

Dear Anna Rurka, President INGO

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You asked in your mail 9 June 2015 for questions, which make it possible to stir up and to enliven a discussion with the delegation led by the president of the Rapporteur Group on Democracy (CR-DEM) and Ambassador Astrid E. Helle, Permanent Representative of Norway to the council of Europe.

Recognising a growing popular interest in voluntary euthanasia & the right to die in dignity, I wonder how the Council will cease denial of rights to competent adults approaching the end of life who wish to die in dignity & comfort, & not otherwise; prevent deathbed "torture" from inadequate palliative treatment; & prevent abuse of professional monopoly restricting "dignicide" drugs from those who may wish to use them?

Since 1993 we promoted the idea that a dignified death must be available for all European citizens who face the end of their existence and who cannot stand longer their suffering without any outlook on improvement. A human being can in no circumstance be forced by another to end her/his life against her/his wish. On the other hand, a competent, suffering, and vulnerable individual at the end of her/his life and her/his endurance must be helped according her/his ultimate desire.

We, Right to Die Europe (RtDE), do hope that this problem will be recognized as a real problem in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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