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1. Setting Standards for NR

The role of National Representative depends on the structure of Inner Wheel in the specific country



Option 1

No NGB

but

[National Representative](#)

1 or more districts /DCs



Option 2

NGB

National President =

[National Representative](#)

1 or more districts /DCs
+ NGB



Option 3

NGB: National President +

[National Representative](#)

1 or more districts /DCs + NGB

[option 3a: NR = officer in NGB

option 3b: NR is outside of NGB]

Challenges in recruitment due to
workload



Option 4

No NGB

No National President

No National Representative

Support by IIW Board Director

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Option 1

No NGB but
National Representative

- Austria/Czech Rep.
- Bulgaria * Croatia
- Cyprus
- * Finland *Greece
- * North-Macedonia
- * Switzerland
- Romania-Moldova



Option 2

NGB with
National President =
National Representative

- Belgium-Luxembourg
- Denmark
- F.A.M.A.T
- Norway
- Türkiye



Option 3

NGB
National President +
National Representative

- GB & I
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Sweden



Option 4

No NGB
No National President
No National Representative

Districted Country: Iceland /

Region of Northern Cyprus

Non-districted countries:

Albania / Azerbeidjan / Bosnia-Herzegovina/ Hungary/
Lithuania/ Poland/ Portugal/
Serbia / Slovenia/ Spain/
Ukraine

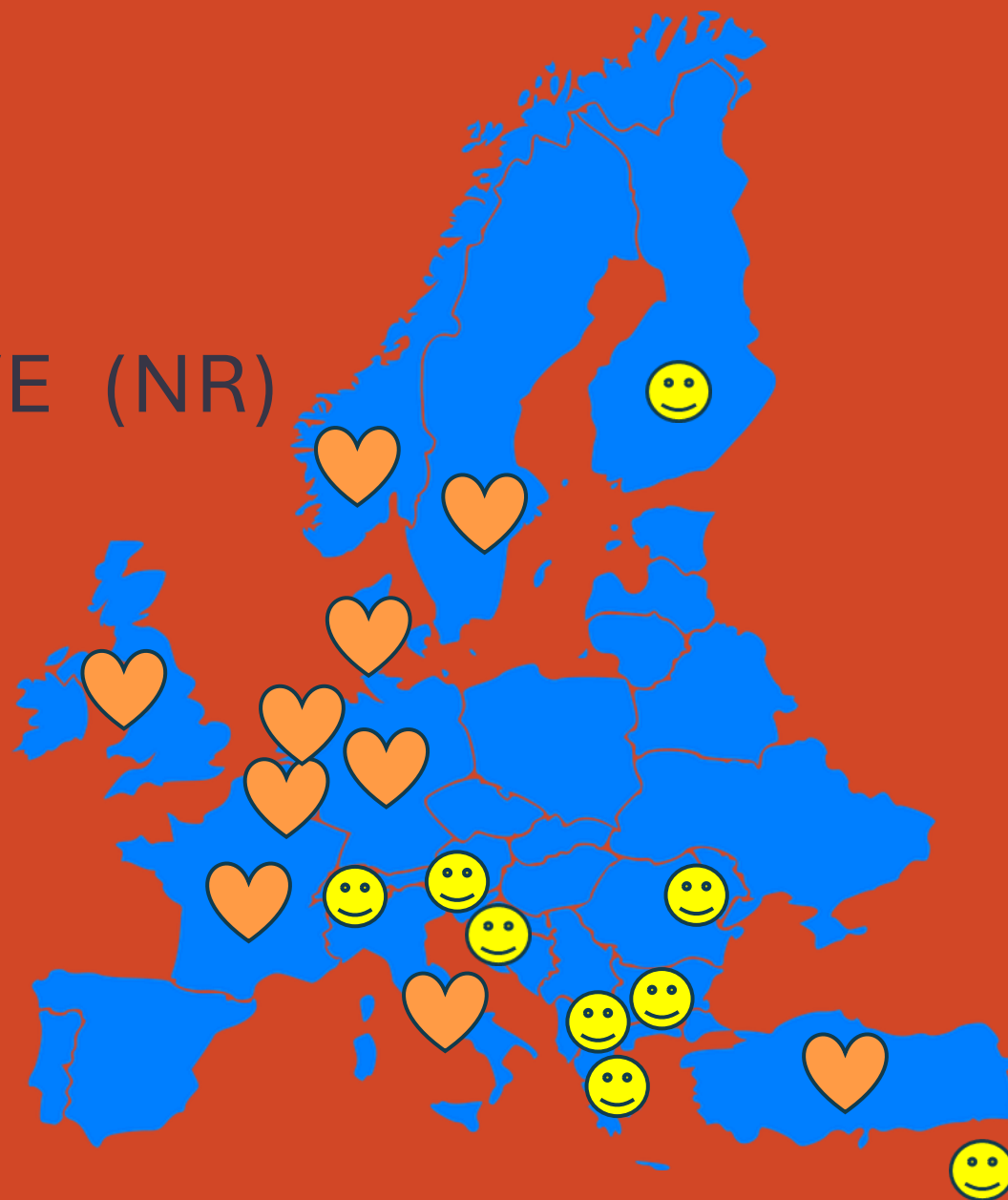
INNER WHEEL EUROPE –

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (NR)

