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16 March 2026

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: Friday, 20 March 2026

- **from 9am to 11am: meeting of the Committee**
- **from 11pm to 12.30pm: joint meeting of the Committee with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance**
- **from 2.30pm to 2.40pm: meetings of the Sub-Committees**
- **from 2.40pm to 5.00pm: meeting of the Committee**

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)

Please also note the meetings of the Sub-Committees as each of them will need to elect its Bureau:

- 2.30pm to 2.35pm: Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities
- 2.35pm to 2.40pm: Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

A. from 9am to 11am: meeting of the Committee

1. Agenda

[AS/Ega (2026) OJ 02rev2]

Adoption of the revised agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2026) PV 01; AS/Ega/Platform (2026) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 27 and 29 January 2026 and of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe held on 28 January 2026

3. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee

4. Composition of the Sub-Committees

[Lists of members]

Approval of possible modifications in the composition of the Sub-Committees

5. Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt

Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2026) 07]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

6. Paving the way for a culture of consent

Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2026) 09]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

7. Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2026) 08]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

8. Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies

Rapporteur: Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2026) 06]

Consideration of a preliminary draft report

9. Work programme

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9.1. Consideration of the work programme

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

[AS/Ega (2026) 10; AS/Ega (2026) 11]

Preventing and combating vicarious violence as a form of gender-based violence against women

The impact of artificial intelligence on the lives of older persons: opportunities, risks and policy responses

9.3. Call for candidates for rapporteurs for report

Countering the backlash against women's rights: a European response ([Doc.16339](#))

Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism ([Doc. 16300](#))

Comprehensive protection of children in rainbow families across Europe ([Doc. 16299](#))

Strengthening the affective and emotional dimension of comprehensive sexuality education to prevent and combat discrimination, hate crime and gender-based violence ([Doc. 16318](#))

9.4. Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion

Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic ([Doc.15526](#))

9.5. Call for candidates for a General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons

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9.6. **Requests for extensions of reference**

Violent pornography (Rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL)

Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges (Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC)

10. **Appointment of representatives**

[Invitation]

Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) to participate in the 13th Plenary meeting of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) (Strasbourg, 1-2 April 2026) (*subject to the availability of funds*)

11. **Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe and the General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers**

Statements by the General Rapporteurs

B. **from 11am to 12.30pm: joint meeting of the Committee with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance** (*see separate agenda AS/Ega/Alliance (2026) OJ 01*)

C. **from 2.30pm to 2.40pm: meetings of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities and the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination** (*see separate agendas*)

D. **from 2.40pm to 5pm: meeting of the Committee**

12. **Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges**

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr David Milner, Head of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division and Secretary of the Steering Committee for Human Rights, DG I, Council of Europe
- Ms Charlotte Gilmartin, Head of the Policy Unit and Secretary of the Gender Equality Commission, Gender Equality Division, DG II, Council of Europe

13. **Protecting ethnic and religious diversity in Syria**

Rapporteur: Ms Bisera Kostadinovska-Stojchevska (North Macedonia, SOC)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Dr. Karim El Mufti, Professor of political science, international affairs and international law, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon
- Ms Myriam Benraad, Researcher, Institut de Recherches et d'études sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman, Paris

14. **International Women's Day 2026 (8 March)**

[\[Joint statement\]](#)

Exchange of views

15. **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) (New York, United States, 11-13 March 2026)**

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Reporting back and exchange of views

Consideration of a draft statement

16. **Reporting back**

- Ms Iris Luarasi (Albania, SOC) on her participation in the Information Integrity Conference, in a panel discussion on "Social media that chill: Analysing online violence against women in politics" and on her participation in a roundtable discussion with civil society organisations and women's shelters, both organised by the Council of Europe Office in Pristina (Pristina, 8 December 2025)

- Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) on her participation in the Roundtable on digital gender-based violence: legal tools and public policies, organised by the Catalanian Parliament (Barcelona, 9 December 2025)
- Members of the Committee on their participation in the Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence (London, 15-16 December 2025)
- Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in “From Promise to Practice: Oslo Consultation on Combatting Religious Intolerance and Strengthening the Implementation of HRC Resolution 16/18” (Oslo, 13-14 January 2026)
- Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in the National Forum “Decent Home, Secure Future: Housing Conditions as a Key Determinant of Child Rights” organised within the framework of the EU and Council of Europe Joint Programme ROMACT in partnership with the Bulgarian National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Integration Issues (Sofia, 17 March 2026)

17. Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

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

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

18. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026

[\[Press release\]](#); [website Václav Havel Prize](#)

Call for nominations for the 2026 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

19. Other business

20. Next meetings

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2026 of the Assembly (20-24 April)
- Athens, 28-29 May 2026
- 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*)