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Happy New Year 2023 from Malaga!

photo: Max Rubisch

A Message from the President



In the last newsletter the former ICSW Europe President *Ronald Wiman* spoke about the different crises that we face today: “*Now Europe faces a situation that was not foreseen when I was elected as ICSW Europe President over four years ago.*” It was the COVID pandemic since 2020, the Russian

attack on Ukraine in 2022 and as consequences many new refugees in Europe and an extraordinary rising of the living costs, especially of the costs for energy, food and housing. The firm conviction that economic cooperation would guarantee peace in Europe turned out to be a wish that could not stand up to reality. Now – at the beginning of the new year 2023 – the war in Ukraine is still going on and we are in a situation of several overlapping crises in Europe, with the global climate crisis behind all of them.

Since 2 December 2022 I am the new ICSW Europe president and I want to take this opportunity to present myself briefly: I am a lawyer and I studied also translation in French and Italian in Innsbruck, Austria. Since 40 years I am living in Vienna and for 20 years now I am a lecturer at Vienna University in Disability Rights and Disability Policy. The major part of my working life I was head of department at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, in the area of Disability Policy. In this function I have worked closely with the European Union and the Council of Europe. As my most important issue I consider the national implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It is a very successful Human Rights Convention which, to date, has been ratified by 185 of the 193 UN member states. Summarized by the slogan “**nothing about us without us**”, it contains all the principles of a modern disability policy: Human rights, participation, non-discrimination, accessibility and independent living. The CRPD looks at the situation of vulnerable people in reality – at the same time it contains the great vision of an inclusive society where no one is left behind. It is my firm belief that the CRPD can serve as a role model and is applicable to social policy in general.

ICSW Europe held a Capacity Building Seminar and its General Assembly from 30 November to 2 December 2022 in Malaga, Spain. Thanks to the great hospitality of our Spanish colleagues we had the first face-to-face meeting since the COVID pandemic hit us in spring 2020. For me this event had a double importance: on the one hand it was a very interesting seminar about “**The challenge of Social Inclusion in Future Europe**”. As also the Global President of ICSW, *Sang-Mok Suh*, and the Executive Director, *Antonio Lopez-Pelaez*, were present, the seminar gave us a real global perspective on social policy. On the other hand I took over my office as President and could meet in person the new Board of ICSW Europe.

I think the new Board has a very good composition: with *Gabriela Siantova* as Secretary, *Jean-Michel Hote* as Treasurer and *Alina Petrauskiene* as Board Member we have three really experienced colleagues in the team. New in the Board are *Kathleen Wabrowetz* – Head of Department for International Affairs in the German Association for Public and Private Welfare from Germany, and *Jukka Haapakoski* from Finland, Chief Executive Officer in the Finnish National Organisation of the Unemployed. With this mixture of excellent experts I am convinced that we can really bring forward the issue of European Social Policy and I am looking forward very much to working with this team.

Germany, Switzerland and Austria have a long tradition in Three-Country-Seminars on common problems in social policy. In the current situation of overlapping crises, we held our last seminar in Basel, Switzerland, on 24 and 25 November 2022 on the theme “**The system of social security and the effect of crises**”. We discussed how the actual crises have deteriorated the situation of vulnerable groups, what the political reactions were until now and what strategies would be necessary. In the next newsletter we will report in detail on this excellent seminar.

The United Nations are planning a **World Social Summit** in 2025. It will be only the second Social Summit since Copenhagen 1995 – after 30 years. This Summit could be a great opportunity for ICSW Global and also for ICSW Europe: we must stick to the European social system, to the European democracy and to the idea that all this is based on Human Rights. In this sense we could provide a strong input to ICSW Global and to the World Social Summit.

New ICSW Europe Board

In the 30 years since the first Social Summit, we have seen inequality in our societies rising to an enormous extent – the consequence of a development towards economic deregulation, neoliberal thinking and globalization. This has led to enormous private richness for a small part of the population, while on the other hand, we face a growing public debt and see more and more persons slide into poverty. Such an amount of inequality is also a threat to our democracies.