WITHOUT NGB 😊

OR

WITH NGB (NGB + NR) ❤️



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• TASKS, DUTIES, RESPONSABILITIES OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REGARDLESS THE STRUCTURE IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY

DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

1. The National Representative is the link between the District and the International Governing Body; she receives, translates and sends all communications. IIW Constitution 2024 – reformatted p. 22

Duties & Responsibilities NR – IIW CC August 2023 – IIW HP (for members) and other passages in IIW Constitution 2024 – reformatted

- The **link to IIW** (Receive instructions from IIW, Correspondence with IIW, Translation the documents).
- **Representation of Inner Wheel of her country everywhere in the world.**
- Keep her deputy fully informed.
- **Motivate all Inner Wheel members of her country for foreign affairs** (like IIW Convention, ER, Projects, Campaigns...)
- Sign Charters and pass these on.
- Sign and submit all applications for a **Margarette Golding Award** to IIW HQ.
- Submit an **annual Report** to IIW HQ end of the year.
- Send the **IIW BD Nomination documents** to IIW

TASKS, DUTIES, RESPONSABILTIES OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REGARDLESS THE STRUCTURE IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY

- NR must be responsible for the **care of International Inner Wheel President when visiting their country.**
- Read the **IIW minutes** and inform NGB / DC(s) of important changes or resolutions.
- Following up all international Projects and communicate them to clubs and district(s), NGB.
- **Participation in the European meetings and European Rallies.** Reporting to the clubs and district(s), NGB.
- Virtual participation in NR meetings. Reporting to the clubs and district(s), NGB.
- **Participation in the IIW Convention**
 - Proposals and amendments for the IIW Contitution and Handbook
 - Informing and reporting the motions.
 - Proxy vote holder.
- **Support of strong proposals to IIW Convention**
- NR is responsible to **check** the accuracy regularly of **all information from her Country on IIW website and Social Media.**
- National Website as a key communication tool → NR ´s responsibility depends on structure. Anyway NR should be involved in recruiting helping members to access vital contents for website and Social Media.

TASKS, DUTIES, RESPONSABILITIES OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REGARDLESS THE STRUCTURE IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY

Very important are **additional capabilities** :

- SOFT SKILLS depend on the personality. Sometimes it 's important to delegate tasks.
- **NR as a visionary and source of ideas**
- NR should inspire, innovate and motivate
- For example: Membership- recruitment:
 - → NR is generating ideas for recruitment
 - → Challenges must be analysed and proved
 - → new and unusual paths beside of well –known success stories and shared strategies should be tried.
- **IW UNiTE in Action – initiatives and support of UN Women Campaign Orange the World.**

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Option 1

No NGB ... but National Representative



Advantage:

- **All matters** relating to IW (domestic and international) are **handled by one person** in cooperation **with the District Chairman (Chairmen)**.

Disadvantage:

- **Consultation and cooperation with the DC(s) and the District Committee(s) is essential.** But the NR stands beside the DC/ DCs. There is no national decision-making body.
- **Extensive range of tasks.** Tasks may be neglected, depending on areas of interest.
- **High dependence on one person.**
- Problems with approval and questioning of responsibilities due to lack of task lists in some countries .

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Without NGB, the NR (in cooperation with the DC/ DCs) is responsible for further tasks.

- **All tasks, duties & responsibilities mentioned before +**
- attend all District meetings per year to be updated on District matters and to approve the Minutes. The NR may speak her mind on all.
- Annual presentation on the District meetings to inform the delegates and Clubs.
- Budget and financial statements – in consultation with District treasurer(s) and District Committee(s)
- Organization of National and international elections (e-Voting).
- Responsibility for the National Website and Social Media Content – in protection of data privacy.
- Initiatives and decisions of joining other organizations.
- Internal projects, motto/motion for the year linked to a donation project/ remind Clubs and District(s) of IIW Day January 10th, UN-Women OTW-Campaign November 25th to December 10th , Woman day March 8, International Day of Girls October 11th....

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Option 2

NGB:

National President = National Representative

Advantage:

- **Teamwork** because of having **support from all members of NGB**
- all IW matters (domestic and international) handled/ presented by one person.

Disadvantage:

- **Extensive range of tasks.**
 - Tasks may be neglected depending on areas of interest.
 - **High degree of dependence on one person.**
- **Cooperation model to strengthen the teamwork within a NGB**
- NR ´s presentation on the District meetings concerns international issues or matters or personally



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Option 2

NGB:

National President = National Representative



- All tasks, duties & responsibilities mentioned before +
- NP = NP – she invites and leads meetings of NGB.
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Option 3

NGB

National President + National Representative

Advantage:

- Teamwork between NP and NR and all members of NGB
- Division of labor (domestic - foreign)
- Different qualifications (English).

