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**Advancing Equality for LGBT persons in Europe
Workshop
Strasbourg, June 2019**

Concept note-Draft Programme

Affirming the role of the Council of Europe as the regional human rights leader, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted on 31 March 2010 Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 to member states on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. It is the first international legal instrument which proposes measures for members states to combat and prevent discrimination and social exclusion on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

In 2018, the CDDH launched the second review of the implementation of the CM/Rec(2010)5, delegating the process to the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Unit, in coordination with the Network of European Governmental LGBTI Focal Points. The review was also carried out in consultation with national human rights institutions and civil society. A questionnaire on existing measures and examples of good practice related to the implementation of the Recommendation was sent to member states to collect their submissions.

In total X member State replies were submitted. Equality bodies/National Human Rights Institutions, non-government organisations, both national and European-level, as well as the European Trade Union Association submitted replies. The assessment of the replies was carried out between Autumn 2018 and spring 2019. A report summarising the findings was prepared and will be presented at the workshop.

This workshop is designed as a joint session between the Steering Committee for Human Rights and the European Governmental LGBTI Focal Points Network, providing an important opportunity to discuss the findings of the report and take stock of the level of implementation of the Recommendation generally and across specific themes. The proposed exchange will pursue the following objectives:

- Present and analyse the trends in the implementation of the Recommendation by the member states in comparison with the findings of the 2013 review of the implementation of the Recommendation;
- Emphasise good practices and achievements;
- Identify key challenges and obstacles;

- Propose key areas for improvement, including with a view to future Council of Europe standard-setting and cooperation activities;
- Discuss the report's recommendations for member states, the Council of Europe, and other key stakeholders.

The participation of European and international experts will assess the outcomes of the second cycle of implementation of CM Rec 2010(5) and help define a strategic future direction of standard-setting, monitoring and cooperation activities in the field of combating discrimination on SOGI grounds and the equal protection of rights in Europe and beyond.

PROGRAMME

14:15 Opening Session

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
French Minister, representing the CM Chairmanship
Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe
Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe

14:35 Working Session I

Presentation of the Report on the Review of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5,
Jeroen Schokkenbroek

Discussion: *Towards a European Consensus?*

.....Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

..... European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

Piet De Bruyn, LGBTI rapporteur, Parliamentary Assembly

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 Working Session II

How to enhance the implementation of the principles of the Recommendation in view of the current challenges of LGBT in Europe

Ben Baks or Silvan Angius, European Network of LGBTI Governmental Focal Points

Richard Koehler, Transgender Europe

Evelyn Paradis, ILGA Europe

Victor Madrigal-Borloz, UN Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity

Discussion: *Ways and means for achieving at the national level the principles set out in the CM Recommendation*

17:45 Conclusion

Concluding remarks by the Chair of the CDDH

Closing by M.....(France)

***Vin d'honneur* offered by the French Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**