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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised)

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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Dates:

- **Monday 18 March 2024:**
 - from 9am to 12.30pm and from 2 to 5pm: meeting of the Committee
 - from 5 to 5.30pm: meetings of the Sub-Committees
- **Tuesday 19 March 2024:**
 - from 9.30am to 12pm: joint meeting with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
 - from 2 to 3pm: joint meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

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Please also note the meetings of the Sub-Committees to be held on Monday, 18 March, as each of them will need to elect its Bureau:

- 5 to 5.10pm: Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
- 5.10 to 5.20pm: Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities
- 5.20 to 5.30pm: Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

A. Monday 18 March: from 9am to 5pm

1. **Election of the Bureau of the Committee**
[List of members of the Committee]

Election of the Third Vice-Chairperson.

2. **Agenda**
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Adoption of the agenda.

3. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2024) PV 01; AS/Ega/Network (2024) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 23 January 2024 in Strasbourg.

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence held on 24 January 2024 in Strasbourg.

4. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee

5. Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution.

6. Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30

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

Rapporteur for report: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

Statement by the Rapporteur.

7. Work programme

[AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 01rev; AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 08]

7.1. Consideration of the work programme;

7.2. Appointment of general rapporteurs:

- Combating racism and intolerance [AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 06];
- The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people [AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 07].

7.3. Consideration of a draft motion for a resolution with a view to its adoption by the Committee and for tabling on its behalf:

- *Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt* [AS/Ega (2024) 06].

7.4. Appointment of rapporteurs for report:

- *For a ban on so-called conversion therapies*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination [[Doc. 15883](#)];
- *The situation of national minorities in Ukraine*, motions for a resolution tabled by Mr Titus Corlăţean and other members of the Assembly [[Doc. 15334](#)] and Mr Petr Tolstói and other members of the Assembly [[Doc. 15339](#)] [Previous Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)].

7.5. Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:

- *Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy*, motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Elisabetta Gardini and other members of the Assembly [[Doc. 15846](#)] [Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Elisabetta Gardini, Italy, EC/DA].

8. Composition of the Sub-Committees

[Lists of members]

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

[at 11 am]

9. Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons

Rapporteur: Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler (Austria, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

Hearing, with the participation of:

- Mr Gerard Quinn, Former First Vice-President of the Council of Europe European Committee of Social Rights and Professor emeritus at the National University of Ireland (*online*);
- Mr Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET), Brussels;
- Ms Nena Georgantzi, Human Rights Manager, AGE Platform Europe (*online*).

[at 2pm]

10. Gender-sensitive parliaments

[[EIGE Toolkit page](#)]

Presentation of EIGE's toolkit for gender-sensitive parliaments by Ms Carlien Scheele, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

11. Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life

Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina (Ukraine, ALDE)

Statement by the Rapporteur.

12. Protecting women human rights defenders and people who defend women's rights in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

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Statement by the Rapporteur.

[at 3.30pm]

13. Sexual violence against men and boys

Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

Hearing, with the participation of:

- Mr Gary Williams, CEO of SurvivorsUK, London;
- Ms Katherine Gambir, Senior Research Advisor at the Women's Refugee Commission (*online*).

14. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March 2024

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Consideration and possible adoption of a draft declaration.

15. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Communication by the General Rapporteur.

16. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68) (New York, United States, 11-22 March 2024)

[[CSW 68 web page](#); AS/Ega/CSW (2024) OJ 01; AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 10]

Communication by the Chairperson of the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee on the participation in the side-event *Parliamentarians as drivers for women's empowerment* on 11 March 2024 and other events.

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

18. Reporting back

- Ms Mireille Clapot (France, ALDE) for her participation in the first meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI), held in Strasbourg on 20-21 February 2024.
- Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC) for her participation in the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting on the theme “Women in Sport”, organised by the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), held in Brussels on 7 March 2024, to mark the International Women's Day 2024 (8 March).

19. Other business

20. Next meetings

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2024 of the Assembly (15-19 April);
- Tirana, 5 and 6 (morning) June 2024;
- 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).

B. Monday 18 March, from 5 to 5.30pm: meetings of the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities and the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination (*see separate agendas*)

C. Tuesday 19 March, from 9.30 to 12pm: joint meeting with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance (*see separate agenda*)

21. Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Statement by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance.

General discussion on priorities for 2024-2025.

22. Equality and non-discrimination for Roma and Travellers

[\[Joint EU/CoE programme\]](#)

Presentation of the Joint European Union / Council of Europe Programme "Equality and Freedom from Discrimination for Roma" (EQUIROM) by Mr Manuel Demougeot, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM).

Exchange of views.

D. Tuesday 19 March, from 2 to 3pm: joint meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons (*see separate agenda*)

23. Approaching the theme of migration and asylum during election campaigns: policy instruments in preventing and combating hate speech

Follow-up to [Resolution 2525](#) (2024).

Statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur on *The theme of migration and asylum in election campaigns and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*.

Exchange of views with the participation of:

- the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance;
- Mr Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET).