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The role of the General Council of Social Work: the Spanish case

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¿Where do we come from?

Profession that emerged in the nineteenth century

1930s - First non-university studies in Social Work

1950s -First Social Assistance services and appearance of the first professional associations of Social Workers

1967 - Spanish Federation of Associations of Social Workers emerges

1977 - Law of constitution of the special National Corps of Social Assistants



¿De dónde venimos?

1980 y 1981 – Creation of the university degree of Social Work in University Schools

1982 - Creation of the Regional Professional Bodies, the Regional Councils and the General Council of Social Work by Law

1982 – First Regional Laws of Social Services

1983 - Degree in Social Work (3 years)

1990 – Creation of the Social Work and Social Services Knowledge Area at the University

2008 - Degree in Social Work (4 years), appearance of Master and Doctorate



Social Work profession today

Regulated profession with University Degree

Important relationship between the University and professional organizations

To practice in any sector in Spain it is mandatory to have an University degree in Social Work (or equivalent) and be registered in a Professional Body (established by law and recognized by the European Commission)

Professionals from outside Spain must meet the same requirements through the recognition of qualifications (depending on their origin)

Social workers are reference professionals in Public System of Social Services

Working on a State Law of Social Services

Where do social workers work in Spain?

Públic Sector

Private Sector

Thirth Sector

Freelance

Childhood
and Family

Health care

Social
Services

Justice

Prison

Mediation

Social Politics

Employment

Homeless

Emergency

Internacional
Cooperation

Migrations

Schools

Elderly

Women

Disability

Teaching

Consulting

Housing

Social
Exclusion

Others

¿Who are we? Our Organization

General Council of Social Work

Public entity constituted by Public Law, acting as a representative, coordinating and executive body of the 36 Professional Bodies of Social Work and two Regional Councils

More than 36.000 members

The governing bodies are the General Assembly composed of the 36 Professional Bodies, the Executive Board and the Presidency

Our Bylaws are approved by Royal Decree by the Ministry of Social Rights and Agenda 2030

Among our functions are ordering of the professional exercise of social workers, offering advocacy on behalf of the profession, ensuring the prestige of the profession and the fulfillment of its deontological duties, in addition to international representation and defense fundamental rights of citizens.



Commitments of the General Council of Social Work



- ✓ Social and political influence.
- ✓ Strengthen the professional structure.
- ✓ Work for professional exercise through good practice.
- ✓ Progress of the areas of action.
- ✓ Improve communication and social networks.
- ✓ Encourage training, research and publication for the sake of good quality in professional skills.
- ✓ Strong commitment in a consensus and proactive participation in decision-making
- ✓ Fulfill the function of citizens' service.

