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General Assembly meeting
Istanbul Turkey 18-20 November 2019

The new Platform

- **25 organisations** applied and accepted as member of LSI
- **2 associate members** (Esperanza/ALC)

General Assembly can suggest new members to be invited and will approve new members annually

Organisations can also directly apply for membership

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Agreed Services LSI Platform

- **Exchange/sharing of experiences & practises** (challenges; practical information grass root work)

- **Direct referral and cooperation** regarding THB cases

- **Sharing facts/information** (legal/political developments)

- **Common awareness and advocacy -** Ensure visibility of the work of the platform and make **more use of available data of platform members**

- **Joining forces in order to stand firm as civil society** (consultations, technical/financial cooperation and support, capacity building)

Structure of the Platform

- **General Assembly** (all full members - responsible for solutions related to articles, membership, annual programme and budget; election board members)
- **International board** (minimum 3 members, acting on behalf of GA and responsible for execution decisions GA)
- **Possible Advisory council** (not established yet)
- **LSI Secretariat** (daily management)
- **Ad hoc working groups** (to be defined by GA)

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Membership criteria

- **Being an (independent) NGO organisation in Europe**
- **Active on the issue of human trafficking at grass root level,** preferably by providing direct support
- **Demonstrated and recognised expertise in and commitment to the Anti-Trafficking field** at the national level for at least 3 years.
- **Adhering to the common vision and values of LSI**
- **Recognising the Statute of LSI and complying with its Code of Conduct**
- **Committed to actively participate in LSI Platform**

Members' responsibilities

- **Members should be active, share information and support each other (solidarity)** – this includes:

- **Attend and actively participate in meetings/events**;
- **Bring expertise/experience by sharing best practices, engaging in discussions and sharing data**;
- **Support LSI initiatives, including joint statements**;
- **Promote trust and transparency**

Members' Rights

- **Access to timely, clear and up to date information**
- **Access to regular meetings** (at least annually)
- **Equal vote in decision-making**
- **Access to participation in (and initiation of) projects**
- **Membership can be stopped at any time**

Vote: Proposed Amendments to the Statute

- **Name:** La Strada International (LSI) NGO Platform or La Strada International (LSI)

- **General Assembly (rather than General Meeting)**

- **Criteria:** Non-governmental legal entities at the national level in Europe (non profit)

- **Meetings:** General Assembly meets once a year (rather than twice)

- **Quorum:** Valid resolutions can only be adopted when 75% of the total number of members are present.

- **Board members:** can be a representative of a member organisation or external expert

Board elections

Candidates

- **Evelyn Probst (Lefö)**
- **Liliana Sorrentino (independent expert)**
- **Eefje de Volder (CoMensha)**