



UN & CoE Committee  
2020 – 2022



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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS



THE UNITED NATIONS WORKS FOR  
**PEACEKEEPING**  
**PEACEBUILDING**  
**CONFLICT PREVENTION**  
**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**  
**SOCIAL AND ECONOMICAL**  
**GOALS & STANDARDS**



THE UN BEGAN WITH  
**51 COUNTRIES.**  
IT IS NOW COMPRISED OF  
**193 MEMBER STATES.**



**SINCE 1945**, ZONTA HAS BEEN IN COOPERATION WITH THE UN.

ZONTA HOLDS **GENERAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS**, THE HIGHEST STATUS GRANTED  
WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)  
**142 OUT OF 4,045** NGOS HOLD THIS STATUS.



## **ACTION FOR WORLD PEACE**

WAS ZONTA'S FIRST FORMAL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT THAT SUPPORTED THE UN.  
FROM THIS,

**ZONTA NOW HAS UN REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA, NEW YORK, PARIS & VIENNA.**



ZONTA HAS COMMITTED  
**4.03 MILLION USD**  
OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS  
TO UN PROJECTS TO EMPOWER  
WOMEN & GIRLS WORLDWIDE.



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL IS THE  
**LARGEST NGO SUPPORTER**  
OF UN WOMEN PROGRAMS.

ZONTA ALSO PARTNERS WITH **UNFPA &**  
**U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF**



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL

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FACTS FROM UN.ORG AND ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE: A HISTORY OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 1919-1999.

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



COUNCIL OF EUROPE GOALS:

**HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEMOCRACY  
THE RULE OF LAW**



THE CoE FORMED IN  
**1949**  
& REPRESENTS  
**820 MILLION PEOPLE**



**THE CoE INCLUDES 47 MEMBER STATES,**  
28 ARE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

## OBSERVER STATUS

CANADA, HOLY SEE, ISRAEL, JAPAN, MEXICO & THE UNITED STATES



## COUNCIL OF EUROPE BODIES

**COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS**  
47 MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
DECISION-MAKING BODY

**PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**  
318 DELEGATES / 318 SUBSTITUTES  
DELIBERATIVE BODY

**CONFERENCE OF INGOs**  
320 NGOs IN PARTICIPATORY STATUS  
CONSULTATIVE BODY

**CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE**  
LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION  
CONSULTATIVE BODY



ZONTA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN THE COE  
**SINCE 1983**  
AND HAS PARTICIPATORY STATUS  
**SINCE 2003**



ZONTA PARTICIPATES IN  
THE BODIES OF THE CoE.  
ZONTA IS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
THE INGO CONFERENCE.



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# Meet the UN & CoE Committee 2020 – 2022



**Hanne Friis Olesen**  
**Representative for Area 01 (Denmark)**

I was rather young, when in 1973 I was invited to be a member of Zonta Club of Aalborg. It was a great honor and acknowledgement for me to get the opportunity to join the world-wide, classified organization Zonta International. An organization for recognized women leaders in businesses and professions entirely different.

At that time, in the seventies, one of the Presidential Biennial Themes was “Service throughout the World: The Zonta Way of Life”. Zonta opened a window to a world, where you support women’s right as human rights. Zonta International was granted consultative status to ECOSOC, UNESCO and UNICEF and The first International Women’s Year Conference was held in Mexico in 1975. On Club level as well as Area, District and International levels I have met and still meet fantastic role models and mentors, who all live up to Zonta’s motto: Fair, Square, every time every where. In 1979 I became a Charter member of Aarhus Zonta Club.

Zonta’s purpose is more relevant than ever. That’s why I am a member.



**Ruta Jasioniene**  
**Representative for Area 02 (Lithuania)**

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I joined Zonta in August 2009 and have served Zonta as D 13 Secretary, Club president and currently AREA 2 secretary. I like to advocate Zonta’s interests in our community, to make Zonta well-known and respected by our community.

