



Strasbourg, 22 October 2020

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**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

*18th meeting*

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**22 October 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm/2:00 – 4:30 pm**

**23 October 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Central European Summer Time**

**AGENDA**

**I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

- *Draft Agenda*

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**II. Election of GEC Chair and two Vice-Chairs (January – December 2021)**

**III. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**

**1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023**

**a. Conference (Berlin, 11-12 May 2021)**

Concept Note

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**b. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism**

- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism (CM/Rec(2019)1) – follow up/update on promotional activities
- Exchange with Laura Albu, Vice President, European Women's Lobby, regarding the grant for the implementation of the Project "Mobilise against Sexism!"
- Men and boys and gender equality – the next steps

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

- Exchange of views with Marceline Naudi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
- Sharing information and experiences on progress towards ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention

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

- Gender sensitive approaches to access to justice - update on current activities and proposals for future work

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

- Exchange of views with Jelena Drenjanin, Spokesperson on gender equality at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and rapporteur on "Fighting sexism against women in politics at the local and regional level"

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

- Presentation by Vera Eloi da Fonseca (Portugal), Chair of the Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG)

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

- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities
- Exchange with Flora Vincent, scientist, author of "Artificial Intelligence, not without her!", and Co-Founder of the WAX Science Association (What About Xperiencing Sciences), France
- Reports from GEC members who have participated in the following intergovernmental committee meetings:
  - 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)
  - 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)

#### **IV. Co-operation projects/programmes**

- General overview of ongoing co-operation projects being carried out by the Gender Equality Division

#### **V. Thematic discussion**

- Presentation by Ana Puy Rodriguez, Gender Equality Officer in the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain, on “Climate change from a gender equality perspective”

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

- Exchange with Petros Stangos (Greece), member of the European Committee of Social Rights about the collective complaints on equal pay lodged by University Women Europe (UWE)

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

- United Nations: CSW 2021; Beijing+25
- Council of the European Union gender equality agenda:
  - o German Presidency (June – December 2020)
  - o Portuguese Presidency (January – June 2021)

#### **VIII. Current and future activities at national and international level**

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
  - o Greek Presidency (May – November 2020)
  - o German Presidency (November 2020 – May 2021)

#### **IX. Other business**

#### **X. Proposals for the agenda of the next meeting, including thematic discussions**

#### **XI. Dates of forthcoming meetings (to be confirmed)**

- *2nd meeting GEC-MIG, Strasbourg, France, 14-15 December 2020*
- *3rd meeting GEC-MIG, 2021, 4-5 March 2021*
- *19th GEC meeting, Strasbourg, 14-16 April 2021*
- *Conference, Berlin, Germany, 11-12 May 2021*

#### **XII. Adoption of the abridged report of the 18th GEC meeting (22-23 October 2020)**

