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**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)**

17th meeting

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA
AND
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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)

Wednesday, 8 July 10:00 – 10:30 am

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Members are invited to review and adopt the [draft agenda](#).

II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

a. Draft Work Plan 2020-2021

Members are invited to review and agree on the [draft work plan 2020-2021](#) which is an outline of the activities which will be carried out in line with the tasks outlined in the [terms of reference](#) of the GEC for 2020-2021.

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

- Exchange of views with Drahoslav Štefánek, Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees

The members are invited to have an exchange of views with the [Special Representative on migrant and refugees](#) about his work and on opportunities for future co-operation between the SRSG and the GEC, in view of the work of the GEC-MIG and the objective 5 of the Gender Equality Strategy "Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls".

10 minute Coffee break

- Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG)

With a view to preparing the discussion on the work of the [GEC-MIG](#), members were invited to complete a short questionnaire about their expectations of the work of the GEC-MIG in drafting the recommendation on migrant women. The Secretariat has prepared [a short overview](#) of the replies received. The members are invited to discuss the outcome of the survey, in order to give further guidance in view of the first meeting of GEC-MIG on 1-2 October 2020.

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III. Thematic discussions

- COVID-19 – impact of crisis on women and on gender equality

Members are invited to have an exchange of views about the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women and on gender equality. A compilation of action taken in response to the crisis by member states, the Council of Europe, other international organisations and civil society organisations was compiled and made available on a [webpage](#).

10 minute coffee break

Wednesday, 8 July 4:00 – 4:30 pm

- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (Serbia)

The GEC member from Serbia will make a presentation on the subject of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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IV. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda:
 - o [Croatian EU Presidency](#) (January – June 2020)

Members are invited to take note of the information from the GEC member from Croatia about its Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

- o German EU Presidency (July – December 2020)

Members are invited to take note of the information from the GEC member from Germany about its current Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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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 GEC Round Table](#), Athens, Greece, 14 October 2020
 - 18th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission, Athens, Greece, 15-16 October 2020
 - o [German Presidency](#) (November 2020 – May 2021)

Members are invited to take note of the presentations which will be made by the Georgian, Greek and German GEC members about the gender equality agendas during their respective Council of Europe Presidencies.

10 minute coffee break

Thursday, 9 July 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

VI. Other business

The GEC members are invited to propose items for discussion which have not been included in the agenda.

- Proposed items for discussion - time permitting:
 - o Overview of [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](#)

Time permitting, members of the Secretariat will make presentations about gender mainstreaming activities, co-operation activities and an update regarding the Istanbul Convention.

Thursday, 9 July 12:00 – 12:30 pm

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

The GEC members are invited to put forward items for discussion at the next meeting (15-16 October 2020), particularly under the item “Thematic Discussions”. Members should take into account that the meeting will take place in Athens.

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)*

The GEC members are invited to take note of the dates of the next meetings.

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

The GEC members are invited to adopt the draft abridged report of the 17th GEC meeting and agree to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers.