

Strasbourg, 22 May 2019

GEC (2019) OJ1 Revised

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

*15th meeting*

*22-23-24 May 2019, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm*

*Agora meeting room G03  
Council of Europe  
Strasbourg*

**AGENDA**

- I. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**  
*Draft Agenda* *GEC(2019)OJ1Revised*
- II. **Exchange of views with Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe**
- III. **Exchange of views with Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**
- IV. **Draft 2020-2021 terms of reference of the Gender Equality Commission**  
*GEC(2019)1*
- V. **Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**
  1. **Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023**
    - a. **Conference “Tackling Gender Stereotypes and Sexism”**  
(Helsinki, 28-29 March 2019)  
*Preliminary draft conference report* *GEC(2019)6*
    - b. **Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism**
      - Follow-up to the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the

Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism  
(CM/Rec(2019)1)

*Publication*

**c. Objective 2 - Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence**

- Exchange of views with Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

*Oral presentation*

**d. Objective 3 - Ensure the equal access of women to justice**

- Exchange of views on the way forward

**e. Objective 4 - Achieve balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making**

- Follow-up to the 2017 analytical report on the third round of monitoring on the implementation of Recommendation Rec(2003)3 of the Committee of Ministers on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

**f. Objective 5 - Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls**

*Factsheet on the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls GEC(2018)1*

**g. Objective 6 - Achieve gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures**

- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities

*Oral presentation*

**h. Committee of Ministers request for information and comments on Recommendations by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

- (i) PACE Recommendation 2152 (2019) "Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment" and
- (ii) PACE Recommendation 2155 (2019) "The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done" *GEC(2019)3*

**i. 2019 annual report on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023** *GEC(2018)5*

**VI. Co-operation activities**

- Presentation by Marta Pietrobelli, Council of Europe expert, on capacity building and co-operation projects making the implementation of the Istanbul Convention a reality for all women  
*Oral presentation*  
*Brochure – The Council of Europe's approach*

## **VII. Thematic conference/discussions**

- i. Women's Rights at the Crossroads: Strengthening International Co-operation to Close the Gap between Legal Frameworks and their Implementation - conference organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences and under the auspices of the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers  
*Draft programme*
- ii. Women, peace and security - UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Cyprus and Republic of Moldova)
- iii. Gender equality backlash (Serbia)

## **VIII. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors**

- Presentation by Clotilde Talleu, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe/European Union joint project "ALL IN: Towards gender balance in sport"  
*Oral presentation*
- Presentation by Florence Mabileau, Pompidou Group – Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs  
*Oral presentation*

## **IX. Co-operation with international/regional organisations**

- Exchange of views with Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women, Europe and Central Asia  
*Oral presentation*
- Council of Europe's contribution to the Beijing+25 review process  
*GEC(2019)4*
- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda:
  - o Romanian Presidency (January-June 2019)
  - o Finnish Presidency (July–December 2019)

## **X. Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat** *GEC(2019)2*

- International Women's Day (8 March)

## XI. Current and future activities at national level and at international level

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
  - o Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2018-May 2019)
  - o French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (May-November 2019)

## XII. Other business

## XIII. Proposals for the agenda of the next meeting

## XIV. Dates of forthcoming GEC meetings

- 16th GEC meeting, Strasbourg 13-14-15 November 2019
- 17th GEC meeting, Strasbourg, 27-28-29 May 2020

## XV. Adoption of the abridged report of the 15th GEC meeting (22-24 May 2019)

### Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings

- 4-6 June 2019 – High Level Conference organised in the context of the Romanian Presidency to the EU Council “Towards a Europe free from violence against women and girls - The Istanbul Convention creating a new horizon And a paradigm change for all stakeholders”, Bucharest, Romania
- 12 June 2019 – Council of Europe side event on access to justice at the Victim Support Europe annual conference, Strasbourg, France
- 13 June 2019 -:“Women’s Human Rights in the changing world of Work”, UN Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice (WGDAW) Geneva, Switzerland
- 21 June 2019 – International Conference “Boys in Care - Strengthening boys to pursue care occupations, Florence, Italy
- 25 June 2019 – Exchange of views between the GEC Chair and the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Equality and Anti-Discrimination
- 28 June 2019 – Debate on the report on sexist violence against women in local politics, Current Affairs Committee of the Congress, Stuttgart, Germany
- 5 July 2019 – Pre-conference to IAMCR Conference “Actualizing Section J through Transnational Collaborations: Making Gender Equality in the Media and ICT Visible in the 2030 Agenda”, Madrid, Spain

**The GEC meeting will continue in Room G03 on 24 May 2019 with the thematic conference “Women’s Rights at the Crossroads: Strengthening International Co-operation to Close the Gap between Legal Frameworks and their Implementation”**