

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

AS/Ega (2023) OJ 08 rev2

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Draft agenda (revised 2)

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Date: Thursday, 7 December 2023

from 9am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 5pm

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

A. From 9am to 3pm: meeting of the Committee

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda.

2. Minutes

[AS/Ega (2023) PV 07]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 11 and 12 October 2023 in Strasbourg.

3. Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee

[Statement of 03.12.2023]

4. Sexual violence against men and boys

Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum.

5. Work programme

[AS/Ega/Inf (2023) 01 rev.6; AS/Ega/Inf (2023) 28]

5.1. Consideration of the work programme.

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

– *For a ban on so-called conversion practices* [AS/Ega (2023) 29].

5.3. Appointment of a rapporteur for report:

- *Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination [[Doc. 15806](#)].

6. Sub-Committees

[Lists]

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

[at 10am]

7. Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe

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

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Ilaria Todde, Advocacy and Research Director, EL*C (Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community), Belgium;
- Ms Yasemin Öz, Lawyer, Co-founder of Kaos gl, Türkiye;
- Ms Maramé Kane, lesbian activist and artist, France ;
- Ms Maud Royer, President of the Association *Toutes des femmes*, France.

8. 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)

[AS/Ega/Inf (2023) 29; [AS/Bur \(2023\) 64](#)]

Statement by the Rapporteur.

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

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

10. Activities of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe

[[Statement of 25.10.2023](#); [statement of 20.11.2023](#); [statement of 30.11.2023](#)]

Communication by Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), General Rapporteur.

[at 11.30am]

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

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

Exchange of views with Ms Naveen Hashim, Researcher on the role of women in the economic development of Afghanistan and women's rights activist.

12. Vigdís PACE Prize for Women's Empowerment

[[Press release](#); [website Vigdís Prize](#)]

Update.

Call for nominations for the 2024 Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment.

13. Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

[AS/Ega/Inf (2023) 27; [Statement](#)]

Activities around the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 25 November 2023 and 16 days of Activism

Communication by Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC), General Rapporteur.

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

15. Reporting back

- Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC) for her participation in the 31st meeting of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), held on 23-26 October 2023 in Strasbourg;
- Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC) for her participation in a high-level panel on “Supporting the role of the Assembly of Kosovo* in monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention through strengthening its internal and external co-ordination mechanisms”, organised by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the Council of Europe Office in Pristina, held on 22 November 2023 in Pristina;
- Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) for her participation in the ILGA-Europe Annual Conference, held on 25-27 October 2023 in Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- Members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly for their participation in the World Forum Democracy dedicated to the theme "Democracy = Peace?", held on 6-8 November 2023 in Strasbourg;
- Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) for his participation in the Council of Europe's 9th International Roma Women's Conference “Building Equality Together”, held on 30 November and 1 December 2023 in Skopje, North Macedonia.

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

[\[Website CSW\]](#)

Constitution of an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the CSW (*at no cost to the Assembly*).

17. Other business

18. Next meetings

Committee

- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2024 of the Assembly (22-26 January);
- Paris, 18 and 19 (morning) March 2024 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2024 of the Assembly (15-19 April);
- Paris, 5 June and 6 June (morning) 2024 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*).
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2024 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
- Paris, 12 September 2024 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2024 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October);
- Paris, 5 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*).

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

B. From 3 to 5pm: joint meeting with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

19. Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

[\[Press release of 08.11.2023\]](#)

Communication by Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), General Rapporteur.

20. Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression

Rapporteur: Ms Arta Bilalli Zendeli (North Macedonia, SOC)

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Exchange of views with Ms Nazila Ghanea, United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (*online*).

21. The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants

[\[Doc. 15832\]](#)

Presentation by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) of draft resolution ... (2023) and discussion on follow-up by the Committee and the Alliance.