



Strasbourg, 25 March 2024

GEC (2024) OJ1

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

(GEC)

25th meeting

16 – 18 April 2024

Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm
Wednesday, 17 April 2024, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-5:30 pm
Thursday, 18 April 2024, 9:30 am-1:00 pm/2:30-4:00 pm

Room G02 - AGORA Building

Council of Europe – Strasbourg

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1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- *Draft agenda* *GEC(2024)OJ1*

2. **Report from the Chair of the GEC**

3. **GEC terms of reference 2024-2027 and 2024 workplan** *CM(2023)131addfinal
and GEC(2024)1rev*

4. **Elections / appointments** *GEC(2023)INF1*

5. **Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**
 - 5.1 **Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023:** 2023 annual report on the implementation of the Strategy (final report) - presentation and discussion of the draft document *GEC(2024)2*

 - 5.2 **Draft Gender Equality Strategy 2024-2029**
 - Update by the Secretariat *GEC(2024)3*
 - Quadrennial table of activities
 - 2024 annual conference: launch of the Strategy (30 May 2024, Strasbourg) *GEC(2024)INF1*

 - 5.3 **Thematic work**
 - a. Preventing and combating gender stereotypes and sexism
 - Report of the 1st meeting of the Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI) *GEC/ADI-AI(2024)5*
 - Presentation of promising practices from member States on measures to prevent and combat sexism followed by an exchange *CM(2024)18*

 - b. Preventing and combating violence against women and girls and domestic violence
 - Sharing experiences by States Parties on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention and information from member States on further ratifications
 - Presentation by the Secretariat of specific cooperation activities
 - Draft Recommendation on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls – update on the development of the GEC/PC-eVIO *GEC(2023)INF3rev*
 - Presentation by the OECD on G7 related indicators on tech-facilitated Gender Based Violence

 - c. Ensuring equal access to justice for women and girls
 - Update by Secretariat on co-operation projects on women's access to justice

- d. Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political, public, social and economic life
 - Exchange of views with Yulia Netesova, Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit, and Saša Gavrić, Associate Gender Officer, ODIHR/OSCE on gender equality in politics
 - Exchange of views with Ana Peláez Narvaez, CEDAW Chair on General Recommendation 40 on Equal and Inclusive Representation of Women in Decision-Making Systems
- e. Ensuring women's empowerment and gender equality in relation to global and geopolitical challenges
 - 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 (tools) and cooperation activities
 - Awareness-raising campaign deflecting anti-gender rhetoric and creating a new narrative – preparatory steps
- f. Achieving gender mainstreaming and including an intersectional approach in all policies and measures
 - Exchange of views with Bertil Cottier, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
 - Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities – update on HELP course and activities from other sectors
 - Reports from members of the GEC, experts and Secretariat who have participated in meetings of Council of Europe bodies
 - 9th International Roma and Traveller Women Conference (30 November – 1 December 2023, Skopje, North Macedonia)
 - 8th meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) (5 – 7 December 2023, Strasbourg, France)
 - Cooperation on Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence: Octopus Conference (13 – 15 December 2023, Bucharest, Romania)
 - Committee of Artificial Intelligence (CAI) meetings of 5 – 8 December 2023, 25 – 26 January 2024 and 11 – 14 March 2024
 - Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE) meeting (11 – 12 March 2024)

6. Co-operation with other Council of Europe sectors and international/ regional organisations

- a. Other Council of Europe sectors
- b. International/ regional organisations

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

7. Current and future activities at national and international level

- CSW68 – Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 11-22 March 2024)
 - Side-event on “Catalysts for change: breaking down gender stereotypes in media and advertising”, organised by the Council of Europe and the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, during the Liechtenstein Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (New York, 11 March 2024) and other events and meetings
 - Report from member states about CSW events
- Gender equality agendas of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Presidencies:
 - Liechtenstein (November 2023 – May 2024)
 - Lithuania (May - November 2024)
 - Luxembourg (November 2024 – May 2025)

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

9. Other business

10. Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 26th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC):
Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2024

11. Adoption of the abridged report of the 25th GEC meeting (16-18 April 2024)