

ADI-SOGIESC(2025)3

Strasbourg, 30 April 2025

**3rd Meeting of the
Committee of Experts on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression,
and Sex Characteristics (ADI-SOGIESC)**

21-22 May 2025

DRAFT AGENDA

Venue: Fort St. Angelo, Birgu, Malta ([map](#))

For online participation: [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 832 1292 0573

Passcode: 957843

Meeting [documents](#)

21 May 2025 (8:30 to 18:00 CET)

08:15-8:30

Arrival and welcome of members, participants and observers of the ADI-SOGIESC

Please bring your ID/passport for registration and kindly arrive slightly in advance, as checks may take time. This will help ensure a prompt start, as our schedule is tightly managed.

8:30-12:00

1. Opening of the meeting

Hallvard Gorseth, Director, Directorate General for Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- Review and adopt the draft agenda.

3. Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on equal rights for intersex persons

Working documents:

[ADI-SOGIESC\(2024\)11rev4a](#) - Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on equal rights for intersex persons

[ADI-SOGIESC\(2024\)11rev2](#) - Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on equal rights for intersex persons

Presentation of the work undertaken by the Drafting Group, followed by:

- discussion and approval of the final draft of the Recommendation and its Appendix
- discussion and approval of the final draft of the Explanatory Memorandum to the Recommendation
- discussion on planned activities following the adoption of the Recommendation

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- take note of the work carried out by the drafting group on the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on equal rights for intersex persons
- approve the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on equal rights for intersex Persons, as well as its Explanatory Memorandum.
- provide feedback on the plans for follow-up activities upon adoption of the Draft Recommendation.

12:00-14:30 - Lunch break

Lunch will be generously provided by the Government of Malta.

14:30-18:00

Continuation of Item 3.

20:00-22:00

Cultural event and reception hosted by the Government of Malta at the Malta Maritime Museum, Xatt l-Assedju l-Kbir, Birgu BRG 1721, Birgu

22 May 2025 (08:30 to 16:00 CET)

8:30-12:00

- 4. Comprehensive review of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2010\)5](#) on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity**

Working Documents:

[ADI-SOGIESC\(2025\)7](#) – Report on the review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity

Discussion on the work carried out to complete the comprehensive review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 and presentation of the resulting report.

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- take note of the work carried out to complete the comprehensive review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5, and of the preparation of the resulting report.
- approve the Report on the review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5.

12:00-13:30 – Lunch Break

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13:30-16:00

- 5. Thematic review of the implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2010\)5](#) - 2025 Thematic review on 'Combatting hate speech on grounds of SOGIESC'**

Working Documents:

[ADI-SOGIESC\(2024\)15](#) - CM/Rec(2010)5 Thematic Review 2025 - Scoping paper for discussion on 'Combatting hate speech on grounds of SOGIESC'

Discussion on plans for the thematic review and on the topics to be addressed.

The ADI-SOGIESC members are invited to:

- take note of the planned approach to the 2025 thematic review

- 6. Draft Council of Europe strategy for equal rights for LGBTI persons (2027-2032)**

Working Documents:

[**ADI-SOGIESC\(2025\)8**](#) - Draft Outline of the Council of Europe Strategy for Equal Rights for LGBTI people (2027-2032)

Presentation on progress made, and discussion on the draft outline of the strategic objectives for the Council of Europe Strategy for Equal Rights for LGBTI people (2027-2032).

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- take note of the Draft Strategic Objectives and the plans for the Draft Council of Europe Strategy for Equal Rights for LGBTI people (2027-2032)
- provide feedback on the draft strategic objectives and offer guidance on the way forward to build the strategy.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The 4th ADI-SOGIESC meeting will be held on 28-29 October 2025, in Strasbourg. The committee will also be invited to attend the high-level event planned for 27 October, in the context of Intersex Awareness Day.

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- take note of the date and place of its 4th meeting.

8. Adoption of the meeting report and any other business

Working documents:

[**ADI-SOGIESC\(2025\)9**](#) – Report of the 3rd ADI-SOGIESC meeting

The ADI-SOGIESC is invited to:

- review and adopt the meeting report.

ADI-SOGIESC members, participants, and observers who are also part of the European Focal Points Network (EFPN) are additionally invited to an EFPN roundtable meeting on 22 May from 16:00 to 18:00 at the same location (Fort St. Angelo, Birgu).

On 20 May 2025, ADI-SOGIESC members, participants, and observers are invited to the [European IDAHOT+ Forum 2025](#), on the theme ‘Advancing SOGIESC Equality and Inclusion in a Transforming Europe’, hosted by the Government of Malta ([Programme](#)).