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**Summary information about events attended by
GEC members, NFPs, Experts or Secretariat members**

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Training session on "Gender Mainstreaming" jointly organised by the CoE and UNFPA	19-21 November 2013 Hammamet, Tunisia	Caroline de Haas Pauline Chabbert Council of Europe experts	 PROGRA~1.PDF		<p>Une session de formation pour l'intégration de la dimension genre dans les politiques publiques a été organisée les 19, 20 et 21 novembre 2013 à Hammamet par le Conseil de l'Europe, le Fonds des Nations Unies pour la Population (UNFPA) et le Ministère des Affaires de la Femme et de la Famille (MAFF). La formation a regroupé une trentaine de participant(e)s identifié(e)s comme « points focaux genre » représentants de 18 institutions (Institut National des Statistiques, Ministère du Développement et de la Coopération Internationale, Ministère des Affaires religieuses, présidence du gouvernement, direction générale de la garde nationale, Centre de recherche et d'études sociales, Ministère de la Santé, Ministère des Affaires de la Femme et de la Famille, Ministère de l'Education, Ministère des Affaires Sociales, Ministère de la Formation et de l'emploi, Ministère de l'agriculture, Ministère des droits de l'Homme et de la Justice transitionnelle, Union Générale des Travailleurs Tunisiens, Ministère de la Jeunesse et des Sports, Ministère de la Justice, Ministère de l'Intérieur et Ministère des Finances). Le programme a permis de travailler autour de trois axes définis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L'analyse selon l'approche genre et l'identification des changements à promouvoir.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L'intégration du genre et de l'égalité femmes-hommes dans le cycle programmatique et la planification • L'intégration du genre et de l'égalité femmes-hommes dans le suivi et l'évaluation <p>Ces thèmes ont été abordés dans un cadre dynamique et interactif. Plusieurs exercices ont ainsi été proposés aux stagiaires : quizz, exercices de définition, travaux de groupes, etc.</p> <p>« Faisons de l'égalité femme-homme une ambition plutôt qu'un rêve » a proposé l'un(e) des participant(e)s au cours de la session de formation. Intégrer le genre dans les politiques publiques en Tunisie peut contribuer à en faire une réalité.</p>
EU Advisory Committee on equal opportunities for women and men	28 November 2013 Brussels	Carolina Lasén Diaz Secretariat	 AGENDA~1.PDF		<p>There were over 50 participants, including representatives of the EU member states, EC officials from DG Justice, the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), IGOs (UN Women, EFTA), NGOs (European Women's Lobby) and social partners (European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services, Business Europe, European Trade Union Confederation, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and myself from CoE.</p> <p>There was an exchange of information among European Commission officials, EU member</p>

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					<p>states, IGOs and NGOs on gender equality issues, including activities carried out by the European Commission, the Lithuanian EU Presidency and plans for the future Greek and Italian EU Presidencies in 2014. The European Commission presented the Communication on Female Genital Mutilation, published on 25 November 2013, and the draft opinion of the Advisory Committee on reducing the gender gap in pensions.</p> <p>The Committee discussed changes to the outline of the next annual Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015. The 2013 Progress Report (to be adopted in April 2014) will include FRA data on VaW and good practices.</p> <p>The Committee agreed on the two themes for opinions to be prepared in 2014: "Gender equality in the EU in the 21st century: remaining challenges and priorities" and "How to improve quantitative data collection at national/European level on violence against women". The Committee also agreed on the procedure to follow regarding possible "ad hoc" opinions in 2014, the first of which will provide an input to the public consultation on the mid-term review process of the Europe 2020 strategy (spring 2014).</p>

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Global Forum on media and gender	2-4 December 2013 Bangkok, Thailand	Margaret Gallagher Council of Europe Expert	 GFMG - AGENDA_22 nov 2013 (DRAFT).p	 Parallel_session_10_-_Gallagher_powerpc	 GFMG_R~1.PDF
EU Conference on gender in sport	3-4 December 2013 Vilnius, Lithuania	Isabel Romao GEC member – Portugal Sonia Parayre Secretariat	 ANNOTA~1.PDF		 Report Vilnius Isabel Romao.pdf
Conference on Participation of Women in Public and Political Life in the EAP Countries	10 December 2013, Chisinau, Moldova	Carlien Scheele GEC Chairperson	 AGENDA~2.PDF	 CS speech Moldova.	<p>The GEC Chair was invited by the Moldovan Permanent Representative and the Committee of Ministers' Thematic Co-ordinator of Equality and Trafficking, Ambassador Parvu, to participate in a conference on "Participation of Women in Public and Political Life in the EAP Countries" that was organised by the Council of Europe (Directorate General for Democracy - Electoral Assistance and Census Division) in co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. The Chair participated in the panel focusing on the Council of Europe's role in fostering equality between women and men. She highlighted the work of the Gender Equality Commission and especially focussed on the new long term strategy on gender equality and gender mainstreaming of the Council of Europe. The member states participating in the conference</p>

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					concluded that in their region there is a strong will to work on a bigger participation of women in public and political life but that the reality is difficult. There is goodwill though in governments so that gives hope. They welcomed the work of the GEC and the support they would get, if needed.
GRECO meeting on gender and corruption	13 December 2013 Prague, Czech Republic	Carlien Scheele GEC Chairperson	 PROGRA~1.PDF		<p>On 13 December at the invitation of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), the GEC Chair participated in a conference on “Gender dimensions of corruption” organised under the auspices of the Senate of the Parliament and the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, which took place in Prague in the Wallenstein Palace. The conference brought together 70 participants from the GRECO member states, as well as representatives of international organisations and civil society. Since 2012, GRECO has been looking into gender dimensions of corruption and reflecting on whether and how a gender perspective could add value to GRECO’s work. This conference was organised in order to take stock of national experiences in identifying, preventing and reducing gender-specific manifestations of corruption and to exchange information on available research and good practice. The Chair of GEC moderated the session on “Effective prevention and responses to corruption: from gender neutrality to gender</p>

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					<p>mainstreaming". It was interesting for the Chair of GEC that, contrary to other conferences and meetings, the participants were unknown to her. There was a lively debate on the role of women and men in corruption and the different ways corruption affects women and men. GRECO welcomed the co-operation with the GEC and expressed its will to continue this in the future.</p>