



**EUROPE**



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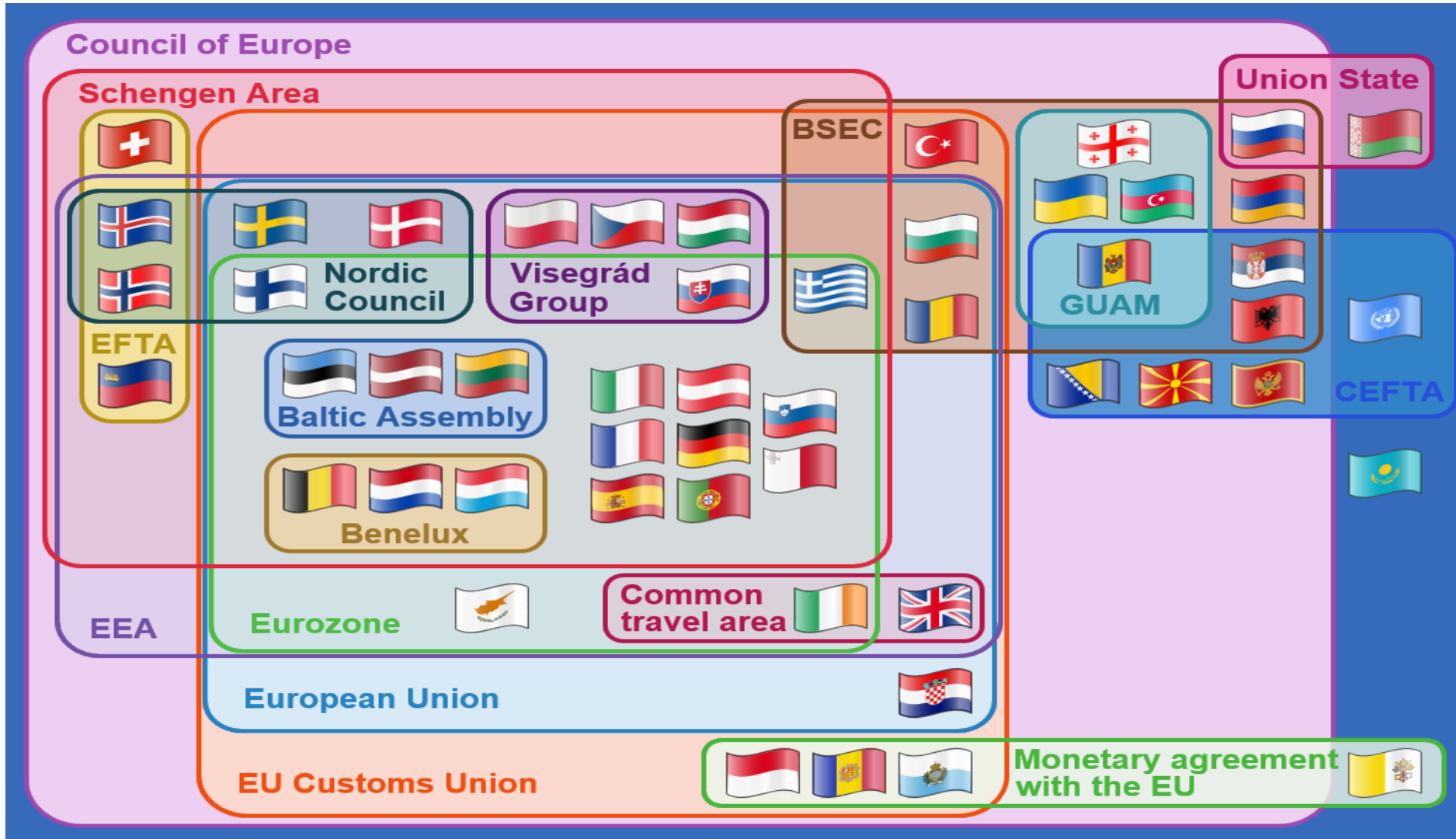
- 1) **ICSW** represents a wide range of national and international (**European**) organisations that seek to advance social welfare, social development and social justice (founded in Paris in 1928 as International Conference of Social Work).
- 2) **ICSW Europe** mission - *in line with the objectives of ICSW on global level* - to work for **sustainable social and economic development for everyone**.
- 3) ICSW Europe **members:** NGOs, regional/federal, local authorities, voluntary associations, institutes/researchers, practitioners.



# MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Members of ICSW Europe are active in the field of **social welfare** and **social development**, they are legal bodies under the law of their countries established in Europe, Israel and countries that are part of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation.
- 2) Strength of ICSW Europe is that all members are involved in promoting social welfare and **civil society** and **community work** in their own countries.
- 3) Within Europe there are a number of important forums and players that need to be followed closely, such as the **European Union** and the **Council of Europe**.

# EUROPEAN STRUCTURES





# ICSW EUROPE ACTIVITIES

- 1) ICSW has consultative status within the **ECOSOC**, accredited to the **FAO, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO** and **WHO**.
- 2) ICSW, **IFSW, IASSW** – Seoul 2016, **Joint World Conference Social Work, Education and Social Development**. *ICSW Europe Special Symposium*.
- 3) **ICSW Europe** is an integral part of global ICSW (independent status since 2007).
- 4) ICSW Europe - member of **Social Platform** (European Platform of Social NGOs) in Brussels.
- 5) ICSW Europe – member of **Conference of International NGOs (INGO)** at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg.
- 6) ICSW Europe - founding member of the **European Network for Social Action (ENSACT)**. Social Agenda Observatory.

# SOCIAL PLATFORM FAMILY



# EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR SOCIAL ACTION

(ICSW, IFSW, IAASW)



## Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development: European Observatory





# ICSW EUROPE (*GENERAL*) OBJECTIVES

- 1) Promote forms of **social and economic development**, (reduce poverty, hardship and vulnerability, especially amongst disadvantaged people).
- 2) Strive for recognition and realization of **fundamental rights** (employment, income, food, shelter, education, health care and security).
- 3) Promote **equality** of opportunity, freedom of expression, freedom of association, participation and **access to human services** and **oppose discrimination**.
- 4) Promote policies and programs which strike an appropriate **balance between social and economic** goals and which **respect cultural diversity**.
- 5) Strengthen **civil society** throughout the world to achieve these objects.
- 6) Seek **implementation** of these **objects** by governments, international organizations and non-governmental agencies in cooperation with its **network of member organizations**.





# ICSW EUROPE (2013-2016) PRIORITIES

- 1) **Social protection.** NGO Coalition for Social Protection Floor (ILO r. 202/2012).
- 2) Demographic changes (elderly care, ageing, solidarity between generations).
- 3) **Poverty reduction** (Working poor, support of the poorest, especially Roma, refugees and homeless people, poverty in extreme rural areas, migration).
- 4) Drop-outs from school.
- 5) **Social investment and social entrepreneurship.**

# **SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS: A NEW APPROACH FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION IN EUROPE. CONCLUSIONS 1**

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- 1) Current social situation in Europe requests implementation of the **ILO Recommendation 202**. We may focus on the main gaps to be faced.
- 2) The **difference between access** to guaranteed services for all and the actual situation mainly affects certain social groups.
- 3) Their **rights are often neglected** due to their unstable situation and exclusion practices.
- 4) Social benefit fraud, misuse of the system by service providers, and loss of revenue through **non-declared work** should be fought by tightly managing the system.
- 5) All this despite the fact that according to Recommendation 202, **all residents should have basic social security cover**.

# **SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS: A NEW APPROACH FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION IN EUROPE. CONCLUSIONS 2**

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- 1) **Employment income** no longer allows a large number of Europeans to live decently.
- 2) For persons of working age who cannot work due to disability or unemployment - **guarantee a minimum income** - required.
- 3) For senior citizens each country - **appropriate pension system**. Increased life expectancy means - new services for the elderly.
- 4) **Young people**, especially school leavers, who have not yet found a job and who are not receiving training.
- 5) Preschool education and child healthcare should also be considered as a **major social investment**.

# **SOCIAL PROTECTION FLOORS: A NEW APPROACH FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION IN EUROPE. CONCLUSIONS 3**

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- 1) **Adoption** of Recommendation 202 was justified by the social situation in Europe either, **not all European citizens benefit from the social protection floor.**
- 2) ILO member states must be remind that they too have a **commitment to keep: the social protection floor.**
- 3) In each state should set a **guaranteed minimum income level** that is **50% of the median income** observed in each country.
- 4) Europe remains area where social **rights are not being fully claimed** (too much “**targeting**”, addressing).
- 5) **Universal social cover** is an essential element of SPFs. **Not each** European **has access** to this yet and some no longer have access. Even non-EU citizens, SPFs must also apply to them as residents.

**Thank you for your attention**

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