

Liaison Group-Civil Society Organisations

Meeting on 11.2.2016

Record of proceedings

1. Preparation of the Civil Society Day 2016

Open discussion on the programme during which several members made some suggestions about possible speakers and themes to be covered. The LG members which are in charge of workshops will take into account them and contact directly the other members who made specific suggestions.

2. Composition of the LG and absents

Following the changes to the operating rules, a letter sent by the co-chair to the regularly absents members, as well as on the basis of the answers received or the lack of answer, it is decided to propose to the full LG the following changes:

- unify the sectors "Family Life" and "Childhood and childrens'rights";*
- making COFACE full member of this new sector and Eurochild alternate;*
- in the sector "Consumers's policy" switch BEUC and IUT, presently full member and alternate;*
- creating a new sector Environment and explore who could be the member of it.*

3. LG input and contribution to the EESC works

The Secretariat underlined the efforts made to facilitate this and reminded the members of the importance of following the EESC works in the Newsletter so to be able to give their input.

It was also reminded that the EESC Bureau would adopt, the week after, the procedure to be followed so to prepare the EESC contribution to the next European Commission programme. It will provide for an input of the Liaison Goup to it and to this end a call for volunteers will be launched so that a working group can draft a first draft.

The NL will indicate even more clearly the opinion, whose works have been launched in the Plenary, allowing thus the LG members to contact the Section secretariats if they deem it useful.

4. Discussion about LG presence on social media (Twitter)

The Secretariat presented a note on the possible creation of a LG Twitter account. A list of the Twitter accounts of the LG is annexed. It would be useful to find a common tag that could drive the conversation around topics that interested the Liaison Group: Civil dialogue.

5. Any other business

A tour de table was made in which each organisation presented its main activities. The co-chair proposed to make it as a permanent point in all LG-CSO meetings.

The co-chair announced that the EESC presidents will sometimes do the edito for the Newsletter and he underlined his appreciation of this clear sign of his involvement in the LG.

ANNEX

LG members and alternates	Twitter account	Active since	Number of tweets (as of 12/2015)
Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE)	@COFACE_EU	2011	4.791
COOPERATIVES EUROPE	@CoopsEurope	2009	2.573
Culture Action Europe	@actforculture	2010	526
EUROCHILD	@eurochild_org	2009	2.484
European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AEDH)	@AEDH_EU	2012	210
European Civic Forum (FCE)	@ForCivicEU	N.A.	830
European Citizens Action Service (ECAS)*	@ecas_europe	2010	2.443
European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong learning (EUCIS-LLL)	@lllplatform	2011	2.126
European Disability Forum (EDF)	@MyEDF	2009	1.811
European Foundation Centre (EFC)	@The_EFC	2009	1.458
European Movement International (EMI)	@EMInternational	2009	7.797
Union of European Federalists (UEF)*	@federalists	2009	5.566
European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)	@CONCORD_Europe	2011	6.369
European Older People's Platform (AGE)	@AGE_PlatformEU	2012	2.161

European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)	@EPHA_EU	2010	6.915
European Volunteer Centre (CEV)	@VolunteeringCEV	2012	1.012
Volonteuropa*	@Volonteuropa	2010	1.798
European Women's Lobby (EWL)	@europeanwomen	2009	12.100
European Youth Forum (YFJ)	@youth_forum	2009	14.600
International Association of Mutualities (AIM)	@AIM_Healthcare	2012	1.950
International Association Rurality – Environment – Development (RED)	-	-	-
Platform of European Social NGOs (Social Platform)	@social_platform	2009	2.120
European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing (CECODHAS)*	@HousingEurope	2011	2.450
Social Services Europe	-	-	-
Social Economy Europe (SEE)*	@SocialEcoEU	N.A.	790
SOLIDAR	@Solidar_EU	2010	2.940
The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC)	@beuc	2011	4.124
International Union of Tenants (IUT)*	-	-	-