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**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL COHESION,
HUMAN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY
(CDDECS)**

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

4th meeting

9-11 December 2015

9:30 – 13:00

FINLANDIA HALL
*Mannerheimintie 13e,
00100 Helsinki, Finland*



DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday 9 December 2015 ¹		Thursday 10 December 2015 ²		Friday 11 December 2015 ³	
		8.30 - 9.00	Registration	9.00 - 9.30	Coffee
9.30-12.30	Item 1 Opening of the meeting and Adoption of the agenda	9.00 - 9.30	Opening and Welcome	9.30 - 11.45	Session V: Implementing And Measuring Impact – Concrete results of Human Rights Work
		9.30 - 11.30	Session I: Stereotypes and Discrimination – Obstacles to Social Inclusion		
	Item 2 Results of the CDDECS Ad Hoc working groups' activities	11.30 - 11.45	Coffee (offered)	11.45 - 12.15	Session VI: Summing Up And Concluding Remarks
		11.45 - 13.00	Session II: Human Rights Education – Know your rights, use your knowledge		
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch (offered by the CoE)	13.00 - 14.30	Lunch (offered by the Coe)	12.15	End of the meeting
14.00 - 17.00	Item 3 Work of the subordinate bodies of the CDDECS	14.30 - 16.30	Session III: National Bodies – Independent but cooperative	13.00	Possible CDDECS Bureau meeting
		16.30 - 16.45	Coffee (offered)		
	16.45 - 17.45	Session IV: National Human Rights Action Plans - To systematically plan and to guide			
	Item 4 Recent developments				
Item 5 Any other business					
Item 6 Adoption of the CDDECS Abridged report					
19.00 – 21.30	Dinner (offered by the CoE) Restaurant Sunn Aleksanterinkatu 26 (Senat Square, upstairs from Café Engel)	18.15-18.50	Sibelius Exhibition Musiikkitalo Foyer Mannerheimintie 13 A		
		19.00-22.00	Conference Dinner and cultural program Musiikkitalo Restaurant		

¹ See document CDDECS(2015) OJA 2

² See Draft programme of the "Council of Europe, National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombudsman Offices Promoting Equality and Social Inclusion"

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Administration FOR DECISION

Item 1

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

- The committee is invited **to adopt** the agenda

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Ad hoc Working Groups FOR DISCUSSION
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Item 2

Results of the CDDECS Ad Hoc Working Groups' activities

- The committee is invited **to discuss** the results of the *ad hoc*-working groups' activities

2.1. Working group A – Roundtable discussion on “Social inclusion of all persons and in particular of all persons in vulnerable situations and effectiveness of rights”

→ Discussion was held in 3rd plenary meeting of the CDDECS. A publication was prepared on the event.

2.2. Working group B – Review of the Social Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan

→ After a questionnaire on the review a declaration was prepared by the Bureau to be sent to CM in October 2015. In the lack of unanimity in the CDDECS, it was not used.

2.3. Working group C - Exchange of good practices against discrimination and stereotypes on any ground.

→ A conference partly on this issue is being organised as part of the 4th plenary session on 10 and 11 December 2015.

2.4. Working group D - Hearing on social inclusion of all persons, and in particular of all persons in vulnerable situations

→ A conference partly on this issue is being organised as part of the 4th plenary session on 10 and 11 December 2015.

2.5. Working group E - Roundtable discussion on the role of equality bodies, national human rights institutions, and ombudsmen in promoting equality.

→ A conference partly on this issue is being organised as part of the 4th plenary session on 10 and 11 December 2015.

2.6. Working group F - Concept paper on feasibility study/green book on existing materials for awareness on equality/discrimination and human rights for social workers, police, health sector professionals and legal professionals etc.

→ It was decided in the 3rd plenary of the CDDECS to postpone the work of this working group until further notice.

