

Strasbourg, 5 April 2018

GEC (2018) Order of business

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)

13th meeting

*11-12 April 2018, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm*

*13 April 2018, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm*

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday, 11 April 2018	
<i>Timing fixed</i>	
9.30 am	I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
9.40 – 10.30 am	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 a. Draft Work Plan 2018-2019
10.30 – 11.00 am	b. Conference to launch the strategy (3-4 May 2018, Copenhagen)
11.00 – 11.30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.30 pm	c. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism - Preparation of a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism - Exchange with Urška Urmek, Secretariat to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI)
12.30 – 1.00 pm	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 - World Forum for Democracy: "Women's participation in decision making"
1.00 – 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.30 – 3.15 pm	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 - 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)
3.15 – 4.00 pm	V. Co-operation with international/regional organisations Exchange with Eric Carlson, Coordinator, Standard-setting process on violence and harassment in the world of work, International Labour Organization (ILO)
4.00 – 4.30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.30 – 5.00 pm	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 e. Objective 3 – Ensure the equal access of women to justice - Update on progress of access to justice activities - Project in the framework of the Partnership for Good Governance: "Strengthening access to justice for women victims of violence"
5.00 – 5.30 pm	VII. Current and future activities at national level and at international level - Council of Europe gender equality agenda: o Danish Presidency (November 2018- May 2018)

	o Croatian Presidency (May – November 2018)
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Thursday, 12 April 2018	
9.30 – 10.00 am	III. Thematic discussion i. Gender pay gap policies - Charles Ramsden (United Kingdom)
10.00 – 10.45 am	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 g. Objective 5 – Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls
10.45 am	<b>OFFICIAL PHOTO</b>
11.00 – 11.30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 1.00 pm	h. Objective 6 – Achieve gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures - Gender Mainstreaming in Council of Europe Activities - Presentation by Carlien Scheele, Senior Gender Equality Adviser - Exchange with Giulia Lucchese, Counter-Terrorism Secretariat, Directorate of Information Society and Action against Crime
1.00 – 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.30 – 3.30 pm	III. Thematic discussions ii. Women in sport - Gordana Borko (Croatia) and Magnea Marinósdóttir (Iceland)
3.30 – 3.45 pm	IV. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors 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)
3.45 – 4.15 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.15 – 5.00 pm	III. Thematic discussions iii. Gender Equality and youth – Joanne Cassar (Malta)
5.00 – 5.30 pm	VI. Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat International women’s Day (8 March)

Friday, 13 April 2018	
9.30 – 10.00 am	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)
10.00 – 10.30 am	V. Co-operation with international/regional organisations - Council of Europe's contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals - 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 12 - 23 March 2018)
10.30 – 10.45 am	- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda o Bulgarian Presidency (January – June 2018) o Austrian Presidency (July – December 2018)
10.45 – 11.15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 11.30 am	VIII. Other business
11.30 – 12.30 pm	IX. Working methods/future planning
12.30 pm	X. Dates of forthcoming meetings
12.35 pm	XI. Adoption of the abridged report of the 13th GEC meeting (11-13 April 2018)
1.00 pm	<i>Close of meeting</i>