



Strasbourg, 15 May 2019

GEC (2019) Order of business

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

**15th meeting**

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

**DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS**

<b>Wednesday 22 May 2019</b>	
<i>Timing fixed</i>	
9:30 – 9:40 am	<b>I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</b>
9:40 – 10:15 am	<b>II. Exchange of views with Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe</b>
10:15 – 10:30 am	<p><b>h. Committee of Ministers request for information and comments on Recommendations by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</b></p> <p>(i) PACE Recommendation 2152 (2019) “Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment”</p> <p>(ii) PACE Recommendation 2155 (2019) “The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done”</p>
10:30 – 11:00 am	<p><b>IV. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality</b></p> <p><b>1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023</b></p> <p><b>a. Conference “Tackling Gender Stereotypes and Sexism” (Helsinki, 28-29 March 2019)</b></p>
<i>11:00 – 11:30 am</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:00 pm	<p><b>b. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism</b></p> <p>- Follow-up to the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism (CM/Rec(2019)1)</p>
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<p><b>d. Objective 3 - Ensure the equal access of women to justice</b></p> <p>- Exchange of views on the way forward</p>
12:30 – 12:50 pm	<p><b>e. Objective 4 - Achieve balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making</b></p> <p>- 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</p>
12:50 – 1:00 pm	<b>GROUP PHOTOGRAPH</b>
<i>1:00 – 2:30 pm</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<p><b>c. Objective 2 - Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence</b></p> <p>- Exchange of views with Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)</p>
3:15 – 3:45 pm	<b>IV. Draft 2020-2021 terms of reference of the Gender Equality Commission</b>
<i>3:45 – 4:15 pm</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15 – 4:45 pm	<p><b>g. Objective 6 – Achieve gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures</b></p> <p>- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities</p>

4:45 – 5:00 pm	<b>VIII. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors</b> - 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”
5:00 – 5:15 pm	- Presentation by Florence Mabileau, Pompidou Group – Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs
5:30 pm	<i>Close of first day</i>

## Thursday 23 May 2019

9:30 – 9:45 am	<b>f. Objective 5 – Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls</b> - Factsheet on the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls
9:45 – 10:15 am	<b>IX. Co-operation with international/regional organisations</b> - Exchange of views with Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women, European and Central Asia
10:15 – 10:30 am	- Council of Europe’s contribution to the Beijing+25 review process
<b>10:30 – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>VI. Co-operation activities</b> - 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
12:00 – 12:15 pm	<b>IX. Co-operation with international/regional organisations</b> - Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda o Romanian Presidency (January – June 2019) o Finnish Presidency (July – December 2019)
12:15 – 12:30 pm	<b>X. Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat</b> - International Women’s Day 8 March 2019
12:30 – 12:45 pm	<b>XI. Current and future activities at national level and at international level</b> - Council of Europe gender equality agenda: o Finnish Presidency (November 2018 – May 2019) o French Presidency (May – November 2019) o Georgian Presidency (November 2019 – May 2020)
12:45 – 1.00 pm	<b>i. 2019 annual report on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:30 pm</b>	<i>Lunch break</i>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<b>III. Exchange of views with Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</b>
3.15 – 3.45 pm	<b>VII. Thematic discussions</b> ii. Women, peace and security - UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Cyprus and Republic of Moldova)
<b>3:45 – 4:15 pm</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:15– 4:40 pm	iii. Gender equality backlash (Serbia)
4:40 – 4:50 pm	<b>XII. Other business</b>

4:50 – 5:10 pm	<b>XIII. Proposals for the agenda of next meeting</b>
5:10 – 5:15 pm	<b>XIV. Dates of forthcoming meetings</b>
5:15 – 5:30 pm	<b>XV. Adoption of the abridged report of the 15th GEC meeting (22-23-24 May 2019)</b>
<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Close of second day</i>

### **Friday 24 May 2019**

<b>9:30 – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>VII. Thematic Conference</b> (i) “Women’s rights at the crossroads: Strengthening international co-operation to close the gap between legal frameworks and their implementation”
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