Subordinate bodies
FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/DECISION

Item 3

Work of the subordinate bodies of the CDDECS

3.1. Committee of Experts on the Council of Europe strategy for the rights of the child 2016-2019
([DECS-ENF](#))

- ➔ Recent activities with regard to rights of the child
 - The Committee is invited **to take note** of the recent developments in this field
- ➔ Approval of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2016-2021
 - The Committee is invited to approve the Strategy and decide to submit it to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

*[Draft Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2016-2021](#)
(4th draft, 29 October 2015)*

[Draft Implementation Report on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015](#)

3.2. GEC's Annual Report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017

- The committee is invited to take note of GEC's Annual Report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 and forward it to the Committee of Ministers.

*[GEC\(2015\)10](#)
Draft Annual Report
on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy*

3.3. Committee of Experts on the rights of people with disabilities ([DECS-RPD](#))

- ➔ Recent activities with regard to rights of people with disabilities
 - The Committee is invited **to take note** of the Evaluation Report of the Council of Europe's Disability Action Plan 2006-2015 and the recent developments in this field, including the Council of Europe [Conference](#) "Promoting Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Ambitions, Impact and Challenges Ahead" organised in Dublin, Ireland on 5-6 November 2015

[Abridged Evaluation Report](#)

Recent developments
FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Item 4

Recent developments

- The Committee members and other participants are invited **to share** their recent relevant developments during the meeting.

Item 5

Any other business

Item 6

Adoption of the abridged report



**“Council of Europe, National Human Rights Institutions,
Equality Bodies and Ombudsman Offices
Promoting Equality and Social Inclusion”**

Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December 2015

Venue: Hall A, Finlandia Hall, Mannerheimintie 13e, Helsinki, Finland

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Stereotypes, discrimination and inequality prevent individuals from having access to their rights. Human Rights based approach empowers individuals so that they are aware of and can claim their rights and increase the ability of duty bearers to fulfill their human rights obligations. This approach also creates accountability so that individuals can seek remedies when their rights are violated.

National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombudsman Offices all have their role in promoting equality, fighting stereotypes and monitoring the implementation of Human Rights at a national level. Coordination and cooperation of the work of these independent bodies is critical in order to maximise the impact of their work on everyone, and especially on vulnerable groups in societies. Also their joined efforts at an international and regional level brings added value to the overall Human Rights agenda.

The purpose of this conference is to address ways in which national bodies can break their internal and external boundaries and remove stereotypes existing in societies in order to enable access to all Human Rights by all persons. How national bodies can help the international and regional intergovernmental organisations, and *vice versa*, in their work to improve the state of Human Rights in Europe will also be discussed.

Participants are invited to actively contribute to the discussions and provide good examples on, for instance, (i) actions against stereotypes, (ii) successful projects on Human Rights education, (iii) structural reforms or coordinated projects of national bodies. Positive experiences on influencing government policies, on implementing, evaluating and monitoring the results of national Human Rights action plans and on following up on national implementation of Human Rights standards more generally, will also be shared among participants.

Day 1 – Thursday 10 December 2015

8.30-9.00 Registration

Opening and Welcome

9.00-9.30

Chair *Carlien Scheele*, Chair of the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS)

Gianluca Esposito, Head of Equality and Human Dignity Department, CoE

Sirpa Rautio, Director, Human Rights Centre, Finland (NHRI)

Petri Jääskeläinen, Parliamentary Ombudsman, Finland (NHRI)

Session I: Stereotypes and Discrimination – Obstacles to Social Inclusion

9.30-11.30

Moderator: *Pirkko Mäkinen*
Equality Ombudsman, Finland

Panelist: **Stereotypes, structural inequality and human rights based approach**
Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director, Equal Rights Trust

Media, Stereotypes and politics

Joshua Rozenberg, Legal Commentator and Journalist

Discrimination, intolerance and hate speech

Jonas Gunnarsson, General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, Committee of Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe

Discrimination in Europe

Petr Polák, Member of Equinet Board, Head of the Division of Equal Treatment, Public Defender of Rights, Czech Republic

