



Strasbourg, 12 November 2015

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**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

*8th meeting*

9.00 am – 5.30 pm

**18 November, Main Building, Meeting Room 8**

**19-20 November, Agora, Meeting Room G05**

Strasbourg

DRAFT AGENDA

**I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

- *Draft Agenda*

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**II. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair (January to December 2016)**

**III. Exchange of views with Gender Equality Rapporteurs**

**IV. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**

**1. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017**

**a. Draft Annual Report on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy**

*GEC(2015)10*

*Activities and measures in member states towards the achievement of the objectives of the Gender Equality Strategy*

*GEC(2015)5rev3*

**b. Combating gender stereotypes and sexism**

- Presentation by Eva Abella Martin (Lawyer at the Institute for equality between women and men) about the 2014 Belgian law against sexism in the public space
- Exchange of views with Rui Gomes, No Hate Speech Campaign, Education and Training Division, Youth Department

**c. Preventing and combating violence against women**

Exchange with Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

**d. Guaranteeing equal access of women to justice**

- Bern Conference “Towards guaranteeing equal access of women to justice” (15-16 October 2015)
  - o *Follow-up to the Bern Conference* *GEC(2015)7*
- Regional Conference on “Improving women’s access to justice in five EAP countries” (Kvareli, 5-6 November 2015)
 

*Oral presentation*
- UN Women: proposed indicators to measure access to justice, including specific challenges facing women
 

*UN Women draft Report*

**e. Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making**

Third round of monitoring the implementation of CM Recommendation Rec(2003)3 on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

*Oral presentation*

Report by Ralph Kass on the Conference on “Women in political and economic decision-making” (Luxembourg, 15-16 October 2015)

#### **f. Achieving gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures**

- Factsheet on gender mainstreaming *Factsheet*
- Report from Isabel Romao about the Conference “Promoting Gender Mainstreaming in Sport” organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) (Strasbourg, 17 November 2015)
- Exchange of views with Isabel Castro, Deputy Executive Director of EURIMAGES – the European Cinema Support Fund
- Exchange of views with Francine Raveney, Executive Director of European Women’s Audiovisual Network (EWA)
- Presentation by Ana Rusu (Electoral Assistance Division, Directorate General of Democracy) of the work on women’s participation in public and political decision-making in the EAP countries.

#### **g. Meeting of the Network of National Focal Points (NFPs)**

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Network (Bern, 16 October 2015)

*NFP(2015)RAP*

### **2. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe**

- Exchange of views with Isabela Mihalache, Support Team to the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues

### **3. Glossary on Gender Equality**

- Draft Council of Europe Gender Equality Glossary *GEC(2015)11*
- Presentation by Dimitrios Tsoutsias (Resource and Documentation Centre Officer, EIGE), about on-going work on the gender equality glossary and thesaurus

## V. Co-operation with national authorities

- Exchange of views with Silvan Agius, Policy Coordinator (Human Rights), Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
- Exchange of views with Brigitte Grésy, Secretary General and Marie Becker, Project Leader, *Conseil supérieur de l'égalité professionnelle*, France

## VI. Co-operation with international / regional organisations

- Presentation of the Gender Equality agenda during Luxembourg's EU Presidency (July – December 2015)
- Presentation of the Gender Equality agenda during the Netherlands EU Presidency (January – June 2016)
- Presentation of the Gender Equality agenda during the forthcoming Bulgarian Committee of Ministers' presidency (November 2015 – May 2016)
- Presentation of the Gender Equality agenda during the forthcoming Estonian Committee of Ministers' presidency (May – November 2016)

*Preliminary Note – 2016 Conference*

*GEC(2015)12*

- Debrief following adoption of the Post 2015 agenda

*Oral presentation*

## VII. Report of events attended by GEC members, National Focal Points and the Secretariat

*GEC(2015)9*

## VIII. Current and future activities

- *At national level*
- *At international level*

## IX. Other business

**X. Date and place of next meetings:****GEC meetings**

- 9<sup>th</sup> meeting: Strasbourg, 27-29 April 2016
- 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: Strasbourg, 16 –18 November 2016

**Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings:****Council of Europe**

- 2016 NFP Conference [*venue and date to be confirmed*]
- 4<sup>th</sup> NFP meeting [*venue and date to be confirmed*]

**Other organisations**

CSW60 –

*Priority theme:* Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development

*Review theme:* The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls (New York, 14 – 24 March 2016)

*(CoE side-event on migrant women, in preparation)*

<b>DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	
<b>TIME FIXED</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
9.00 – 9.15 am	<b>I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</b>
9.15 – 11.00 am	<b>III. Exchange of views with Gender Equality Rapporteurs</b>
<b>11.00 – 11.30 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.30 – 12.20 pm	<b>IV. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality</b>  <b>2. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe</b>  - Exchange of views with Isabela Mihalache, Support Team to the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues
12.20 – 12.45 pm	<b>1. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017</b>  <b>a. Draft Annual Report on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy</b>
12.45 – 1.00 pm	<b>g. Meeting of the Network of National Focal Points (NFPs)</b>  <b>3rd NFP meeting (Bern, 16 October 2015)</b>
<b>1.00 – 2.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
2.30-3.00 pm	<b>c. Preventing and combating violence against women</b>  - Exchange with Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
3.00 – 3.05 pm	<b>f. Achieving gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures</b>  - Factsheet on gender mainstreaming
3.05 - 3.20 pm	- Report from Isabel Romao about the Conference “Promoting Gender Mainstreaming in Sport” organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) (Strasbourg, 17 November 2015)
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3.40 – 4.00 pm	
<b>4.00 – 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
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<b>THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
9.00 – 10.00 am	<p><b>V. Co-operation with national authorities</b></p> <p>Exchange of views with Silvan Agius, Policy Coordinator (Human Rights), Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta</p>
10.00 – 10.45 am	<p><b>IV. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality</b></p> <p><b>1. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017</b></p> <p><b>d. Guaranteeing Equal Access of Women to Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow-up to Bern Conference “Towards guaranteeing equal access of women to justice” (15-16 October 2015)</li> </ul>
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<b>FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
<b>9.00 – 10.00 am</b>	<p><b>IV. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality</b></p> <p><b>1. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017</b></p> <p><b>f. Achieving gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by Ana Rusu (Electoral Assistance Division, Directorate General of Democracy) of the work on women’s participation in public and political decision-making in the EAP countries.</li> </ul>
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4.30- 5.00/5.30 pm	<b>IX. Other business</b>
	<b>X. Date and place of next meetings</b>
	<b>Close of meeting</b>