EU-SILC has reported in 2020 that 22% of the European population were **in risk of poverty or social exclusion** and almost one in ten workers experienced in-work-poverty (see also the article about the *Working Yet Poor project* in this newsletter). These are figures from a rich continent! And in the last two years things did not turn for the better. During the COVID pandemic all the problems of economic inequality, injustice, risk of poverty and social exclusion became greater and more visible. The overlapping crises that we face in the last years have impacted people in poverty the hardest. This fact is true especially for the global climate crisis: also here the poorest countries and the poorest people are the first to suffer. What we need is a global **“climate-social policy”** that connects the impact of the climate crisis with the social conditions. I am convinced that such a policy is also necessary for peace and I think this is the way ICSW should go.

I thank you for your confidence and for the warm welcome at ICSW Europe. Especially I want to thank *Irene Köhler* from "Österreichisches Komitee für Soziale Arbeit" for her initiative and her support, *Jean-Michel Hôte* for his patience and the comprehensive answers on all my questions, *Ronald Wiman* for the good advices he gave me personally, in E-mails and in the newsletter and *Gabriela Siantova* for her great help in all practical things. I am looking forward to working with my new Board and with ICSW Europe.

Max Rubisch
ICSW Europe President

At 2022 GA the previous ICSW Europe Board officially terminated its mandate: *Ronald Wiman* in the function of the President of ICSW Europe, *Jean-Michel Hôte* in the function of Vice-President of ICSW Europe, *Vadim Moldovan* as the Board member and *Alina Petrauskienė* as the Board member. The Treasurer, *Monika Büning* resigned in July 2022 because of moving to another job.

A new ICSW Europe President – **Max Rubisch** – was elected in the ICSW Global elections 2022. A Treasurer – **Jean-Michel Hôte** – was also elected in 2022 Global elections.

Additional elections for the vacancies in the Board (Vice-President and up to two Board members) were announced by E-mail sent to all ICSW Europe members on 24 October 2022. After nominations of the candidates and E-mail election process, the Election Committee summarised and approved the results of the elections. Three elected candidates became new Board members: *Jukka Petteri Haapakoski* (Finland), *Kathleen Wabrowetz* (Germany) and *Alina Petrauskienė* (Lithuania) was re-elected.

The composition of a new ICSW Europe Board for the next two year period is as follows:



Max RUBISCH – President

Max Rubisch was born in Austria in 1955. He holds a Doctorate degree in Law from the University of Innsbruck, and is a trained translator in French and Italian.

In the course of his work in the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs in Austria, he held the position of a Head of Department for 30 years. His areas of responsibility were Disability Law and Disability Policy, Non-discrimination, as well as European and International issues in Disability Policy.

In this function, he cooperated intensively with the European Union: From 1997 to 2020, *Max Rubisch* was the Austrian representative in the Disability High Level Group of the European Commission. He represented Austria in the Council of the EU when the European Accessibility Act was negotiated and a compromise with the European Parliament was reached in 2018.

He represented Austria also in the Council of Europe. In 2014, Austria organized an international conference on "Human Rights and Disability" in Vienna, in cooperation with the Council of Europe.

Max Rubisch was responsible for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) of the United Nations in Austria. In this context, he participated in the Austrian State Dialogue with the UN Disability Rights Committee in Geneva in 2013. He represented Austria regularly in the Conference of the CRPD State Parties in New York.

From 2004 to 2020, he was a Board member of ÖKSA, the Austrian member organization of ICSW. He was a speaker at several conferences of ICSW, e.g. in Vilnius (2007), Tours (2008) and Stockholm (2012).

Since 2003, he has been a lecturer for Disability Law and Disability Policy at the University of Vienna, department of educational sciences.



Jean-Michel HÔTE – Treasurer

Jean-Michel Hôte is a Master in political sciences ("Ecole des Sciences Politiques de Paris") with forty years activity in social protection (French complementary pension scheme from 1974 to 1985, later in social gerontology as a Director and a Secretary General from 1986 to 2013).

He was a member of the Council of EURAG (European organisation for elderly – founded in 1962; headquarters in Austria) in 1986 – 2000.

He was named a Treasurer of the French Committee in 2007 and was in this position up to the year 2021.

He was in the position of ICSW Europe Treasurer from 2014 GA in Bratislava (initial mandate of two years

renewed once in 2016 up to 2018), then he was elected in 2018 to the position of Vice-President.

