW Europe pages on the IFSW website).

In Oslo we will include a discussion about how we can widen participation of members. We have received a grant from IFSW Global to develop this work,

*Finance is one barrier to participation and IFSW Europe can provide some subsidies for associations with less funding. **Do write to us as soon as possible if a subsidy would help your delegate attend and who would not otherwise be able to come.***

*Delegates and guests can also join **online** if you cannot travel. But we hope as many of you as possible will come. I am hoping that all member associations will get involved in October.*

*Please remember that **all associations need to pay their fees to IFSW Global and to IFSW Europe before the start of the meeting to take part.** Please do pay your fees as soon as possible. If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact us at europe@ifsw.org*

I wish you well - until we next meet!

Ruth

Call for IFSWE member associations' motions and agenda items for the Oslo delegates meeting (DM)

The draft DM agenda has been sent by email with this Briefing. The draft agenda will also be available on the IFSW Europe pages of the IFSW website. We will post any updates to that over the coming months.

To further develop the draft agenda, **this is the official call for you to send in your motions and other agenda items.**

Please email europe@ifsw.org with your suggestions to shape your delegates

meeting as soon as possible and **no later than 19th September 2025**

The IFSW Europe and FO Conference 2025



Still time to book for the regional conference of IFSW in partnership with the Norwegian Union of Social Workers (Felleorganisasjonen/FO) on **6th-8th October 2025!** Venue Oslo Congress Centre, Norway. Conference title: **Bridging Communities: Building Sustainable Futures**. Click here to find out more and to register! <https://ifsw2025.no/>

IFSW Europe news - Congratulations! Successful appointment of the UN Geneva Support Team of IFSW Europe

We are in the process of appointing to roles which are part of the member structures of IFSW Europe. We are delighted to announce the appointments to the Support Team to the UN Geneva: **Akudo Amadiogwu** an academic and social work educator currently based in from Canterbury Christchurch University, UK; **Gerry Nosowska**, Independent social worker and

expert in older people's social work and research at national and international levels, UK; **Sibylle Mani**, social worker and human rights coordinator for Afghanistan at the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) here in Geneva, Switzerland; **Swetha Rao Dhanankato**, Professor of Social Work at University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; **Annalisa Baruffi**, social worker with experience in global health and workforce at the WHO, workforce wellbeing at the ILO and in the UN in Geneva. to the role of support team members. They will work closely with the Regional Commissioner to support their work.

The **call for the Europe UN Regional (main) commissioner has been reopened until 7th August** and you can find more information here <https://www.ifsw.org/vacancies-for-ifsw-europe-regional-representative-to-the-un-commissioner/>

Projects

Responsive

As the Responsive project continues to create impact across Europe, the next webinars to share the work will take place on:

23 October: *Mapping barriers, facilitators and organizational responsiveness to citizen input in European social services organisations.*

20 November: *Co-Creating innovations for responsive social services.*

Please attend - they are free and joining links will be sent from IFSW Europe to members, will be on the IFSW website. You can also follow the Responsive project here <https://responsive-europe.eu/>