Older women and multiple discrimination

Kyungsook Lee, Standing Commissioner, the National Human Rights Commission of Korea

Youth, Stereotypes and Discrimination in Sports

Klaus Heusslein, Co-President, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation

Discussion

Coffee

11:30 – 11:45

Session II: Human Rights Education – Know your rights, use your knowledge

11:45 – 13:00

Moderator: *Maija Jäppinen*
Research Manager, Finnish League for Human Rights

Panelists: **RIGHTSINFO – an Innovative Way of Explaining Human Rights**
VIDEO

National Baseline Study on Human Rights Education
Kristiina Kouros, Expert, Finnish Human Rights Centre

Human Rights Education Toolbox
Maria Løkke Rasmussen, Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights

HRE 2020 - Human Rights Education and Education Indicator Framework
Frank Elbers, Executive Director, Human Rights Education Associates (HREA)

HELP - Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals
VIDEO

Discussion

Lunch

13.00-14.30

Session III: National Bodies – Independent but cooperative

14:30 – 16:30

Moderator: *Debbie Kohner*
Secretary of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)

Panelists: **National Human Rights Structures – to promote and to protect**
Morten Kjaerum, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Ombudsmen making impact on the lives of individual citizens
Petri Jääskeläinen, Parliamentary Ombudsman

National Human Rights Bodies - One Structure for all
Ruth Gallagher, Head of Policy and Review, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

FRA and the EU promoting and supporting national structures
Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Communication and Outreach Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

CLARITY – to find the right body to help you
VIDEO

Via video-link

**National Human Rights Institutions working with global and regional
intergovernmental structures**

Alan Miller, Secretary of the International Coordinating Committee for National
Institutions for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Chairperson of the
Scottish Human Right Commission

Discussion

Coffee

16.30-16.45

Session IV: NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLANS - To systematically plan and to guide

16:45 – 17:45

Moderator: **Nina Nordström**

Director, Human Rights Policy Unit, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Panelists: **National Human Rights Action Plans and systematic human rights work**

Lauri Sivonen, Adviser at the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, CoE

National Strategy on Human Rights and Action Plan for its implementation

Sopo Japaridze, Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights and Gender Equality
Issues, Government of Georgia **TBC**

Specific National Inclusion Strategies and National Human Rights Regime

Deaglán O'Briain, Principal, Equality Division, Department of Justice and Equality,
Ireland

Discussion

18.15-18.50 Sibelius Exhibition with a guide
Musiikkitalo Foyer

19.00-22.00 Conference Dinner
Musiikkitalo Restaurant
with cultural program breaking stereotypes

Day 2 – Friday 11 December 2015

Coffee
9.00-9.30

Session V: IMPLEMENTING AND MEASURING IMPACT – Concrete results of Human Rights Work

9:30 – 11:45

Moderator: **Kirsi Pimiä**
Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland

Panelists: **Graz- the First Human Rights City of Europe**
Ingrid Nicoletti, Officer in charge, Human Rights Council of Graz, Austria

Providing tools for decision makers on gender based violence
Helena Morais Maceira, Gender Mainstreaming Researcher, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Implementing rights of persons with disabilities in practice
Liisa Murto, Kynnys ry, Finland

Is Britain Fairer? – Assessing Developments in Equality and Human Rights
Marc Verlot, Director for Research and Intelligence, Equality and Human Rights Commission, United Kingdom

Grassroots evaluation of effectiveness of Human Rights' implementation
Nicole Browne, Co-Director, Participation and the Practice of Rights, Northern Ireland

Cross-governmental coordination and cooperation with NGOs and civil society in preparation and implementation of the NHRAP
Johanna Suurpää, Director, Unit for Democracy, Language Affairs and Fundamental Rights, Ministry of Justice, Finland

Evaluation and follow up of the implementation of NHRAP
Pauli Rautiainen, Tampere University, Finland

Discussion

Session VI: SUMMING UP AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

11:45 – 12:15

Sirpa Rautio, Human Rights Centre
Carljen Scheele, CDDECS