He has been a pensioner since 2013 and he pursues some missions in France and Europe as a volunteer.

In Europe, he has been a member of Age Platform Europe Council since 2013 and was elected as a Treasurer in 2017 and re-elected in 2020.



**Jukka Petteri HAAPAKOSKI
– Board member**

Jukka Haapakoski is the Chief Executive Officer of the Finnish National Organization of the Unemployed. The Finnish National Organization of the Unemployed is an NGO that defends the social rights of the Finnish unemployed and aims to build Finland into an inclusive working society, where all people can safely, without prejudice aim for a happy and prosperous life.

The Finnish National Organization of the Unemployed was established in the year 1991. It has 67 local member organizations across Finland. These NGOs are either voluntary organizations formed by the unemployed or are represented by unemployed people. Funding of the NGOs typically upholds cafeterias, vocational training centers, recycling centers or second hand item shops. These places are funded by government active employment schemes. In addition, most of these NGOs distribute food aid.

The Finnish National Organization of the Unemployed is a lobby organization, and we regularly comment on behalf of the unemployed in media, and government and ministry working groups. Also, the European Commission has annually interviewed us in the past years.

The issues we are working with are diverse. These include social protection, active labour market policies, social economy and health services to the unemployed. Our focus has been keyed in public legislation and generally the role of the public sector to provide services in these fields to the unemployed.

Jukka Haapakoski represents the Finnish National organization on the board of SOSTE Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health. SOSTE is a national umbrella organization for all central social and health organizations in Finland.

Both the Finnish National Organization of the Unemployed and SOSTE are mainly funded by Veikkaus funding, which is distributed by the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.



Alina PETRAUSKIENÉ
– Board member

Alina Petrauskiene, PHD in Social Sciences (field of Education) is an associate professor at Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania) and teaching in the bachelor's and master's degree programs of Social Work at the Faculty of Human and Society Studies <https://www.mruni.eu/en/institute-of-educational-sciences-and-social-work/>.

While teaching social work students for the past 17 years, she has developed cooperative relations with social services and non-governmental organizations, involving social work practitioners in the process of studying at the university. *Alina Petrauskiene* implements training courses for various social service workers, maintains relations with Lithuanian associations of social workers and schools of social work. Also implemented international projects funded by the European Commission RESME “On the Borders between Residential Child Care and Mental Health Treatment in Europe” (No. 527793-LLP-1-FI-ERASMUS-ECUE, 2012 – 2015) and ERCCI “Empowering Residential Child Care Through Interprofessional Training” (No. 2018 -1-FI01-KA203-047242, 2018 – 2022) as MRU team coordinator and researcher. She is also a lecturer in the European Joint Master in Social Work with Children and Youth (2014 – up to now) <https://eswochy.eu/visiting-lecturers/>.

She is the co-author of the science study (2015) “On the Borders between Residential Child Care and Mental Health Treatment in Europe” and author and co-author of 3 scientific studies and over 30 scientific publications, last one – https://ercci.turkuamk.fi/uploads/2022/02/7dde7d7b-james2021_article_acomparativeanalysisofresident.pdf.

Research interests: competence development of social workers, reflective practice of social work, service quality development through staff training.

Alina Petrauskiene has the previous one practical professional experience of more than 20 years of nursing management in the health care sector in Vilnius.



Kathleen WABROWETZ
– Board member

Kathleen Wabrowetz recently joined the German Association for Public and Private Welfare in Berlin as Head of Department for International Affairs. Previously, she was responsible for EU and international affairs in the welfare department of the German Red Cross. In this capacity, she also worked in the social policy unit of the Red Cross EU Office in Brussels.

Her main focus was on EU social policy as well as EU budgetary and funding policies. She spent several years in the UK, working for civic organisations and the National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme, where she implemented youth and lifelong learning programmes. She studied Political Science, Modern History and Romanic Studies in Jena (Germany) and Almería (Spain).

ICSW Europe General Assembly

This year's General Assembly (GA) took place in Malaga, Spain in the Faculty of Social and Labour Studies of the University of Malaga on 2 December 2022. The venue of the GA was offered to ICSW Europe by the University of Malaga represented by *Antonio López Peláez*. Those members who could not come in person could join the meeting online via ZOOM platform.

