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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised)

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

- Tuesday, 25 April 2023, from 10.30 to 12.30pm (room 6)
- Thursday 27 April 2023, from 9.15 to 10.30am (room 6)

On Thursday 27 April 2023, from 8.30 to 9.15am (room 6): meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

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A. Tuesday, 25 April 2023, from 10.30 to 12.30pm (room 6)

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the draft agenda.

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Ega (2023) PV 02; AS/Ega/Network (2023) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 24 March 2023 in Paris.

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence held on 13 March 2023 in London.

3. **Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee**

4. **Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities**

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

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Consideration of an information memorandum.

Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, with the participation of:

- Ms Ana Peláez Narváez, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Secretary General of the European Disability Forum and Executive Vice-President of CERMI Women's Foundation;
- Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).

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

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

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Communication by the Rapporteur.

6. 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.

7. Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers

Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE)

Communication by the Rapporteur.

8. Vigdís PACE Prize for Women's Empowerment

Presentation of the Prize.

9. Work programme

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Consideration of the work programme.

10. 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

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Communication by the General Rapporteurs.

11. Reporting back

- Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) for his participation in the conference on *Advancing the human rights of intersex people* hosted in the framework of Iceland's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and organised by the SOGI Unit in co-operation with the Permanent Representation of Iceland, on 26 January 2023, in Strasbourg (France);
- Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) for her participation in the EIGE workshop on the *Role of Men, Boys and Masculinities in Gender Equality research and policies* on 10 February 2023 in Vilnius, Lithuania;
- Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) for their participation in the parliamentary seminar *Women's economic empowerment*, on 22 February 2023, in Rabat, Morocco.

B. Thursday 27 April 2023, from 8.30 to 9.15am (room 6): meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

12. 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

[\[Report by the Secretary General on the application of the Charter, 2021-2022\]](#)

Introductory remarks by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Maria Ruotanen, Director General, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy and Human Rights Dignity (DG II);
- Mr Jarmo Lainio, 1st Vice-Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
- Mr Davyth Hicks, Secretary General, European Language Equality Network (ELEN).

C. Thursday 27 April 2023, from 9.15 to 10.30 am (room 6)

13. Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

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

14. Vigdís PACE Prize for Women's Empowerment

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Revision of the Rules of the Equality Prize.

15. Women's economic empowerment [at 9.45 am]

Exchange of views with Ms Anita Bhatia, UN-Women Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships.

16. Other business

17. Next meetings

Committee:

- Paris, 12 May 2023 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
- Marrakesh, Morocco, 14-15 September 2023;
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
- Paris, 7 December 2023 (Council of Europe Office).

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- Vienna, 8 May 2023.

Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe

- Brussels, 22 May 2023.