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Observations of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2291 (2025) – “Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons”

1. The Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) takes note with interest of the adoption of Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2291 (2025) – “[Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons](#)” and welcomes the attention paid to the issue of discrimination. While CDADI, in accordance with its terms of reference, focuses on racism and intolerance towards LGBTI people, it covers age discrimination as part of its work on intersectional discrimination and to a certain extent its cross-cutting work on discrimination, intolerance and equality mainstreaming.
2. Regarding paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the PACE Recommendation, CDADI would like to underline that the Committee of Ministers recently adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 on [combating hate speech](#) and Recommendation CM/Rec(2024)4 on [combating hate crime](#), which also address hate speech and hate crime based on age. CDADI had developed those recommendations together with the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society CDMSI and the European Committee for Crime Problems CDPC.
3. The Committee of Ministers has also lately adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2024)1 on [equality of Roma and Traveller women and girls](#), the explanatory memorandum of which emphasizes the experiences of older Roma women in areas such as access to healthcare. In further work on preventing and combating discrimination against older persons, particular attention should be given to the impact of such intersectional aspects.
4. Furthermore, the third thematic report of CDADI on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 on the [Right to the highest attainable standard of health and access to healthcare for LGBTI people in Europe](#) contains a dedicated chapter on the situation of older LGBTI people with regard to healthcare and compiles promising practices in this regard; they cover the action of voluntary and community support organisations, collective housing solutions for older LGBTI people and the provision of culturally competent services and care facilities for older LGBTI people.
5. Finally, CDADI is in the process of preparing a feasibility study on preventing and combating intersectional discrimination that could, according to the Terms of Reference of CDADI, lead to the subsequent drafting of a Committee of Ministers Recommendation on this topic. The draft of a Committee of Ministers Recommendation on equality and artificial intelligence, which is prepared by a joint expert committee under CDADI and the Gender Equality Commission and currently subject to a public consultation, also includes age in the list of discrimination grounds.