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24 July 2026

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda

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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

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Adoption of the 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)

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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)

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Consideration of a preliminary draft report and an ensuing exchange of views

6. Countering the backlash against women's rights: a European response

Rapporteur: Baroness Lyn Brown (United Kingdom, SOC)

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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:

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8. Work programme

8.1. Consideration of the work programme

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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](#))

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](#))

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)

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:

- Mr Óscar Rodríguez, FELGTBI+, Spain (*tbc*)
- Dr. Eszter Polgari, Hatter Society, Hungary
- Ms Teodora Ion Rotaru, ACCEPT, Romania (*tbc*)

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 (*tbc*)

14. Attacks on the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe: a threat to democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

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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

Statements by the General Rapporteurs

16. Reporting back

Mr Georgios Stamatīs (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in the side event entitled “Breaking the cycle of hate: the Rights and Voices of Roma in Europe” co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly and the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (17 June 2026, New York), on the occasion of the 5th International Day for Countering Hate Speech

Mr Georgios Stamatīs (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, meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence
- Paris, 30 November 2026 (Council of Europe office)