



Strasbourg, 16 November 2021

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**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)**

20th meeting

23-24-25 November 2021

Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 10:00 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:00 pm

Wednesday, 24 November 2021, 10:00 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:00 pm

Thursday, 25 November 2021, 10:00 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:00 pm

Hybrid format

Room G02 AGORA

Council of Europe

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DRAFT AGENDA

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

- *Draft Agenda*

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II. Gender Equality Commission

- Election of President and two Vice-Presidents (January-December 2022)
- GEC Terms of Reference (2022-2025)

III. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

- a. **Draft 2021 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. Thematic discussion/exchange of views on COVID-19: its effect on gender equality

Report of the seminar "Advancing Gender Equality: the role and situation for gender equality mechanisms in the context of COVID-19" *Publication*

c. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism

- The places of men and boys in gender equality policies – plans for future work on this topic
- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism – the approach to review its implementation *GEC(2021)8*

d. Objective 2 – Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence

- High level panel with Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Elena Bonetti, Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities of Italy and Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
- Update by the Secretariat of co-operation projects undertaken by the Gender Equality Division concerning violence against women and domestic violence

e. Objective 3 – Ensure the equal access of women to justice

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

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

- Update by the Secretariat of co-operation projects undertaken by the Gender Equality Division concerning balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

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

- Preparation of a draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls
 - o Presentation by the Secretariat of the GEC-MIG process and presentation of the text of the recommendation by Vera Eloi da Fonseca, Chair of the Drafting Committee on migrant women (GEC-MIG)

4th meeting report (April 2021)

5th meeting report (October 2021)

- o Discussion and adoption of the text of the Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls *GEC(2021)9*

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

- Update by the Secretariat about gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities
- 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
 - Meetings of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) and its subordinate committees
- Study, together with CDADI on the impact of artificial intelligence, in close cooperation with CAHAI
- Conference on “The role of foreign policy in advancing gender equality: addressing the challenges, pushbacks and obstacles faced by women” (Nicosia, Cyprus, 26 October 2021) *Takeaway points*

i. Follow up to the conference “Gender equality and the Istanbul Convention: a decade of action” (Berlin, 11 May 2021) *Report*

IV. Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat

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V. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- Generation Equality Forum (Paris, 30 June-2 July 2021)
- Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda:
 - o Portuguese Presidency (January-June 2021)
 - o Slovenian Presidency (July-December 2021)
 - o French Presidency (January-June 2022)

VI. Current and future activities at national and international level

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
 - o Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (May-November 2021)
 - o Italian Presidency (November 2021-May 2022)
 - High level event on work-life balance in the perspective of women empowerment. *Draft preliminary concept note*
 - o Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (May-November 2022)
 - o Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2022-May 2023)

VII. Proposals for the agenda of the next meeting, including thematic discussions**VIII. Other business****IX. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

- *High Level Event of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on work-life balance in the perspective of women empowerment, Rome, Italy, Rome, 12 April 2022*
- *21st meeting of the GEC, Strasbourg, France, 11-13 May 2022 – dates to be confirmed*
- *22nd meeting of the GEC, Strasbourg, France, 16-18 November 2022 – dates to be confirmed*

X. Adoption of the abridged report of the 20th GEC meeting (23-25 November 2021)**Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings**

- *International Conference on the roles of women and children in terrorism, Strasbourg, 15-16 December 2021*
- *High Level Event of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on work-life balance in the perspective of women empowerment, Rome, Italy, 12 April 2022*
- *Conference organised by the Pompidou Group in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers about rape drugs, Spring 2022*
- *21st meeting of the GEC – Strasbourg, 11-13 May 2022 – dates to be confirmed*
- *22nd meeting of the GEC – Strasbourg, 16-18 November 2022 – dates to be confirmed*