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30 May 2024

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.

All hearings are public unless specified otherwise.

Dates:

- **Wednesday 5 June 2024, from 9am to 5pm: meetings of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**
- **Thursday 6 June 2024, from 9am to 12pm: meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**

Venue: Palace of Congresses, Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana

Secretariat telephone number (5-6 June 2024): + 33 (0)6 62 26 54 89

Wednesday 5 June 2024, from 9am to 5pm

1. Welcome addresses by:

- Ms Etilda Gjonaj, PACE General Rapporteur on violence against women and First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination;
- H.E. Lindita Nikolla, Speaker of the Albanian Parliament;
- Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, PACE Secretary General;
- Dr Linda Rama, Public Policy Senior Analyst and Civil Society Activist;
- Ms Helga Schmid, Secretary General of the OSCE (pre-recorded video).
- Ms Stella Ronner-Grubačić, Ambassador for Gender and Diversity, EEAS (pre-recorded video).

A. From 10am to 12.30pm: meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence (see separate agenda)

2. Addressing the intersection of psychological and online violence against women: challenges and best practices

Exchange of views, with the participation of:

- Mr Taulant Balla, Minister of Interior Affairs, Albania;
- Ms Albana Kociu, Minister of Health and Social Protection, Albania;
- Ms Ogerta Manastirliu, Minister of Education, Sports and Youth, Albania;
- Ms Elif Sariaydin, Administrator, Violence against Women Division of the Council of Europe, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII);
- Mr Michele Ribotta, UN Women, Representative and Chair of UN Albania Gender Group;
- Ms Blerina Gjylameti, Chairperson of the Albanian Delegation to PACE;
- Ms Luz Martinez Seijo, Member of the Spanish Delegation to PACE;
- Ms Zheni Gjergji, Chair of the Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health, Parliament of Albania;
- Ms Klodiana Spahiu, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health, Parliament of Albania;
- Ms Ines Leskaj, representative of Albanian Women’s Empowerment Network (AWEN).

3. Regional overview: the role of the media in countering online violence against women in politics

Presentations by:

- Ms Elisa Spiropali, Minister of State for the Relations with Parliament of Albania;
- H.E. Michel Tarran, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania;
- Ms Iris Luarasi, Director of the Counselling Line for Women and Girls (CLWG), former President of the GREVIO.

Panelists:

Parliament of Albania

- Ms Flutura Acka, Chair of the Committee on Education and Public Information Media;
- Ms Evis Kushi, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Education and Public Information Media;
- Ms Dhurata Cupi, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights;
- Ms Mesila Doda, Chair of the Group for “Democracy and Integration”.

Media

- Ms Rudina Xhunga, journalist;
- Ms Valbona Sulçe, journalist;
- Ms Anila Basha, journalist.

B. From 2 to 5pm: meeting of the Committee

4. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda.

5. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2024) PV 03; AS/Ega/Platform (2024) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 15-16 April 2024 in Strasbourg and of the meeting of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI People in Europe held on 16 April 2024 in Strasbourg.

6. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee

7. Exchange of views with the Albanian authorities

with the participation of:

- Ms Klotilda Bushka, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights;
- Ms Denada Seferi, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection;
- a representative of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth (*to be confirmed*);
- Mr Ergys Qirici, Director, Directorate of Free Legal Aid, Ministry of Justice;
- Ms Pranvera Pustina, Chief of Cabinet of General Prosecutor's Office;
- Ms Marjeta Zaimi, Representative of General Prosecutor's Office.

8. Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting

Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR)

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

Hearing, with the participation of:

- Ms Delina Ibrahimaj, Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Business Climate;
- Ms Monica Merino Dominguez, Resident Representative of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- Ms Milva Ekonomi, Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance, Parliament of Albania;
- Ms Merita Baku, Chair of Women Parliamentarians Alliance;
- Ms Erisa Xhixho, Secretary of Women Parliamentarians Alliance;
- Ms Emiriana Sako, Mayor of Durrës;
- Ms Jonida Halili, Vice Mayor of Tirana;
- Mr Emanuel Salinas, World Bank Country Manager for Albania.

9. A regional overview on equality and non-discrimination

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Robert Gajda, Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, Albania;
- Ms Giulia Re, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana;
- Ms Vilma Shurdha, Commissioner, Albanian Ombudsperson Office;

Presentation of the joint EU-CoE project on "Advancing the protection from discrimination in Albania".

10. Sexual and reproductive health and rights in Europe

[Atlas]

Presentation of the Human Papillomavirus Infection (HPV) Prevention Policy Atlas by Mr Leonidas Galeridis, Policy and Research Officer, European Parliamentary Forum for sexual and reproductive rights (EPF).

Thursday 6 June 2024, from 9 to 12pm: meeting of the Committee

11. Work programme

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11.1. Consideration of the work programme;

11.2. Appointment of rapporteurs for report:

- *Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination [[Doc. 15942](#)];
- *Violent pornography*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination [[Doc. 15972](#)];
- *Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression*, motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Gerardo Giovagnoli and other members of the Assembly [[Doc. 15700](#)] [Previous Rapporteur: Ms Arta Bilalli Zendeli, North Macedonia, SOC].

12. Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Genti Kruja, Secretary General and Ms Sheldiana Jano Agaraj, Lawyer, Inter-Religious Council of Albania;
- Ms Susan Kerr, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief, OSCE/ODIHR.

13. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe

[[press release of 17.05.2024](#); AS/Ega/Network (2024) 02; programme No Hate Speech Week 2024; AS/Ega/Platform (2024) 01]

Communications by the General Rapporteurs.

Exchange of views on current topics.

14. Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

[[press release](#)]

Meeting of the Selection Panel, 2 May 2024, Reykjavík (Iceland).

15. World Forum for Democracy

[[concept note](#)]

Appointment of members to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy which will take place in Strasbourg from 6 to 8 November 2024, which will be dedicated to *Democracy and Diversity - Can we transcend the divides? (at no cost to the Assembly)*.

16. Composition of the Sub-Committees

[Lists of members]

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

17. Appointment of representatives (*subject to the availability of funds*)

18. Reporting back

- Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) on her participation in the European IDAHOT+ Forum, held in the Hague, on 15 May 2024;
- Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) on his participation in the 9th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues of the Council of Europe (ADI-ROM), held in Strasbourg, on 15-16 May 2024.

19. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

[\[Press release\]](#)

Call for nominations for the 2024 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize until 30 June 2024.

20. Other business

21. Next meetings

Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2024 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
- Paris, 12 September 2024 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2024 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October);
- Paris, 5 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office).

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:

- Riga, 11 June 2024: peer-to-peer Seminar *From policies to results: the role of parliamentarians in implementing and monitoring the Istanbul Convention*.