Disadvantage:

- Division of labor must be strictly regulated.
- Interface problems.
- Defining responsibilities and communication channels within a nation.

→ Cooperation model to strengthen the teamwork within a NGB



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National President

A huge range of tasks and duties in leading the NGB and communicating all decisions of NGB to Clubs and District(s)

National Representative

All tasks, duties & responsibilities mentioned before.

A huge range of tasks and duties mentioned in the IIW Constitution, Duties & Responsibilities, national ByeLaws ...especially to keep the Clubs and District(s) as well as the NGB informed about all IIW and IW matters beyond the borders of their own country.

On District meetings one topic of NR should be presented

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Option 4

No NGB

No National President

No National Representative



- **Districted Country without** National Representative – Iceland + Northern Cyprus.
→ District Committee organizes and rules everything.
- **Non districted Clubs** - other countries
→ Support from IIW Board Director

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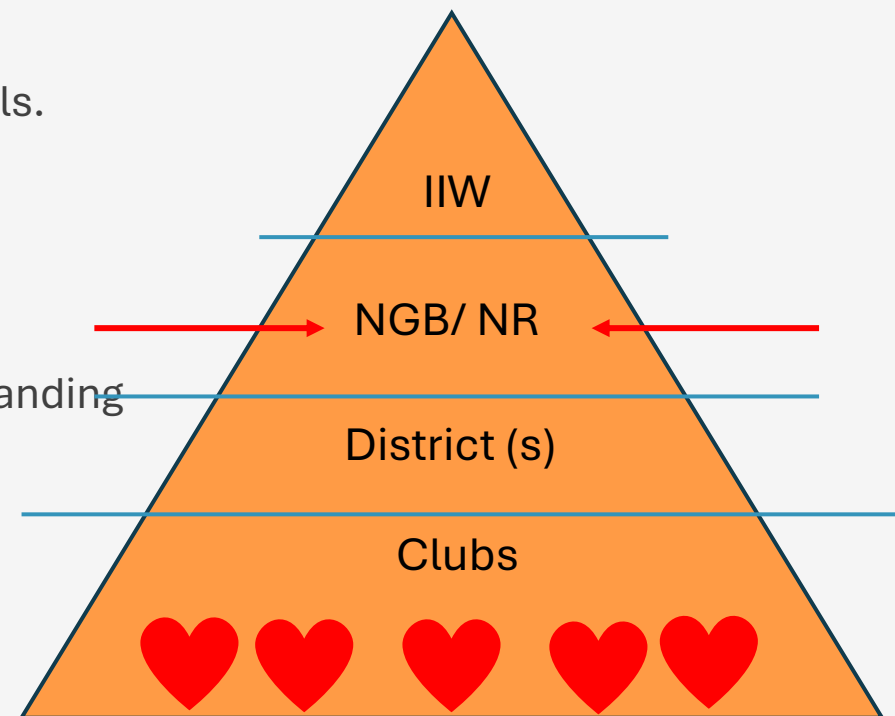
2. Support of national and global Inner Wheel structures

What is the real purpose of the NR (and her deputy) in her Inner Wheel Country

Very small definition in the IIW Convention and the Duties & Responsibilities

→ NR by some key words:

- **Contact person** of all international matters of IW for the different levels.
(the **link** between IIW and her country)
- **Communicator** of international affairs.
- **Representative** of her IW country
- **Motivator** and **ambassador** of IW to strengthen international understanding
- **Translator** into English or the national language
- **Shaper** of national IW structures
- **Guarantor** of democratic structures in the own country



2. Support of national and global Inner Wheel structures

- **Participation** in the annual European Meeting (**EM**)
- Defining and guiding the National Representative (NR) as a **proxy vote holder at an IIW Convention**
- Role as an **ambassador for international affairs**, such as:
 1. Motivating support for the **OTW campaign**
 2. Promoting **international understanding** (e.g., through the **International Contact Pool**)
 3. Serving as a motivator, role model, and idea creator for member recruitment

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3. Cooperation across Europe

- **International Topics**

e.g. worldwide **support of UN Woman Campaign „Orange the World“** – supported and promoted by Inner Wheel UNiTE to End Violence against Woman and Girls – Group and IIW PP Trish Douglas and IIW P Kay Morland

e.g. **Proposals for IIW Convention**

e.g. **E-Clubs/ new generation Clubs**

e.g. **New strategies to gain new members**

e.g.

- **European meeting every year (← → European Rally.** Two different meetings with different content. Advantages and disadvantages to combine them. Online meetings in future?)
- **European Rally** (every three years). Difficult to find organisers. A lot of work, high risks in recruiting enough participants, more and more expensive ...
- **Baltic Sea meeting – Cruise.**
 - just one meeting for all ?
- **IIW Convention** and **nomination of european NR – P NR for IIW ExCo**
- **Zoom-meetings during the year**

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Discussion

Did you miss something?

Do you have questions?

Do you have suggestions?

What do you think about the role
of National Representative Inner Wheel ?

