

Strasbourg, 31 March 2021

GEC (2021) OJ1 Revised

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

*19th meeting*

*14-15 April 2021*

*Wednesday, 14 April 2021, 10:00 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:00 pm*

*Thursday, 15 April 2021, 10:00 am-1:00 pm*

*Online meeting  
Council of Europe  
Strasbourg*

**AGENDA**

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

- *Draft Agenda*

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**II. Gender Equality Commission**

- Annual exchange of views and main priorities for the GEC's Terms of Reference for 2022-2025

[\*Terms of reference 2021-2022\*](#)

[\*GEC Chair's reply to SG questionnaire \(September 2020\)\*](#)

- GEC working methods

- GEC Work Plan

*Draft Work Plan 2020-2021*

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

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

- a. **Draft 2020 annual report on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy**

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*Activities and measures in member states towards the achievement of the objectives of the Gender Equality Strategy*

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**b. COVID-19: one year on**

- Report of the Seminar “Advancing Gender Equality: The role and situation for gender equality mechanisms in the context of COVID-19” [Publication](#)
- Exchange of views

**c. Conference “Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action” (online), (Berlin, 11 May 2021)**

*Concept Note  
Programme*

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

*Promotion of the recommendation on preventing and combating sexism*

- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism (CM/Rec(2019)1) – follow up/update on promotional activities
- Presentation of the results and outputs of the grant awarded to the European Women’s Lobby (EWL) for the implementation of the Project “Mobilise against Sexism!”, by Joanna Maycock, Secretary General of EWL

*Oral presentation*

*The place of men and boys in gender equality policies*

- Presentation by Christian Mogensen, author of the report “The angry internet – A threat to gender equality, democracy & well-being” (prepared by the Centre for Digital Youth Care, in the framework of the Danish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers) *Oral presentation*
- Presentation of the report on the place of men and boys in women's rights and gender equality policies by Claire Guiraud and Romain Sabathier, authors of the report *Report*

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**e. 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 experiences by states parties on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention and information on further ratifications

- GEC comments on the draft General Recommendation on the digital dimension of violence against women

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- Update by the Secretariat of co-operation projects undertaken by the Gender Equality Division concerning violence against women and domestic violence

*Oral presentation*

[\*Information document\*](#)

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

- Exchange of views with Jasa Vrabec, Chair of the Working Group on Evaluation of Judicial Systems (GT-EVAL) of the Council of Europe European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ), and presentation of the 2020 edition of the “European judicial systems: Efficiency and quality of justice (2018 data)”

*Oral presentation*

[\*Special file\*](#)

- Update by the Secretariat on co-operation projects undertaken by the Gender Equality Division concerning equal access of women to justice

*Oral presentation*

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

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

*GEC-MIG Reports [\(2020\)December](#) & [\(2021\)March](#)*

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

- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities

*Oral presentation*

- Reports from GEC members who have participated in the following intergovernmental committee meetings:

- Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI) and its subordinate committees

*Oral presentation*

- Meetings of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) and its subordinate committees

*Oral presentation*

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

- Exchange of views with Irena Moozova, Director for Equality and Union Citizenship, European Commission
- United Nations: related activities
- CSW65 – Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 15-26 March 2021)
- Generation Equality Forum (Mexico, 29-31 March 2021; Paris, 30 June-2 July 2021)
- Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda:
  - o German Presidency (June - December 2020)
  - o Portuguese Presidency (January - June 2021)
  - o Slovenian Presidency (July - December 2021)

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

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
  - o German Presidency (November 2020 - May 2021)
  - o Hungarian Presidency (May - November 2021)
  - o Italian Presidency (November 2021 - May 2022)
  - o Icelandic Presidency (November 2022 – May 2023)

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

#### **VII. Other business**

#### **VIII. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

- *Conference “Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action” (Online) (Berlin, 11 May 2021)*
- *4th meeting of the GEC-MIG (Strasbourg, 27-28 April 2021)*
- *5th meeting of the GEC-MIG (Strasbourg, September/October 2021, dates to be confirmed)*
- *20th GEC meeting (Strasbourg, 24-26 November 2021)*

#### **IX. Adoption of the abridged report of the 19th GEC meeting (14-15 April 2021)**

**Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings**

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- 5th meeting of the GEC-MIG (Strasbourg, September/October 2021, dates to be confirmed)
- Event on sexism (Cyprus, October/November 2021, dates to be confirmed)
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