

Strasbourg, 11 May 2022

GEC (2022) OJ1 Revised

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION  
(GEC)**

*21st meeting  
11-13 May 2022*

*Wednesday, 11 May 2022, 10:00 am-12:30 pm/2:30-5:00 pm*

*Thursday, 12 May 2022, 10:00 am-12:30 pm/2:30-5:00 pm*

*Friday, 13 May 2022, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm*

*Room G03 and online  
AGORA Building  
Council of Europe  
Strasbourg*

**DRAFT 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 to evaluate GEC activities** [*and advise the CM and the SG on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued*]  
[\*Terms of reference 2022-2025\*](#)

**III. Exchange of views on the war in Ukraine and the impacts on women**

**IV. Exchange of views with Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**

## V. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

### 1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

#### a. Draft Work Plan 2022-2025

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

- Study on the places of men and boys in gender equality policies  
*Publication*
- Information from the Working Group preparing the guidelines on the place of men and boys in gender equality policies and in policies to combat violence against women  
*Oral presentation*
- Reviewing the implementation of the Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism – proposed procedure to review its implementation and draft questionnaires for member States and NGOs  
*GEC(2021)8 revised*

#### c. Objective 2 – Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence

- Exchange of views with Iris Luarasi, 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
- Update by the Secretariat of co-operation projects undertaken by the Gender Equality Division concerning violence against women and domestic violence

#### d. 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, including as regards a study on the impact of Covid-19  
*GEC(2022)4*

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

- Presentation by Andri Savva (Vice-Chair, Cyprus) of the Cypriot education programme for the empowerment of women in political life
- Council of Europe co-operation to support balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

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

- Committee of Ministers Recommendation on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls – the way forward

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

- Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities *Oral presentation*
- Reports from members of the GEC and Secretariat who have participated in the following meetings of Council of Europe bodies
  - Committee on [Artificial Intelligence](#) *Oral presentation*  
*[Elements of a legal framework on artificial intelligence](#)*
  - [Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion \(CDADI\)](#) and its subordinate bodies including as regards preparation by GEC and CDADI of a study on the impact of artificial intelligence *Oral presentation*
  - [Committee of Experts on Hate Crime \(PC/ADI-CH\)](#) – preparation of a draft comprehensive Recommendation on combating hate crime *Oral presentation*
  - [Pompidou Group](#): preparation of a side event on equality/gender at the Lisbon Addiction conference (end-November 2022) *Oral presentation*

#### **h. Annual Thematic Conference**

- Follow up to the conference on “work-life balance as a leverage for women’s empowerment and promoting gender equality” organised by the Italian Ministry of Equal Opportunities and Family and the Council of Europe in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (Rome, 12 April 2022)

*Conference Takeaways  
Draft Report (GEC(2022)2)*

#### **VI. Thematic Discussion**

“From Stereotypes to Hostile Sexism - A Psychological Analysis of Conceptions about Gender” – presentation and results of project undertaken by the University of Luxembourg followed by a discussion with Miriam Hale, M.Sc., Doctoral Researcher, and Dr André Melzer, Assistant Professor in Psychology, Department of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social and Educational Sciences, University of Luxembourg

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

- Exchange of views with the Chair of the GEC and the CEDAW Committee, online Geneva, 1 July 2022
- CSW66 – Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 14-24 March 2022)
  - o Side-event on “STEM Education as a stepping-stone towards gender transformative climate change policies” organised by the Italian Minister of Equal Opportunities and Family and the Council of Europe (15 March 2022)  
*GEC(2022)3*
- Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda:
  - o Slovenian Presidency (July - December 2021)
  - o French Presidency (January - June 2022)
  - o Czech Presidency (July - December 2022)

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

- Council of Europe gender equality agenda:
  - o Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2021 - May 2022)
  - o Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (May - November 2022)
  - o Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (November 2022 - May 2023)

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

## X. Other business

## XI. Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 2nd Working Group preparing the guidelines on the place of men and boys in gender equality policies and in policies to combat violence against women - Strasbourg, 28 June 2022
- 22nd meeting of the GEC - Strasbourg, 16-18 November 2022
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## XII. Adoption of the abridged report of the 21st GEC meeting (11-13 May 2022)

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