I enjoy being a Zontian. Together with Zonta I found a great truth of life: when you give, you receive more. I think, being a member of the Zonta, I have become stronger as a woman, more creative and efficient personality.

Zonta is my long-life learning University.

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# Meet the UN & CoE Committee 2020 – 2022



**Hildur Helga Gísladóttir**  
**Representative for Area 03 (Iceland)**  
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I am a founding member of the Sunna Zonta Club in Hafnarfjörður, that was founded by a group of women from Reykjavík and the surrounding towns in 2003. I have twice been a member of the board and took over as chairwoman of the club this year.

I have done a lot of work in the field of social affairs, including politics, it is the way to have influence and that's where I have been able to work towards advancing women's rights in a broader context. My background is in farming and I love to spend time in my second home in the countryside.

The reason I decided to join Zonta was that I wanted to support their agenda, in particular the rights of girls and women, which is a subject that is close to my heart. Participating in this organization excited me, as I knew from experience that through cooperation, women can change the world for the better. I have been an activist in the fight for women's rights since I was a teenager, been on the board of UN Women in Iceland, am currently a board member of the Icelandic Women's Rights Association and was for a long time the general director of the Women's Association in Iceland. I was a representative for Iceland on the executive board of the Nordisk Forum Malmö Women's conference in 2014. I have attended many of the UN Women's Commission meetings, CSW in New York for the Women's Organization in Iceland and noticed how strong a voice Zonta has there and as a result, was ready to take a seat on Zonta's UN Committee when asked to do so.

I know that the organization and procedures of the UN are complex but non-the less interesting. It is my hope that the work of the UN Committee of the 13th district draws the attention of Zonta women and provides insight into the activities that have had a decisive and positive effect on women worldwide

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**Maggi Bringham**  
**Representative for Area 04 (Norway)**

I have been a member of the Trondheim Club of Zonta International for two years. There are two main reasons for why I am attracted to Zonta. The first is the organization's work to prevent gender-based violence and improve women's health and economic opportunities among the most vulnerable of us through the local and the international service projects. The second reason is that I continuously get inspired by all the strong and competent Zonta-women from all over the world that I meet at the different Zonta venues. I am currently a member of the board of Trondheim Zonta as well as a member of the club's International Committee.

I wanted to join the UN and CoE Committee of our District both to learn more about how Zonta supports the UN and CoE efforts for gender equality, and what we as members can do to influence and sustain this work. When I'm not actively doing Zonta work, I try my best to improve the lives and status of women through my job as a social science researcher and volunteering for the Red Cross and I have been recently elected alternate on the FOKUS Board.



**Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard,**  
**Past International President 2014 - 2016**  
**District Committee Chair**

I joined Zonta in November 1989 and has been member of the oldest club in the District, Copenhagen 1 for 30 years. Currently I am the Club President of the Zonta Club of Copenhagen Multicultural, chartered on International Women's Day in Zonta's 100 years anniversary: the 8th of March 2019.

I joined Zonta for the network and stayed in Zonta because of our projects and programs. We in Zonta make a true difference in the life of many women worldwide!

As passionate advocate for women's rights it is a great honor to be the chairman of the UN & CoE committee this biennium.

# **ZONTA**SAYS **YES** TO GENDER EQUALITY

# **ZONTA**SAYS **NO** TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

25 November – 10 December  
16 days of activism

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PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOLS

Infographics, how to use the campaigns frame around the Facebook picture etc.



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ADVOCACY TOOLS



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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## Purpose and goals D13 2020 – 2022 UN & CoE committee

- To disseminate knowledge about the UN and the CoE via
  - Easy-to-go newsletters
  - Webinars
- To provide tools for clubs to
  - Participate in relevant campaigns, such as the 16 days of activism and Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women
  - Collaborate with other organizations
- To conduct workshops (if virtual via ZOOM and using the free whiteboards from [www.miro.com](http://www.miro.com))

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Zonta International



UN Women



UN Women Nordic



Kvinderådet (DK)



Fokus (N)