Eleven members of ICSW Europe took part in the meeting. It was a great honour that Dr. *Sang-Mok Suh*, Global President of ICSW, accepted the invitation and spoke personally at the GA. In his address, he expressed his gratitude for the possibility to meet ICSW Europe participants of the GA in person as the

last year activities were held mostly online thanks to the situation with Covid-19. He said that he hoped that the European region would be active in organising such events as the Congress in Malaga in the future just as it used to be in the past.

The agenda of the GA was as follows:

- 1) Opening, Approval of the Agenda, Checking of Voting Rights (*paid-up members*)
 - 1.1 The address of ICSW President – *Dr. Sang-Mok Suh*
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the GA held online (ZOOM), 20 January 2022
- 3) Election of ICSW Europe Board members 2022-2024, (*for approval and decision*) – results of electronic voting (E-mail sent on 24 October 2022)
- 4) Presentation of ICSW Europe Annual Activity Report 2021 (*for the records*), 2022 (*for discussion and approval*)
- 5) Report of 2021 from the Treasurer (*for adoption and discharging of responsibility, after the auditors have made their comments*)
- 6) Statement by Auditors for 2021 accounts (*for approval and decision*)
- 7) Election of Auditors and Election Committee members (*2 year terms*)
- 8) Updating of the Budget for 2022 and Budget for 2023
- 9) Any Other Matters Arising
- 10) Closing the General Assembly

Three new Board members were confirmed by the Election Committee for the position of ICSW Europe Board members (after previous electronic voting): *Jukka Petteri Haapakoski* (Finland), *Alina Petrauskiené* (Lithuania) and *Monika Wabrowetz* (Germany).

ICSW Europe Annual Activity Report was presented by the President of ICSW Europe, *Ronald Wiman*, of the period of 2021 (for the records) and 2022 (for discussion and approval). In his report, *Ronald Wiman* focused on mission, joint global programme, membership, knowledge creation, events and conferences in 2022, information dissemination, networking and influencing policies, management of ICSW Europe and regional elections 2022.

Ronald Wiman as outgoing President, characterized the years in ICSW Europe Board as extremely nice

and useful. He thanked all ICSW Europe members for their fruitful cooperation and the Board with that he cooperated the closest. He congratulated a new ICSW Europe President, *Max Rubisch* and the members of a new Board and wished them good luck at their work.

He also thanked the University of Malaga represented by *Antonio López Peláez* for providing the facilities to host the GA.



In the photo from the left: *Jean-Michel Hôte* (Treasurer), *Gabriela Siantova* (Secretary), *Jukka Petteri Haapakoski* (Board member), *Dr. Sang-Mok Suh* (Global ICSW President), *Ronald Wiman* (ICSW Europe President), *Max Rubisch* (new ICSW Europe President), *Antonio López Peláez* (ICSW Executive Director), *Alina Petrauskiené* (ICSW Europe Board member)



Two ICSW Europe Presidents: an outgoing President – *Ronald Wiman* and a new President – *Max Rubisch*

(author: *Gabriela Siantova*, ICSW Europe Newsletter Editor)

International Congress on Social Policies 2022

International Congress on Social Policies 2022: The Challenge of Social Inclusion in Future Europe (in hybrid format – on site and online) was organised jointly with ICSW and UNED and hosted by the University of Malaga from 30 November 2022 – 3 December 2023.

The aim of the Congress was to map innovative analyses and societal policy solutions to emerging social development issues, and to lay ground to a conclusions paper to help guide ICSW and its partners towards a strong impact on the envisaged UN Second *World Summit for Social Development in 2025*.

The International Congress was a joint venture by International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) and the University of Malaga and UNED with other Spanish Partners.

International Council on Social Welfare, ICSW supported the Congress by organizing its Capacity Building Seminar and its yearly General Assembly in conjunction of that event. The purpose of the Capacity Building Seminar was to explore the current and future social policy challenges, particularly in Europe with the understanding of the global context.

The University of Malaga together with UNED were hosting the event and provided academic inputs and leadership to the event and its discussions. The event also served as networking platform by the involved organisations.

