

Strasbourg, 5 April 2018

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GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)

13th meeting

11-12 April 2018, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

13 April 2018, 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Agora meeting room G01

Council of Europe

Strasbourg

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
Draft Agenda *GEC(2018)OJ1 Rev*

- II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality
 1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023
 - a. Draft Work Plan 2018-2019 *GEC(2018)1*

 - b. Conference to launch the strategy (3-4 May 2018, Copenhagen)
Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 *Publication
Concept Paper
Draft programme*

c. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism

- Preparation of a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism

Report of the 3rd meeting of the Drafting Committee preparing a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism (Paris, 1-2 March 2018)
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- Exchange with Urška Urmek, Secretariat to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

d. Objective 2 - Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence

- Presentation by Head of the Capacity Building and Co-operation Unit of the Equality Division

Oral presentation

- Update on signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), latest publications, baseline evaluation reports by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

Oral presentation

e. Objective 3 - Ensure the equal access of women to justice

- Update on progress of access to justice activities

Oral presentation

- Project in the framework of the Partnership for Good Governance: "Strengthening access to justice for women victims of violence"

Oral presentation

f. Objective 4 - Achieve balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

- Follow up to analytical report in the member states

Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making: a gender equality and democratic requirement Factsheet

- World Forum for Democracy: "Women's participation in decision making" (19-21 November 2018, Strasbourg)

- g. Objective 5 - Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls

Compilation of relevant Council of Europe standards relating to migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls *Information document*

- h. Objective 6 - Achieve gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures

- Exchange with Giulia Lucchese, Counter-Terrorism Secretariat, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime

- Gender Mainstreaming in Council of Europe Activities

Oral presentation

- Presentation by Carlien Scheele, Senior Gender Equality Adviser

Oral presentation

III. Thematic discussions:

- i. Gender pay gap policies – Charles Ramsden (United Kingdom)
- ii. Women in sport – Gordana Borko (Croatia) and Magnea Marinósdóttir (Iceland)
- iii. Gender equality and youth – Joanne Cassar (Malta)

IV. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors

- Exchange with Henna Huttu, Gender Equality Rapporteur, Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM)
- Presentation of the project “North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women 2018-2019”, by Rocio Cervera, Deputy Executive Director, European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)

V. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- Council of Europe’s contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals *Factsheet*
- 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 12 - 23 March 2018) *CSW62 Agreed conclusions*
- Exchange with Eric Carlson, Coordinator, Standard-setting process on violence and harassment in the world of work, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda:
 - o Bulgarian Presidency (January – June 2018)

- Austrian Presidency (July – December 2018)

VI. Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat

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- International Women's Day (8 March)

VII. Current and future activities at national level and at international level

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
 - Danish Presidency (November 2017 – May 2018)
 - Croatian Presidency (May – November 2018)

VIII. Other business

IX. Working methods/future planning

X. Dates of forthcoming meetings

- *Conference to launch the new Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023: 3-4 May 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark*
- *4th meeting of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism: 20-21 September, Strasbourg*
- *14th GEC meeting: 5-7 December 2018, Strasbourg, France*

XI. Adoption of the abridged report of the 13th GEC meeting (11-13 April 2018)

Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings

- *"Shaping new realities – The Stockholm Forum on Gender Equality": 16-17 April 2018, Stockholm, Sweden*
- *Women's Forum, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 16-20 April 2018, London, United Kingdom*
- *Informal Working Party on Human rights (COHOM) meeting, 16-17 April 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria*
- *"Men as Agents of Change for Gender Equality - A Barbershop event": 26 April 2018, Strasbourg, France*
- *Conference to launch the new Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023: 3-4 May 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark*
- *4th International Conference on Men and Equal Opportunities (ICMEO) on "Masculinity and norm critical approaches – Gender equality work with boys and young men": 15-16 May 2018, Stockholm, Sweden*
- *4th meeting of the Drafting Committee to prepare a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism: 20-21 September, Strasbourg*
- *World Forum for Democracy: 19-21 November 2018, Strasbourg, France*
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