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**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)**

18th meeting

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA
AND
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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

Central European Summer Time

Thursday 10:00 – 10:20 am

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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

Thursday 10:20 – 10:30 am

III. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. [Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023](#)

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

Members are invited to review the [draft concept note](#) and will receive more information about the conference being organised in co-operation with the Germany Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2020-May 2021).

Thursday 10:30 – 11:00 am timing fixed

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!”

The Secretariat will present an update of the promotion of the sexism recommendation since the last meeting. This will be followed by an exchange with the Vice-President of the European Women’s Lobby which is implementing a Council of Europe-funded project on sexism in nine member states.

Thursday 11:00 – 11:15 am

- Men and boys and gender equality – the next steps

Members will hear from the Chair and the Estonian representative about the recent [ICMEO conference](#) which took place in Tallinn in September. Members will be invited to discuss the next steps for the GEC on this subject. An [information document](#) is available on the GEC website which contains the replies from member states about activities being undertaken on this subject.

11:15 – 11:30 am Coffee break

Thursday 11:30 – 11:45 am

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

Members are invited to take note of information which will be given by the Secretariat about ongoing activities and cooperation projects on this topic and to discuss future work.

Thursday 11:45 am – 12:00 pm

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

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

Members are invited to take note of the [report](#) of the first meeting of the Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG) and to discuss possible further guidance in view of the next meeting of the GEC-MIG.

Thursday 12:00 – 12:10 pm timing fixed

IV. Co-operation projects/programmes

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

Members are invited to take note of the information from the Secretariat about [ongoing co-operation projects](#) in the member states.

Thursday 12:10 – 12:30 pm timing fixed

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”

The members are invited to have an exchange with the Spokesperson on gender equality and in particular about the [report on “Fighting sexism against women in politics at the local and regional level”](#).

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

Thursday 2:00 – 2:30 pm timing fixed

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)

The members are invited to have an exchange with Marceline Naudi about the ongoing activities of the GREVIO.

- Sharing information and experiences on progress towards ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention

This is an opportunity for members to exchange information about national developments and lessons learnt as regards the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

Thursday 2:30 – 3:00 pm timing fixed

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”

Members are invited to discuss this topic, following a presentation by Ana Puy Rodriguez. (The theme was proposed by the Spanish GEC representative at a previous meeting.)

Thursday 3:00 – 3:20 pm timing fixed

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)

The members are invited to take note of the presentation by Petros Stangos about the decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights regarding equal pay lodged by an international NGO and plans for further follow-up.

Thursday 3:20 – 3:35 pm

VII. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- United Nations: [CSW 2021](#); Beijing +25

The members are invited to have an exchange about forthcoming activities planned in relation to the United Nations.

Thursday 3:35 – 3:45 pm

- Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda:
 - o [German Presidency](#) (July – December 2020)

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

- o Portuguese Presidency (January – June 2021)

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

3:45 – 4:00 pm Coffee break

Thursday 4:00 – 4:30 pm timing fixed

II. Election of GEC Chair and two Vice-Chairs (January – December 2021): Presentation of the candidates

Members have been invited to put forward nominations for the posts of Chair and two Vice-Chairs. The elections will take place on Friday morning at 10 am and the candidates will have the opportunity to make a short presentation before the vote.

Friday 10:00 – 10:30 am timing fixed

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

Members are invited to vote for the posts of Chair and two Vice-Chairs. The voting will take place online (KUDO platform). Please note that only one vote per member state is allowed.

Friday 10:30 – 11:40 am

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

- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities

Members are invited to take note of and discuss the activities taking place in the area of [gender mainstreaming](#) within the Council of Europe.

Friday 10:40 – 11:10 am timing fixed

- 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

Members are invited to take note of the presentation of Flora Vincent and to have an exchange of views with her.

Friday 11:10 – 11:20 am

- Reports from GEC members who have participated in intergovernmental committee meetings:
 - 2nd meeting of the [Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence](#) (CAHAI)

Members are invited to take note of the report from the Estonian member, Kätlin Sander following her participation in the relevant CAHAI meetings.

- 1st meeting of the Steering [Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion](#) (CDADI)

Members are invited to take note of the report from the Portuguese member, Andreia Lourenço Marques, following her participation in the 1st meeting of the CDADI, and also its sub-committee, the [Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech](#).

11:20 – 11:35 am Coffee break

Friday 11:35 – 11:50 am

VIII. Current and future activities at national and international level

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

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

Friday 11:50 am – 12:20 pm timing fixed

IX. Other business

GEC members are invited to raise any issue not previously discussed.

X. 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 (14-16 April 2021), particularly under the item “Thematic Discussions”.

XI. Dates of forthcoming meetings (to be confirmed)

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

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

Friday 12:20 – 12:30 pm timing fixed

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

The GEC members are invited to adopt the draft abridged report of the 18th GEC meeting and agree to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers.