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29 September 2025

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised 2)

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, on:

- Monday 29 September 2025, from 2pm to 3pm (room 11): Joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) – *in camera*
- Tuesday 30 September 2025, from 8.30am to 10am (room 11): meeting of the committee
- Tuesday 30 September 2025, from 1pm to 2pm (room 7): meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
- Thursday 2 October 2025, from 9.30am to 10am (room 6): meeting of the committee
- Thursday 2 October 2025, from 2pm to 3pm (room 9): joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

(All times are CEST)

A. Monday 29 September, from 2pm to 3pm (room 11): Joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) – *in camera*

1. **Agenda**
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Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation of national minorities in Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

Hearing *in camera* with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), with the participation of:

- Mr Christophe Kamp, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Mr Hallvard Gorseth, Director of the Directorate of Equal Rights and Dignity, Council of Europe
- Mr Ashot Avanesyan, Chair of the Council of National Communities of Ukraine (*online*)

B. Tuesday 30 September, from 8.30am to 10am (room 11): meeting of the committee

3. Minutes

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Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 11 September 2025 in San Anton (Malta)

4. Statement by the Chairperson of the committee

5. Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

Appointment of three independent members to compose the Selection Panel of the Prize

6. The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response

Rapporteur: Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

7. 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

Statements by the general rapporteurs

8. Activities of the General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers

[\[Statement\]](#)

Introductory statement by Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers

9. Appointment of representatives

- Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons, to participate in the High-Level Launch of the Council of Europe Recommendation on equal rights for intersex persons (Strasbourg, 27 October 2025) (*at no cost to the Assembly*)
- Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) to participate in the Roundtable "Digital gender-based violence: legal tools and public policies" (Barcelona, Spain, 11 or 12 November 2025) (*subject to the availability of funds*)

10. Reporting back

- Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), on her participation in the International Human Rights Conference (Budapest, 27 June 2025)
- Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), on her participation in the 98th plenary meeting of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (Strasbourg, 3 July 2025)
- Members of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau, on their participation in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025)
- Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) to participate in the Annual Conference of the Gender Equality Commission on "Tackling sexism and violence"

against women: an essential step towards equal participation” (Sigġiewi, Malta, 17-18 September 2025)

[9.30]

11. Human rights situation of Roma and Travellers in Europe

Exchange of views with Dr Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

C. Tuesday 30 September, from 1pm to 2pm (room 7): meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance *(see separate agenda: AS/Ega/Alliance (2025) OJ 02)*

D. Thursday 2 October, from 9.30am to 10am (room 6): meeting of the committee

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

Rapporteur: Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC)

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Consideration of an information memorandum

13. For a ban on so-called conversion therapies

Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC)

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Statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Malta (15-16 September 2025)

14. Work programme

14.1. Consideration of the work programme

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14.2. Declaration of interests

Ms Wanda Nowicka (Poland, SOC), rapporteur on *Equal share of unpaid care work between women and men: a pre-condition to achieving gender equality*

14.3. Call for candidates for rapporteur for report

Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt ([Doc. 15942](#))

14.4. Call for candidates for General Rapporteur on violence against women

15. Composition of the sub-committees

[Lists of members]

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

16. World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 5 to 7 November 2025

[\[concept note\]](#)

Appointment of committee representatives to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on the theme of *Democracy at risk: how can we revive it?* (Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025) *(at no cost to the Assembly)*

17. Other business

18. Next meetings

- Paris, 3 December 2025
- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2026 of the Assembly (26-30 January 2026)

E. Thursday 2 October, from 2pm to 3pm (room 9): joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

19. Sexual violence against men and boys

Rapporteur: Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC)

[[Doc. 16250](#); amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments to the draft resolution

Deadline for tabling amendments: Thursday 2 October, 10.30am

The debate in the Assembly will take place on Friday 3 October 2025 morning.

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20. Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media

Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)

Rapporteur for opinion (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media): Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD)

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Hearing with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, with the participation of:

- Mr Gilles Fontaine, Head of the Department for Market Information, and Dr Agnes Schneeberger, TV and VOD Markets Analyst, Department for Market Information, European Audiovisual Observatory
- Ms Anne Richardson, Senior Project Manager for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, European Broadcasting Union (EBU) (*online*)