

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE - INGO CONFERENCE

- Comenius Association Virtual Meeting
- 29th October 2020

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- **Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**
- 3rd and 17th June 2020
- **“Protection of human life and public health in the context of pandemic - Effectively responding to a sanitary crisis in full respect for human rights and the principles of democracy and the rule of law”.**
  - \* European Social Charter
  - \* inclusiveness /socialization
  - \* cooperation/solidarity/sinergy
  - \* tailored solutions

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- 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020
- **Special Online Session of the Conference of INGOs**
  - 4 thematic webinars ( live-streamed online) :
- **- Let's build a better future together! Strengthening Participative Democracy and Civil Society when building the Post-Corona World.**
- - \* the civil society has been silence in many situations
  - \* some government measures were discriminatory and without a time limit
  - \* the involvement of INGOs were affected
- **- Migrants and refugees facing the Covid-19 crisis, what lessons for the post-pandemic time?**
  - \* the vulnerability of migrants and refugees has increased in refugee camps, at labour market and in access to social services
  - \* increase in nationalisms and xenophobia
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- - **What lessons from Covid-19 should be taken for the topic of education and the digital era?**
  - \* **increased differentiation (students/teachers)**
  - \* **need to train teachers for the digital age**
  - \* **protection of personal data**
  - \* **connectivity has become a social right**
- - **How to reduce inequalities and poverty throughout the upcoming economic and ecological transitions?**
  - \* **access to health and social services**
  - \* **social welfare**
  - \* **green economy**
  - \* **solidarity /cooperation**

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE POMPIDOU GROUP

- 3rd September 2020
- 41 member states working together on the drug phenomenon and drug policy
- Cooperation with Conference of INGOs in order to better address the current challenges
  - \* policies and activities at local, national and international level (health; education; social work; legal affairs; ...)
  - \* different approach in relation to addictions: crime / health problem
  - \* more synergies

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- **12th -16th October 2020 (first part)**
- **Autumn Session of Conference of INGOs (videoconference)**
  - Thematic Committees: Human Rights
    - Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges
    - Education and Culture Committee
  - Working groups: Intercultural cities
    - Lifelong learning
    - Europe of Heritage and creation
    - Transversal group of digital citizenship
    - Freedom of expression and media
    - Transversal group on poverty: inequalities and enjoyment of rights
    - Participation in democratic decision making
    - Transversal group on social and territorial cohesion

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- **Plenary Sessions**
  - political situation in Belarus
  - Violence against women and domestic violence
  - Access to digital technology
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
  - European Social Charter must be a reference
  - The role of INGOs
- **15th – 16th December 2020 (second part)**

# INTERESTING TOPICS FOR COMENIUS ASSOCIATION – POSSIBLE WORKING GROUPS; MODULES; SEMINARS; STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Human rights
- Migrants and asylum seekers
- Migrations, intercultural and interreligious dialogue
- Hate speech on the internet
- Global challenges – environmental migrations
- Circular economy; renewable energies; electric mobility
- Social and Territorial Cohesion
- Artificial intelligence



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- Rethinking education for digital society
- The role of media
- European Cultural Identity
- Education, longlife learning, teacher training
- Abstention of the young generations and individualism
- Promotion Europe of ideas
- Student's poverty
- Equality of men and women
- Senior's access to the digital world
- Emotional balance and communication skills