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17 March 2025

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised 2)

This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the committee and their alternates, is the convocation to the meeting.

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All items will be taken in the order in which they appear on the agenda, with the exception of those for which a precise time is indicated.

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Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2025

- **from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 3.30pm: meeting of the Committee** (room 10)
- **from 1pm to 2.30pm: screening of the Icelandic documentary “The Day Iceland Stood Still”** (projection room)
- **from 3.30pm to 5.30pm: joint meeting of the Committee with the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe** (room 10)

Venue: Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe

(all times are CET)

A. from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 3.30pm: meeting of the Committee

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2025) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 27, 29 and 30 January 2025

3. Election of the Bureau of the Committee

[List of members of the Committee]

Election of the Third Vice-Chairperson

4. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee

5. Violent pornography

Rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL)

*Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:
Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)*

[AS/Ega (2025) 04]

Consideration of an information memorandum

6. Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health

Rapporteur: Ms Camilla Fabricius (Denmark, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2025) 05]

Consideration of an information memorandum

[at 11.15am]

7. Sexual violence against men and boys

Rapporteur: Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2025) 03]

Consideration of an information memorandum

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Matthew McVarish, Co-Founder, Brave Movement
- Ms Taina Laajasalo, Research Professor, Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare and Mr Tom Pakkanen, clinical forensic psychologist (PhD), Forensic Psychology Centre for Children and Adolescents of Helsinki University Hospital, Finland (*online*)
- Ms Marie Derain de Vaucresson, President of the Independent National Authority for Recognition and Reparation (INIRR), which supports persons who were victims of sexual violence in the Catholic Church in France during their childhood

8. Work programme

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

8.1. Consideration of the work programme

8.2. Request for extension of reference

Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe (Rapporteur: Francesco Verducci, Italy, SOC)

8.3. Fact-finding visit

Request for authorisation for Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur on *Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Ireland in May 2025

9. International Women's Day 2025 (8 March)

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

Exchange of views

10. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe

11. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) (New York, United States, 10-12 March 2025)

[AS/Ega/Inf (2025) 07; [press release](#); AS/Ega (2025) 06]

- Reporting back and exchange of views
- Consideration of a draft statement

12. Appointment of representatives *(subject to the availability of funds)*

- Invitation to Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD), to participate in the 19th meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society (Strasbourg, 2-3 April 2025) [DRT0 (2025) 02]
- Invitation to Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), General Rapporteur on violence against women, to participate in the 3rd meeting of the Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO) (Strasbourg, 3-4 April 2025) [GEC/PC-eVIO(2025)OJ2]
- Invitation to participate in the ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly established to participate in the parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent & address cases of missing migrants” organised as a follow-up to Resolution 2569 (2024) *Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate* (Strasbourg, 23-24 April 2025) and appointment of Committee representatives (*participation at no cost to the Assembly*) [Programme]
- Invitation to one committee representative to participate in the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to take part in the meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Kristiansand, Norway, 5 May 2025) [Programme]
- Invitation to Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons, to participate in the European IDAHOT+ Forum 2025 (Valletta, 20 May 2025) [Invitation]
- Invitation to Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons, to take part in ILGA-Europe’s 27th Annual Conference (Vilnius, 22-25 October 2025) [Invitation]

13. Reporting back

- Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) for her participation in the fourth high-level Forum “Future of Democracy” on Empowerment of Democracies (Vilnius, 7-8 November 2024)
- Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC) for his participation in the Seminar on “Inclusion of men and boys in gender equality efforts” (Strasbourg, 18 November 2024) and in the 26th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission (Strasbourg, 19 November 2024)
- Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) for her participation in the Conference “The Protection of children against online violence” (Rome, 9 December 2024)

14. Composition of the sub-committees

[Lists of members]

Approval of possible modifications in the composition of the sub-committees

15. Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment[Brochure; [website Vigdís Prize](#)]

Call for nominations for the 2025 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment

16. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025

[Press release]

Call for nominations for the 2025 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

17. Increasing members’ active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees*Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)*

[AS/Pro (2024) 04]

Exchange of views

18. Other business

19. Next meetings

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2025 of the Assembly (7-11 April 2025)
- Paris, Monday, 12 May 2025
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2025 of the Assembly (23-27 June 2025)
- Paris, Friday, 12 September 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2025 of the Assembly (29 September – 3 October 2025)
- Paris, Friday, 5 December 2025 (*place and date to be confirmed*)

B. from 3.30pm to 5.30pm: joint meeting of the Committee with the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe (*see separate agenda: AS/Ega/Platform (2025) OJ 01*)

20. Global landscape of the rights of LGBTI persons and current challenges in 2025

Exchange of views with Mr Graeme Reid, UN Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity (*online*)

21. Addressing discrimination against LGBTI persons in healthcare services

[\[Thematic report\]](#)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Graeme Reid, UN Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity (*online*)
- Ms Evgenia Giakoumopoulou, Head of the SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe
- Dr Eszter Mihály, LGBTQI+ Rights Officer, Amnesty International Hungary
- Dr Serge Covaci, Leader of the University Clinic, Faculty of Medicine of Strasbourg, general practitioner