

Strasbourg, 9 July 2020

GEC (2020) OJ1 Revised

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)**

17th meeting

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AGENDA

8 July 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

8 July 2020, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

9 July 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

(Central European Summer Time)

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

a. Draft Work Plan 2020-2021

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

- Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG)

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- *Gender-Based asylum claims and non-refoulement: Articles 60 and 61 of the Istanbul Convention, 2019*

[Study on Articles 60 & 61](#)

- Exchange of views with Janeta Hanganu, Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees

III. Thematic discussions

- COVID-19 – impact of crisis on women and on gender equality *COVID-19 response*
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (Serbia)

IV. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda:
 - o Croatian Presidency (January – June 2020)
 - o German Presidency (July – December 2020)

V. Current and future activities at national and international level

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
 - o Georgian Presidency (November 2019 – May 2020)
 - o Greek Presidency (May – November 2020)
 - Thematic Round Table, Athens, Greece, 14 October 2020
Concept Note *GEC(2020)2*
 - 18th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission, Athens, Greece, 15-16 October 2020
 - o German Presidency (November 2020 – May 2021)

VI. Other business

- Proposed items for discussion - time permitting:
 - o *Overview of main gender equality and gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities*
 - o *Overview of co-operation activities undertaken by the Gender Equality Division*
 - o *Update on situation regarding the Istanbul Convention*

VII. Proposals for the agenda of the next meeting including thematic discussions.

VIII. Dates of forthcoming meetings (to be confirmed)

- *1st meeting GEC-MIG, Strasbourg, France, 1-2 October 2020 (tbc)*
- *Thematic Round Table, Athens, Greece, 14 October 2020 (tbc)*
- *18th GEC meeting, Athens, Greece, 15-16 October 2020 (tbc)*
- *2nd meeting GEC-MIG, Strasbourg, France, 14-15 December 2020 (tbc)*

IX. Adoption of the abridged report of the 17th GEC meeting (8-9 July 2020)