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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised 2)

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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 or where the Chair decides otherwise.

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Date: Friday, 18 September 2026

from 9.30am to 1pm and from 2.30pm to 5.30pm

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

1. Agenda
[AS/Ega (2026) OJ 06rev2]

Adoption of the revised agenda

2. Minutes
[AS/Ega (2026) PV 05; AS/EGA/Alliance (2026) PV 02]

Approval of the draft minutes of the committee meetings held on 22, 23 and 25 June 2026 in Strasbourg and the draft minutes of the meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance held on 23 June in Strasbourg

3. Statement by the Chairperson of the committee

4. The need for systemic support to Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities
Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD)
Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Jan Filip Libicki (Poland, EPP/CD)
[*AS/Ega (2026) 26;* Doc. 16464]

Adoption of an opinion

5. The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: the need for a global response
Rapporteur: Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD)
Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, ALDE)

Statement by the rapporteur and exchange of views

6. Countering the backlash against women's rights: a European response
Rapporteur: Baroness Lyn Brown (United Kingdom, SOC)
[AS/Ega (2026) 27]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

[10.30am]

7. Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic
Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)
Former rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)
Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC)
Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, ECPA)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Jamilya Jamanbaeva, Ombudswoman, Kyrgyz Republic (*online*)
- Mr Ennio Boati, Regional Representative for Central Asia a.i., Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic (*online*)
- Ms Maisy Weicherding, Researcher, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, Amnesty International (*online*)

8. Work programme

8.1. **Consideration of the work programme**
[AS/Ega/Inf (2026) 01rev5; AS/Ega/Inf (2026) 22]

8.2. **Call for candidates for rapporteurs for reports**

Preventing and combating femicides in Europe (Doc. 16440)

Access to support services, protection and assistance for all women victims of violence: from principles to reality on the ground (Doc. 16439)

Hate crimes, intolerance and discrimination against Christians in Europe (Doc. 16447)

8.3. **Call for candidates for a rapporteur for opinion**

Fictional justice under occupation: a pseudo-legal system as an instrument of repression (Doc. 16396)

Securing refugee and migrant women's economic future in Europe – from fair work to funded entrepreneurship (Doc. 16442)

8.4. **Call for candidates for a General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance**
[AS/Ega/Inf (2026) 07]

9. Appointment of representatives

Ad hoc Committee of the Assembly Bureau to take part in the 2026 Anticipation Summit (Geneva, Switzerland, 14–15 October 2026)

Ms Aysu Bankoğlu (Türkiye, SOC) to participate in the Conference "The Unfinished Agenda: Women's Political Participation in Moldova" (Chisinau, 5 November 2026) (*at no cost to the Assembly*)

10. Respect of the confidentiality of Assembly documents
[Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities]

[2.30pm]

11. Comprehensive protection of children in rainbow families across Europe
Rapporteur: Ms Lucia Plaváková (Slovak Republic, ALDE)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Dr. Eszter Polgári, Hatter Society, Hungary
- Mr Florin Buhuceanu, ACCEPT, Romania
- Ms Susanne Branner Jespersen, LGBT+ Denmark

12. Exchange of views with the Head of Co-operation Unit from DGII, Council of Europe, Ms Elena Jovanovska Brezoska, about projects in the field of gender equality and violence against women

13. Exchange of views with Ms Emma Wedner, Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth

14. Attacks on the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe: a threat to democracy
Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)
[AS/Ega (2026) 29]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

15. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, 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/Network (2026) 01; AS/Ega/Network (2026) 02]

Statements by the General Rapporteurs

16. Reporting back

Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) and Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC) on their participation as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 1-2 August 2026)

Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC) on her participation in the Human Rights Conference organised during the WorldPride Amsterdam 2026 (Amsterdam, 5-7 August 2026)

17. World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026
[Concept Note]

Appointment of representatives to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026) *(at no cost to the Assembly)*

18. Composition of the sub-committees
[Lists of members]

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

19. Other business

20. Next meetings

- Strasbourg, 28 September- 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session)
- Madrid, 5 and 6 November 2026, conference of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence
- Paris, 30 November 2026 (Council of Europe office)