Participants consisted of representatives of ICSW Member Organisations and the aforementioned cooperating academic institutions. The event was open and free also for students of the University of Malaga and also for those people from other universities who presented communications. The event and Zoom was also opened to all members of ICSW, not only those in the European Region.

[Review the full event programme here.](#)



Max Rubisch, ICSW Europe President; Dr. Sang-Mok Suh, ICSW Global President



One of the speakers – *Vadim Moldovan* (Project Casa Mare, Moldova)

(source: ICSW; [online]. [cit. 2023-01-29]. Available at: <<http://www.icsw.org/index.php/news/174-international-congress-on-social-policies-2022-the-challenge-of-social-inclusion-in-future-europe>>)

ICSW Europe Members



Social inclusion innovation An initiative created by blind people "The Power of Invisibility" became the power of Lithuania 2022

The initiative of the Blind and Visually Impaired People's Community ([The Lithuanian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired non-governmental organization](https://lass.lt/lietuvos-akluju-ir-silpnaregiu-sajunga-english/) and <https://lass.lt/lietuvos-akluju-ir-silpnaregiu-sajunga-english/>) – Sensory Tourism "Power of Blindness" received the [award of the President of the Republic of Lithuania "Power of Lithuania"](#).

The blind and partially sighted are one of the social groups experiencing social exclusion. Due to a lack of knowledge, the general public tends to judge the blind based on prejudices and stereotypes. For this reason, it becomes more difficult for blind and partially sighted people to fully integrate into social life.



The initiative, **Sensory tourism "The power of Invisibility"**, is a unique walk for tourists through the city streets with a blind guide, wearing

tinted glasses and using white canes for the blind. This experiential tour is open to all members of the public, with the aim of reducing social exclusion while empowering visually impaired people to play the role of city guide. It is not only an opportunity to get to know your country in a different way, but also to discover yourself and the surrounding environment in a different way. The opportunity to meet and know the person next to you, to trust [them] in [their] world, to understand that the blind can show the way and become the creator of an empathetic society.

Sensory tourism "The power of Invisibility" is a society-changing initiative, the benefits of which are truly extraordinary – it is a big and meaningful step towards getting to know the people around you. With the help of the white cane of the blind, one can not only physically look for obstacles on the way, but also open the door to the world of the blind person – a big, unknown, rich, unexpected, different coloured world...

The walking route takes place in several different areas of the city of Kaunas. For example, Walking with a blind person starts in Ažuolynas Park. Here you can hear the voices of the birds, look at the growing oak trees, your ears get used to the quieter pulse of the city, you can enjoy the peace and comfort of nature.

City activity is another part of the environment around us, so the journey continues near the busy city street – going down the hill towards the Exhibition Palace. In this section, city life reveals itself in the intensity and abundance of sounds.



Vilnius case 2022

The third stage of the road – Kaunas city center – Laisvės avenue. People, bicycles, scooters and the hustle and bustle of cafes – another urban space full of different moods, sounds, smells and, sometimes, challenges. Here you look for objects hidden in the pavement, you get to know the Cathedral by touch.

The experiential journey is crowned by the time spent in the cafe. Drinking a cup of tea in the dark, sharing the impressions of the past trip opens the way to communion between the blind and the sighted. The most important thing is that during the entire trip you travel with a blind guide, who is comfortable with all your questions, so you can understand firsthand what life is like in the dark and believe that a blind person can show you the way.

What are the benefits of this initiative for visually impaired people?

- Self-realization;
- Social inclusion;

- Financial benefits;
- Publicizing other blind activities;
- Indirect benefit to the blind community as a whole.

What are the benefits for sighted people who want to go hiking with a blind guide?

- Discover and deepen other senses besides sight;
- Will overcome the fear of the dark;
- Self-development;
- Get to know your country in a different way;
- You will spend your free time interestingly and meaningfully;
- Will become a creator of an empathic society;
- Will know and understand the world of the blind.

According to the author of the idea, *Jolanta Kruckauskaite*, Sensory tourism "The Power of not seeing" has already been widely noticed in Lithuanian and foreign media, radio and television shows, articles in newspapers and magazines, publications in social networks. We received interest from Sweden, Finland, Germany, and Ireland.



on the right *Jolanta Kruckauskaite*, one of the authors of the project

The initiative, as having the greatest social impact on society, has won [the main award of the Impact Laboratory and LUMINOR Bank](#), the leader of the "Create For Lithuania" Program.

