



Strasbourg, 15 May 2023

GEC (2023) OJ1 Revised

**GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION
(GEC)**

*23rd meeting
24-26 May 2023*

Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, 25 May 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm

Friday, 26 May 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-4:00 pm

*Room G03
AGORA Building
Council of Europe
Strasbourg*

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- Draft Agenda *GEC(2023)OJ1 Revised*
- II. Report from the GEC Chair**
- III. Follow-up to the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe** (Reykjavik, Iceland, 16-17 May 2023) *Adopted final outcome*
- IV. Exchange of views with Taina Bofferding, Minister of Equality between Women and Men of Luxembourg**
- V. Election of Vice-Chair of the Gender Equality Commission** (May-December 2023)
- VI. Terms of reference of the Gender Equality Commission 2024-2027**
Draft Terms of Reference

VII. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality

1. Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023

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

- Guidelines on the place of men and boys in gender equality policies and in policies to combat violence against women - next steps

b. 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
- Presentation by the Secretariat of the multi-country programme “Ending violence against women”

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

- State of play including follow-up to the Study on the Impact of Covid-19 on women’s access to justice
- Exchange of views with Christel Schurrer, Deputy Secretary to the Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) and Secretary to the Working Group on the evaluation of judicial systems (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL)

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

- Exchange of views Penelope Denu, Head of the Secretariat to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), on Resolution 2394 on Gender Representation in the Parliamentary Assembly
- [Resolution 2394 \(2021\)](#)

e. 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 – update on translations, dissemination and promotion
- Exchange of views with Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees

f. 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, experts and Secretariat who have participated in the following meetings of Council of Europe bodies:
 - [Committee of Experts on Hate Crime \(PC/ADI-CH\)](#) – preparation of a draft comprehensive Recommendation on combating hate crime
Oral presentation
 - [Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues \(ADI-ROM\)](#) - preparation of a draft Recommendation on equality for Roma and Traveller women and girls
Oral presentation
 - 18th Ministerial Conference of the [Pompidou Group](#) (13-14 December 2022, Lisbon, Portugal)
Oral presentation

g. Follow-up to the Conference on “Men and boys in gender equality policies” (Strasbourg, 27-28 April 2023)

2. Preparation of the draft Gender Equality Strategy 2024-2029

GEC(2023)01

GEC(2023)01 Revised (proposed changes tracked)

GEC(2023)02 (compilation of proposed changes received)

VIII. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors

- [Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion \(CDADI\)](#) and its subordinate bodies

Presentation of the Study on the impact of artificial intelligence, its potential for promoting equality, including gender equality, and the risks to non-discrimination

Draft study GEC(2022)09/CDADI(2022)21 Revised

- Presentation by Eva Pastrana, Head of the Division of Justice and Human Rights Training, of the [Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals \(HELP\) online courses](#)

IX. Thematic Discussion

- Exchange of views with Tatyana Teplova, Head of Policy Coherence for the SDGs Division and Senior Counsellor, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on gender-based violence

X. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- CSW67 – Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 6 - 17 March 2023)
 - Side-event on “Responding to Regional and Global Challenges: Protecting the Rights of Migrant, Refugee and Asylum-seeking Women and Girls, organised by the Council of Europe and the Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations, during the Icelandic Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (New York, 7 March 2023)
 - Report from member states about CSW events and agreed conclusions
- Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda:
 - [Czech Presidency](#) (July - December 2022)
 - [Swedish Presidency](#) (January - June 2023)
 - Spanish Presidency (July - December 2023)

XI. International Women’s Day (8 March 2022)

- [Council of Europe Gender Equality Perpetual Calendar](#)

XII. Current and future activities at national and international level

- Gender equality agendas of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Presidencies:
 - [Iceland](#) (November 2022 - May 2023)
 - Latvia (May - November 2023)
 - Liechtenstein (November 2023 - May 2024)

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

XIV. Other business

XV. Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 24th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission: Strasbourg, 15-17 November 2023

XVI. Adoption of the abridged report of the 23rd GEC meeting (24-26 May 2023)