I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Draft Agenda

II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

a. Draft Work Plan 2020-2021

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

- Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG)

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

- 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
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (Serbia)

IV. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

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

V. Current and future activities at national and international level

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

VI. Other business

- Proposed items for discussion - time permitting:
  - Overview of main gender equality and gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities
  - Overview of co-operation activities undertaken by the Gender Equality Division
  - 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)