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https://www.mruni.eu/en/study_program/social-work-and-human-rights/

The Lithuanian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired is the oldest non-governmental organisation in Lithuania. Since 1926 unites visually impaired people and defends their rights.

(source: *The Lithuanian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired*; [online]. [cit. 2023-01-10]. Available at: <<https://lass.lt/lietuvos-akluju-ir-silpnaregiu-sajunga-english/>>)

Partnership

Working Yet Poor Final Conference In-Work Poverty in Europe



The **Working Yet Poor project** is slowly coming to an end. After 3 years of research, meetings and working together, EAPN and the project partners organis[ed] a Final Conference on 26 January in Brussels. It [was] the opportunity to hear the main findings of the project.

The project Working, Yet Poor (WorkYP) is focused on the increasing social trend of working people at risk or below the poverty line. The overall purpose is to effectively prevent the risk of social dumping, reduce economic shocks, and grant EU citizens, mostly those who do not circulate, regaining confidence in public governance and substantiating

their citizenry's status.

[Read more about the WYP project.](#)

The rise of in-work poverty in the EU and beyond, Wages, self-employment, casual workers and platform workers, the gender dimension and the roles of the EU and social partners [were] among the topics that [were] discussed in plenaries and parallel sessions.

Key speakers:

- *Nicolas Schmit*, European Commissioner for Jobs & Social Rights
- *Olivier De Schutter*, UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty & Human Rights
- *Antonio Garcia-Munoz*, University of Luxembourg
- *Christina Hiessl & Schoukens*, KU Leuven
- *Ane Aranguiz*, Tilburg University
- *Florence Tornincasa*, EAPN
- *Dalila Ghailani & Ramon Pena-Casas*, European Social Observatory
- *Özlem Demirel*, MEP
- *Alva Finn*, Secretary General of the Social Platform
- *Ana Carla Pereira*, Cabinet Expert, Cabinet of Nicolas Schmit
- *Oliver Röpkke*, President of the EESC Workers' Group
- *Ludovic Voet*, Confederal Secretary of the ETUC

[The full programme is here.](#)

WATCH THE CONFERENCE

(source: EAPN Europe; [online]. [cit. 2023-01-29]. Available at: <<https://www.eapn.eu/working-yet-poor/>>)

Council of Europe



Covid-19 Impacts on Women

The Committee NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women's rights published a **Statement on Covid-19 impact on women** (in English and French).

“The Covid-19 pandemic has had strong effects on the whole society, most severely on women, especially on mothers. This has been shown in several studies, as outlined in the below key insights:

What happened:

- Schools and daycare were closed temporarily.
- Many workplaces were closed and people had to work from home.
- Financial problems for many families due to closing businesses and losing jobs.
- The global crisis of COVID-19 is deepening pre-existing inequalities, exposing the extent of exclusion.
- People with disabilities – one billion people – are one of the most excluded groups in our society and are among the hardest hit in this crisis in terms of fatalities.”

[Full document can be read here.](#)

(source: Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe. [online]. [cit. 2023-01-28]. Available at <<https://rm.coe.int/ngos-as-advocates-for-gender-equality-and-women-s-rights-statement-on-/1680a8ddc4>>)

Useful Links

The Lithuanian Union of the Blind and Visually Impaired non-governmental organization:
<https://lass.lt/lietuvos-akluju-ir-silpnaregiu-sajunga-english/>

Statement on Covid-19 impact on women:
<https://rm.coe.int/ngos-as-advocates-for-gender-equality-and-women-s-rights-statement-on-/1680a8ddc4>

Working Yet Poor Project website:
<https://www.eapn.eu/working-yet-poor/>

The Committee NGOs – Statement on Covid-19 impact on women:
<https://rm.coe.int/ngos-as-advocates-for-gender-equality-and-women-s-rights-statement-on-/1680a8ddc4>

Colophon

ICSW Europe registered office is located at the municipality of Utrecht (The Netherlands).

The name of the Association is: International Council on Social Welfare Europe, abbreviated to: ICSW Europe.

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