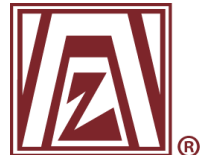


Being a women's rights activist – what you should know about the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights organization.

ZI Council of Europe Committee

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The Council of Europe (CoE) is Europe's leading human rights organization

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The CoE has 46 member states

and 6 observer states: Canada, Holy See, Israel, Japan, Mexico and United States of America.

27 member states are also members of the EU.

It represents more than 700 million citizens.

Hereunder more than 340 million women and girls.



Council of Europe Structure

The structure of the CoE is based on **four pillars**:

- The Committee of Ministers (46) (decision-making body).
- The Parliamentary Assembly (306) (deliberative body).
- The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (612) (consultative body).
- The Conference of INGOs (320) (ZONTA – consultative body, participatory status).



General Assembly of the Conference of INGOs in the Palais de L'Europe



Zonta participates in the work of the Conference of INGOs (CINGO)

The Conference of INGOs

Identifies the general action for active participation in the work of the CoE

Asserts the political role of civil society at the CoE

Decides on policy lines, and defines and adopts action programs

Conducts country visits, meets with NGOs and political officials



Zonta's representative participates in the work of the Conference of INGOs and has an eye on “gender perspective”

Topics of the CINGO Committees

Human rights,
Democracy

Gender
Equality,
Discrimination,
Youth and
Migration

Education,
Culture,
Environment



Zonta – Member of the Conference of INGOs

- Zonta’s representative and “Head of Delegation” is officially invited to speak at the General Assembly.
- She actively supports gender equality issues amongst the most important representatives of Europe’s civil society.

ZI CoE Committee members at the 2019 spring session of the Conference of INGOs in Strasbourg celebrating CoE’s Seventyth Anniversary.



Thank you very much!

The Council of Europe,
Strasbourg/France



Ambassador Irma Ertman signing the CoE Istanbul Convention, 11 May 2011 in Turkey

