

## Who are we?

The greater number of the INGOs that belong to the G3i have participative status at the Council of Europe. This is granted to an International NGO by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the Secretary General and with the advice of the INGO division with the agreement of the Permanent Commission of the INGO Conference.

The status is granted following a procedure of which the criteria are clearly defined.

## Les OING et les G3i

- Amitiés Judéo Musulmane du France (AJMF)  
([www.ajmf.org/](http://www.ajmf.org/))
- Cercle Gaston Crémieux  
([www.cercle-gaston-cremieux.org](http://www.cercle-gaston-cremieux.org))
- Coordination française for the European Women's Lobby  
([www.womenlobby.org](http://www.womenlobby.org))
- DECERE(Démocratie Construction européenne et Religions)  
[http://www.dominicains.fr/menu/nav\\_magazine/Communautes/Couvents-de-France/Couvent-de-Strasbourg/Decere/Decere](http://www.dominicains.fr/menu/nav_magazine/Communautes/Couvents-de-France/Couvent-de-Strasbourg/Decere/Decere)
- The European Buddhist Union (EBU)  
<http://www.e-b-u.org/fr/>
- European Humanist Federation (EHF)  
<http://humanistfederation.eu>
- Fédération des Réseaux du Parvis  
<http://www.reseaux-parvis.fr/chretiens-en-liberte/>
- Femmes et Hommes, Egalité, Droits et Libertés dans les Eglises et la Société  
<http://fhedles.fr/>
- Initiative Christenrechte in der Kirche  
<http://www.ikvu.de/index.php>
- Intereuropean Commission on Church and School  
<http://www.iccsweb.org/>
- Ligue Internationale de l'Enseignement, de la Culture et de l'Education Populaire  
([www.laligue.org](http://www.laligue.org))
- Le Manifeste des Libertés  
([www.manifeste.org](http://www.manifeste.org))
- Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-Violente (MAN)  
([www.nonviolence.fr](http://www.nonviolence.fr)),
- The international movement: We are Church,  
<http://www.we-are-church.org/int/>

## Colloquy in the Council of Europe 24 January 2012

The G3i organised a colloquy on "*Becoming citizens of a plural Europe: interconvictional Spaces and Practice.*"

The colloquy addressed:

- the democratic process,
- the presence of citizens,
- their contribution to political debate,
- their right to be heard.



Experience shows that the greater part of the processes of decision making are initiated at the head, often without a direct relationship to what happens at the grass roots. This produces a situation in which people are ill at ease with regard to Europe, with the result that it militates against awareness of European citizenship and leads to a gap between those who make decisions and the grass roots of society.

That is why essential objectives of the study day in January 2012 were :

- 1) to think about how citizens can take part in discussion that lead to decision at the European level ;
- 2) to think about conditions that can give priority to this involvement, in particular for the development and nature of interconvictional and *laïque* spaces that contribute to the development of European citizenship and that facilitate the development the expression and the process of listening to convictions, especially those that have been thought out interconvictionally.

## Groupe International Interculturel et Interconvictionnel

G3i



## Unconditional Meeting in the Greater Europe



### The aims of the G3i

*The aim of the group is to work for the development of European Citizenship. It is in favour of a threefold dialogue :*

- *international, between all the peoples of Europe,*
- *intercultural, between all kinds of culture,*
- *interconvictionnal, between atheist and religious convictions.*

With this in view, the G3i has Contributed to the White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, in particular in relation to the inconventional dimension.

Organised in October 2007, together with the Council of Europe, a colloquy on the theme "Social Cohesion in a multicultural Europe, the role and impact of the currents of thought and religions." The record has been published.

Been inviged to the Euroepan Colloquy "Laïcité and Human Rights" organised in the European Commisison building in Brussels by the European Humanist Federation on 16 April 2008.

Been invited to the conference debate organised in the European Parliament in March 2009 on "Laïcité in the European Union" to poresent its vision based on inteconvictional experience and its work in the Council of Europe. The record of the colloquy has recently been published.

Organised on 2' JJanuary 2012 a study day with the support of the General Directorate of programmes in the Council of Europe on the theme "*Becoming citizens of a plural Europe : interconvictional spaces and practice,*" of which the record is being prepared.



### Le Programme of the G3i

The programme includes :

- Colloquies and study days
- The relationship between participative and representative democracy.
- Taking part in event organised by the Council of Europe and a number of INGOs with participative status.
- A conference on *laïcité* and the interconvictional approach
  - with the BEPA of the European Commission which has invited the G3i to provide information about its proposals .
  - With the European Parliament.

For information on the G3i and to order available texts ;

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### Recent Contributions

Three members of the G3i were invited to the the Council of Europe's 2012 and 2013 encounters:

*In 2012 in Dürres Albania "Taking responsibility for tomorrow's Europe: the role of young people in the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue."*

*2013 in Yerevan Armenia « Freedom of Religion in today's world: challenges and guarantees.»*



*In Armenia the work continued with an examination of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. The longstanding presence of Christianity and religious buildings in Armenia was also noted as well as the need for shared values in reconciled diversity and respect between communities.*

*In Albania we noticed the open spirit of young people together with the desire of the participants to listen and to meet one another.*

*An important aim of these encounters is that people in Europe should live together. A democratic society does not give special status to the convictions of religious or non religious groups. It is understood that convictions are not only religious ones and that the convictions of the other are to be taken seriously. This right is guaranteed by Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights.*



*We work with our friends, whose convictions enrich European thought and dialogue. Information about the colloquies is available on the web site.*

Armenia : <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=2074931&Site=CM>

*The G3i emphasises the fundamental importance of the interconvictional.*