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GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

(GEC)

24th meeting

14 - 16 November 2023

Tuesday, 14 November 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm
Wednesday, 15 November 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm
Thursday, 16 November 2023, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-4:30 pm

Room G03 - AGORA Building

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AGENDA

1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
 - *Draft agenda* *GEC(2023)OJ2*
2. **Report from the Chair of the GEC**
3. **Exchange of views with Síofra O’Leary, President of the European Court of Human Rights**
4. **Election of Bureau (Chair, Vice-Chair and Member) of the GEC**
5. **Draft terms of reference of the GEC 2024-2027** *Draft terms of reference*
 - Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI)- designation of experts¹
 - Committee of Experts on combating technology facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO) - designation of experts¹
6. **Appointment of rapporteurs on mainstreamed perspectives and a focal point on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) issues**
7. **Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**
 - 7.1 Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023
 - a. Objective 1 – Prevent and combat gender stereotypes and sexism
 - Report of the review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec (2019)1 on preventing and combating sexism *GEC(2023)4*
 - b. Objective 2 – Prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence
 - Exchange of views with Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, 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
 - c. Objective 3 – Ensure the equal access of women to justice
 - Update by Secretariat on co-operation projects on women’s access to justice

¹ Subject to the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the terms of reference 2024-2025.

- e. Objective 5 - Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls
 - Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)17 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls – update on translations, dissemination, promotion and cooperation activities
- f. Objective 6 - Achieve gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures
 - Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities
 - Reports from members of the GEC, experts and Secretariat who have participated in meetings of Council of Europe bodies

7.2 Draft Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)

GEC(2023)02 rev

8. Co-operation with international/regional organisations

- Council of the European Union – gender equality agenda:
 - Swedish Presidency (January – June 2023)
 - Spanish Presidency (July - December 2023)
 - Belgium Presidency (January -June 2024)

9. Current and future activities at national and international level

- Gender equality agendas of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Presidencies:
 - Latvia (May - November 2023)
 - Liechtenstein (November 2023 - May 2024)
 - Lithuania (May - November 2024)
- 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women CSW68 (New York, 11-22 March 2024)
- Annual GEC conference 2024

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

11. Other business

12. Dates of forthcoming meetings

13. Adoption of the abridged report of the 24th GEC meeting (14-16 November 2023)