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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda

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Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2025

from 9.30am to 1pm and from 2.30pm to 6pm

Venue: Office of the Council of Europe, 55, avenue Kléber, Paris 16th (Metro: Boissière) Tel.: + 33 1 44 05 33 60 (all times are CET)

A. from 9.30am to 11.00am: meeting of the committee

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2025) PV 07; AS/Ega/Alliance (2025) PV 02; AS/Ega/Platform (2025) 02]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meetings of the committee held on 29 and 30 September and on 2 October 2025 in Strasbourg, the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance held on 30 September 2025 in Strasbourg, and the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe held on 12 September 2025 in San Anton (Malta)

3. Statement by the Chairperson of the committee

4. International Day of Persons with Disabilities – 3 December

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Consideration and adoption of a draft statement

5. For a ban on so-called conversion practices

Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2025) 23]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

6. Work programme

6.1. Consideration of the work programme

[AS/Ega/Inf (2025) 01 rev7]

Exchange of views on priorities for 2026

6.2. Consideration of draft motions for resolution with a view to their adoption by the committee and for tabling on its behalf

[AS/Ega (2025) 25; AS/Ega (2025) 26]

Comprehensive protection of children in rainbow families across Europe

Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism

6.3. Appointment of a rapporteur for report

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Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt ([Doc. 15942](#))

6.4. Appointment of a General Rapporteur on violence against women

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6.5. Call for candidates for rapporteur for report

On the road to parity: supporting young women in politics ([Doc. 16256](#))

6.6. Call for candidates for rapporteur for opinion

Climate and gender equality – Strengthening the protection of women's rights in the face of climate disruption ([Doc. 16224](#))

6.7. Request for extension of reference

Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies (Rapporteur: Tuula Haatainen, Finland, SOC)

7. Opinion of the Venice Commission on the compatibility with international human rights standards of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Fundamental Law of Hungary

[CDL-AD(2025)043]

Statement by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons

B. from 11am to 1pm: joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence (see separate agenda: AS/Ega/Network (2025) OJ 02)

8. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence (25 November-10 December)

[\[Joint statement\]](#)

8.1. Paving the way for a culture of consent

Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Evin Incir, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament, co-rapporteur on “The importance of consent-based rape legislation in the EU”, Sweden (*online*)
- Ms Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) and former CEO for the Rape Crisis Centre, Ireland
- Ms Sara Uhnöo, Associate professor in sociology, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

8.2. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

[AS/Ega/Network (2025) 02; AS/Ega/Inf (2025) 25; [statement](#)]

- Communication and exchange of views on the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence campaign
- Exchange of views on 2026 priorities, including to address attacks on the Istanbul Convention

C. from 2.30pm to 6pm: committee meeting

9. Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

Rapporteur for opinion (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media): Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Leonhard den Hertog, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG JUST, Gender Equality Unit (*online*)
- Dr Eleonora Lamm, Program Specialist at UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations programme, leader of the UNESCO'S Women for Ethical AI platform
- Ms Louise Hooper, Barrister, and independent expert at the Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination of the Council of Europe

10. Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe and the General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers

[[Statement](#); [statement](#); [statement](#); AS/Ega/Inf (2025) 25]

Statements by the General Rapporteurs

11. Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies

Rapporteur: Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC)

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Statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Budapest (20-21 October 2025)

12. Violent pornography

Rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL)

Consideration of a request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for a study on human rights and fundamental freedoms in connection with violent pornography

[3.30]

13. The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response

Rapporteur: Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: to be appointed

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Nazifa Yusufi Bek, Professor and activist, human rights and women's rights defender, former Member of Parliament in Afghanistan, President of the Afghan Women Parliamentarians and Leaders Network (AWPLN)
- Ms Shah Gul Rezaie, former Member of Parliament from Afghanistan
- Ms Mobina Akbari, Founding Member, Afghan Women Parliamentarians and Leaders Network (AWPLN), and Former Policy and Programme Expert, Ministry of Women's Affairs of Afghanistan
- Mr Richard Bennett, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Afghanistan (*online*)

14. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 70) (New York, United States, 9-20 March 2026)

[AS/Ega/Network (2025) 03; [Website CSW](#)]

Constitution of an ad hoc sub-committee to participate in the CSW (*at no cost to the Assembly and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly*)

15. Appointment of representatives

- Ms Iris Luarasi (Albania, SOC) to speak at the Information Integrity Conference, in a panel discussion on “Social media that chill: Analysing online violence against women in politics” and to participate in a roundtable discussion with civil society organisations and women’s shelters, both organised by the Council of Europe Office in Pristina, on 8 December 2025 (*at no cost to the Assembly*)

16. Reporting back

- Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers, on his participation in the 12th meeting of the Committee of experts on Roma and Traveller issues (ADI-ROM) (Strasbourg, 14-15 October 2025), the Roma Women’s Conference (Zagreb, 25-28 November 2025) and the 46th Plenary Meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Chisinau, 18-21 November 2025)
- Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons, on her participation in the ILGA-Europe’s 27th Annual Conference (Vilnius, 22-25 October 2025) and in the High-Level Launch of the Council of Europe Recommendation on equal rights for intersex persons (Strasbourg, 27 October 2025)
- Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), representative of the committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), on her participation in the Annual seminar with equality bodies “Advancing equality in an era of democratic backsliding” (Strasbourg, 23-24 October 2025)
- Members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the New Pact for Democracy on their participation in meeting of the ad hoc committee (Strasbourg, 4 November 2025)
- Members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on their participation in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025)

17. Composition of the sub-committees

[Lists of members]

Consideration of possible modifications in the composition of the sub-committees and discussion on the future of sub-committees

18. Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment

[\[Press release\]](#); [website Vigdís Prize](#)

Call for nominations for the 2026 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment

19. Other business

20. Next meeting

- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2026 of the Assembly (26-30 January)
- Paris, 20 March 2026 (*to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2026 of the Assembly (20-24 April)
- 28-29 May 2026 (*venue to be determined, date to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2026 of the Assembly (22-26 June)
- Paris, 18 September 2026 (*to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2026 of the Assembly (28 September – 2 October)
- Paris, 30 November 2026 (*to be confirmed*)