GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION (GEC)

6th meeting

9.00 am – 6.00 pm, 19-21 November 2014
Strasbourg, Agora, Meeting Room G05

AGENDA

I. Opening of the meeting and Adoption of the agenda
   ○ Draft Agenda

II. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

III. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Co-operation with the other sectors of the Council of Europe
   a. Exchange of views with the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
      Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H)
   b. Exchange of views with the European Committee on Social Cohesion,
      Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS)

(Exchange will take place in Room 9 of the Palais Building)

• With the participation of Catherine Bij de Vaate, Policy Adviser,
  Institute on Gender Equality and Women’s History (ATRIA)
c. Exchange of views with Helena Lišuchová, Gender Equality Rapporteur of Groups of State against Corruption (GRECO)

d. Committee of Ministers request for information and/or possible comments on PACE Recommendation 2053 (2014) “Women’s rights and prospects for Euro-Mediterranean co-operation”


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

b. Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism

- Follow-up to the Amsterdam Conference on “Media and the image of women” (July 2013)
  - Draft handbook
  - Compilation of key challenges and good practices on gender equality and the media at national level

- Helsinki Conference on “Combating stereotypes in and through education” (9-10 October 2014)
  - Follow-up to the Helsinki Conference
  - Dissemination of good practices on gender equality in education

C. Preventing and combating violence against women

- Signature, ratification and entry into force of the Istanbul Convention
- Monitoring of the Istanbul Convention
- Council of Europe project “Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in Ukraine” (funded by SIDA)
- Activities covered by South Mediterranean Programme
d. Guaranteeing Equal Access of Women to Justice

- Seminar on “Tackling the gaps in research and the lack of data disaggregated by sex concerning women’s equal access to justice” (Paris, 26-27 June 2014)  
  Oral Presentation

- 2015 Conference “Towards guaranteeing equal access of women to justice”
  o Preliminary draft concept paper  GEC(2014)10

e. 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
  o Memorandum on the review of the questionnaire  GEC(2014)11
  o 2008 questionnaire  GEC(2014)5
  o Comments on the memorandum received from member states  GEC(2014)15

f. Gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures

- Exchange of views with Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department

- Presentation by Aygen Becquart, Directorate of Internal Oversight of the (initial) findings of the evaluation of technical assistance programmes

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

  2nd NFP meeting (Helsinki, 10 October 2014)  
  NFP(2014)RAP rev

3. Beijing +20

- Proposals for events to mark the 20th anniversary

4. Glossary on Gender Equality

  o Concept paper for the creation of a glossary on gender equality  GEC(2014)7
IV. Co-operation with other regional and international organisations

Exchange of views with Anne Gaspard, Executive Director of the European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET)

Exchange of views with Ambassador Miroslava Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, OSCE

V. Exchange of views with Salma Nims, Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women

VI. Report of events attended by GEC members, National Focal Points, experts and the Secretariat

VII. Current and future activities
   - At national level
   - At international level

VIII. Other business

IX. Date and place of next GEC meetings:

   2015

   7th meeting– Strasbourg, 15-17 April 2015
   8th meeting– Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2015

Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings:

2014

1st International Women and Justice Summit, 24-25 November 2014, Istanbul
EU Advisory Committee on equal opportunities, 27 November 2014, Brussels
EQUINET-FRA meeting on combating violence against women, 9 December 2014, Brussels

2015

Global meeting of human rights ombudspersons, March, Geneva
Norway Grants Conference
CSW, 9-20 March, New York
High-level Session on Women and Girls during the World Education Forum, May, South Korea
Beijing+20 – “Global Leaders’ Commitment Forum on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment”, September, New York
2015 Conference, 15-16 October, Bern, Switzerland
3rd NFP meeting, 16 October, Bern, Switzerland