Transversal lines of action



ÉTICA

ETHICS



FEMINISMO

FEMINISM



PROACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND COLABORATIVE WORK

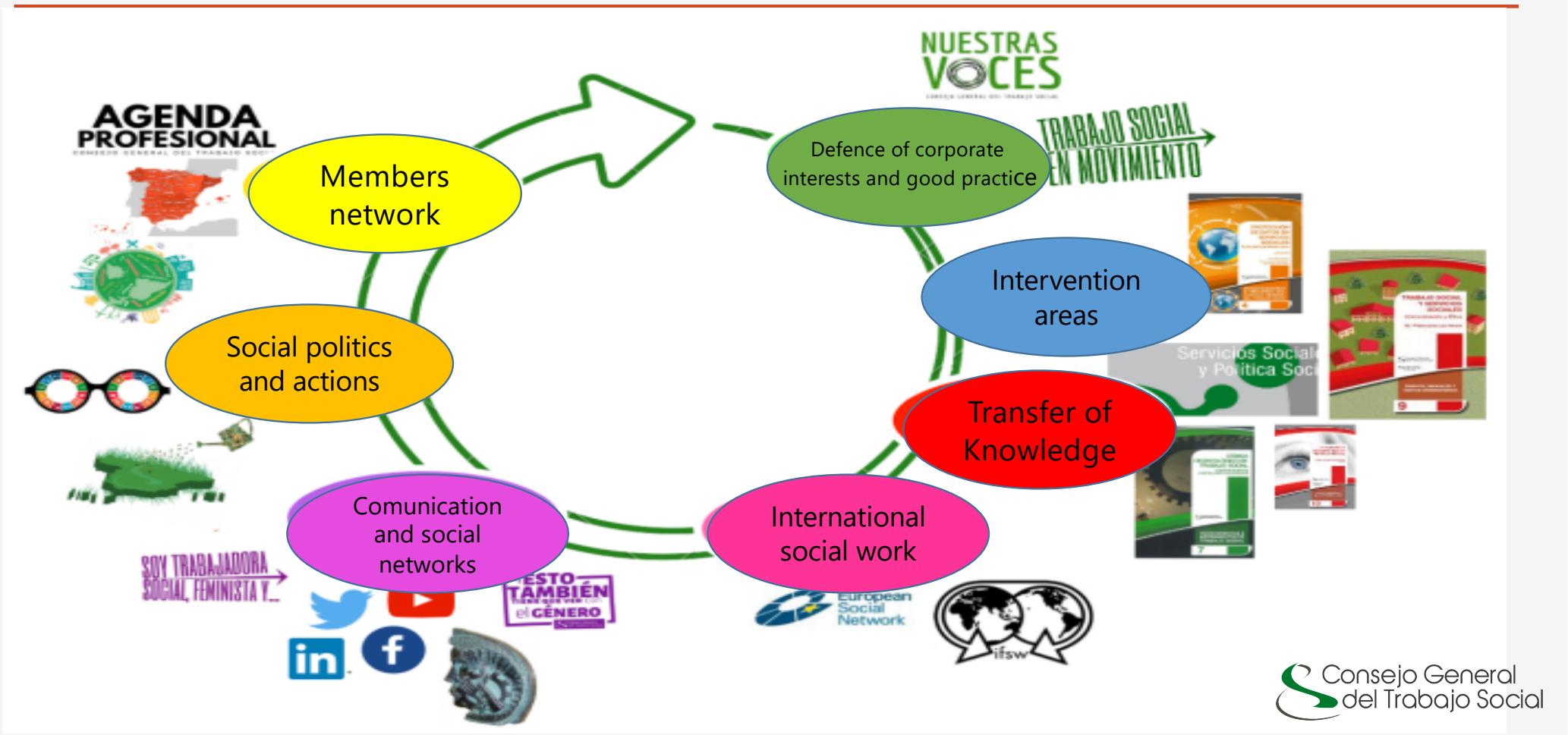
PARTICIPACIÓN PROACTIVA Y EL TRABAJO COLABORATIVO



SOCIAL WORK IN THE DEFENSE OF THE PLANET

TRABAJO SOCIAL EN DEFENSA DEL PLANETA

Strategic areas of intervention



Institutional Relations

- ✓ Public Administration (statewide)
- ✓ European Commission and European Parliament
- ✓ Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces
- ✓ Professional associations of Social Work in the different areas of intervention
- ✓ Professional Union (other professions)
- ✓ Universities
- ✓ Third Sector Entities
- ✓ Trade unions
- ✓ Companies
- ✓ State user associations
- ✓ Associations of Social Workers of other countries
- ✓ Social networks or platforms.

Professional structure in an International level

The Council consolidated its participation and representation in an international level by strengthening the image and visibility of Social Work in Spain.

Our Work Plan is part of the Social Work Global Agenda's commitments, the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Council participates in various international initiatives and is part of different international organizations. For example, it has been part of the International Federation of Social Workers since 1970 with a very active participation at European and international level.

Other organizations with which the General Council collaborates:



The importance of our Code of Ethics

First Code adopted in 1999 and updated in 2012

It confirms the commitment of the social work profession with society, including scientific-technical improvements and the development of new rights and responsibilities of both the social worker and users.

It reflects the roles, principles, instruments, rights and duties to be known by the social worker

Translated into all regional languages and English.



Publications



The General Council has two types of publications: **periodicals** such as the Journal of Social Services and **non-periodical publications** with collections of: Tools and Instruments of Social Work, academic manuals and essays, and classical texts about Social Work.

More information:

<https://www.cgtrabajosocial.es/publicaciones>



Social Services and Social Policy Journal



Social Services and Social Policy have been published since 1984

“It is the voice of the concerns of Social Work in Spain”.

It aims to offer quality articles as well as information of interest to professionals working in social areas and promote the production of scientific knowledge by publishing systematizations of professional practice and specific research of graduates in social work.

Since 2020 the Journal can only be published in digital format

More information:

<http://www.serviciosocialesypoliticassociales.com/>



Reports and documents of interest

Social work facing Covid-19
Areas of intervention

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