

## Project work

In recent years we have developed a number of projects led by our members. These include:

- Social workers promoting social cohesion in Europe
- Standards in social work meeting human rights
- The social impact of the economic crisis

“ Social work advocates for policies that promote an inclusive and just society ”

## Contacting us and keeping up to date

Our web address is [www.ifsw.org/europe](http://www.ifsw.org/europe). IFSW Europe has a blog which can be accessed at <http://www.ifsw europe-ifsw europe.blogspot.com/>. We also have a facebook page "IFSW Europe"

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“ Social work is creative, critical and reflective ”

“ Social work empowers people to gain control over their lives ”



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***Social Workers Promoting  
Human Rights and  
Social Justice***

## About us

Established in 1928 the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) is a worldwide federation of national organisations (unions or associations) of social workers.

## Europe is one of the five regional divisions of IFSW.

IFSW Europe e.V. is a registered legal body, a member of the Platform of European Social NGOs (Social Platform) and Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) and links with the European Federation of Public Service Unions. It also represents the social work profession in the Council of Europe.

## Our members

We have members in 39 countries representing more than 170,000 social workers.

## Connecting Members

Social work is a Global profession. We work to connect our members so that they can share experiences and expertise. Our members report that they make use of their IFSW Europe links in a range of ways to promote professional identity in their countries.

**Social work is based on human rights and social justice**

**Social work is positive change, is alive and dynamic, renews itself according to peoples needs**

**Social work makes human rights a reality**

## Our Mission

- To strive for social justice, social inclusion, human rights and social development through the development of social work, best practice and international co-operation.
- To promote the knowledge and expertise of Social Workers to policy makers and society in general.
- To secure social work legislation that advances social cohesion.

**Social workers engage in meaningful and respectful relationships with people**

## Our Partners

IFSW Europe e.V. work closely with the European Association of Schools of Social Work and the European Region of the International Council of Social Welfare, with whom and three other European organisations we have formed European Network for Social ACTION (ENSACT).

## Our work

The membership organisations agree on annual work programme which covers a wide variety of policy areas, categorised around four main areas:

- Human rights
- Social policy
- Professional development
- Organisational development

**Social work is focussed on problem solving**