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GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

(GEC)

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10-12 June 2026

Strasbourg, Agora, Room G.02

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

GEC(2026)OJ1	Draft agenda
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2. Report from the Chair of the GEC

GEC-BU(2026)1	Report of the 29th meeting of the Bureau
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3. Mandate and workplan of the GEC

CM(2023)131-addfinal	Terms of reference of the GEC
GEC(2025)1rev	Workplan of the GEC
GEC(2026)13	Joint statement of CDADI and GEC on the fundamental importance of equality, gender equality, diversity and inclusion for the New Democratic Pact for Europe

4. Gender Equality Strategy 2024-2029**4.1. Draft first biennial report (2024-2025) on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)**

GEC(2025)9rev	Questionnaire on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)
GEC(2026)4	Draft first biennial report (2024-2025) on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)
GEC(2026)6	Compilation of comments received from members, participants and observers of the GEC on the draft first biennial report (2024-2025) on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)
GEC(2026)4rev	Revised draft biennial report (2024-2029) on the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029)

5. Follow-up to existing GEC standards and future activities**5.1. Discussion of dissemination of existing standards produced by the GEC**

GEC(2026)7	Background document on dissemination at national level of existing standards and policy work produced by the GEC
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5.2. Event to launch CM/Rec(2026)2 on Accountability for technology-facilitated violence against women and girls

GEC(2026)8	Concept note and programme for the event to launch CM/Rec(2026)2 on Accountability for technology-facilitated violence against women and girls
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6. Preventing and combating gender stereotypes and sexism**6.1. Thematic implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)1 on preventing and combating sexism**

GEC(2026)1	Questionnaire on the implementation of Section II.F of Recommendation CM/Rec (2019)1: preventing and combating sexism within the justice sector
GEC(2026)9	Compilation of responses received from members, participants and observers of the GEC to the Questionnaire
GEC(2026)10	Draft Outline of the thematic implementation review of Section II.F of Recommendation CM/Rec (2019)1: preventing and combating sexism within the justice sector

6.2. *Workshop to collect information on best practices from member States on the involvement of men and boys in gender equality policies and more specifically in promoting and following up to the Guidelines on the place of men and boys in gender equality policies and in policies to combat violence against women*

GEC(2026)11	Background paper on the involvement of men and boys in gender equality policies, promoting and implementing the 2023 Guidelines on the place of men and boys in gender equality policies and in policies to combat violence against women
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7. Preventing and combating violence against women and girls and domestic violence

7.1. *Implementation of the Istanbul Convention*

7.2. *Update from the Secretariat of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)*

7.3. *Co-operation activities on violence against women and domestic violence*

8. Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political, public, social and economic life

8.1. *Equal participation in political and public decision-making*

GEC(2026)12	Outline of a study on equal participation of women in political and public decision-making
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8.2. *Analysis of good practices on gender equality and gender mainstreaming in education, contributing to implementation of the Gender Equality Scoreboard in Education under preparation by the Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU)*

9. Ensuring women's empowerment and gender equality in relation to global and geopolitical challenges

9.1. *Implementation of the Guidance for the development of positive narratives to deflect anti-gender rhetoric*

Publication	Advancing gender equality through values-based communication: A practical guide for authorities, communicators, and civil society to deflect anti-gender rhetoric
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10. Gender mainstreaming and including an intersectional approach in all policies and measures

10.1. Gender mainstreaming in Council of Europe activities**10.2. Cooperation with other Council of Europe sectors****11. Thematic debate on the role of women in democracy**

GEC(2026)3	Background document for an exchange on women's role in democracy and their participation in democratic debate and institutions
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12. Terms of Reference 2028-2031

GEC(2025)17	Evaluation of activities 2024-2025
GEC(2026)2rev	Background paper on the Terms of Reference of the Gender Equality Commission 2028-2031

13. Gender equality activities in multilateral settings**13.1. Gender equality activities of the Presidencies of the Committee of Ministers****13.2. United Nations - Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)****13.3. Discussion on developments regarding gender equality in international settings****13.4. Gender equality activities of the Presidencies of the Council of the European Union****14. Requests for Observer status**

GEC(2026)5	Requests for observer status
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15. Preparation of future meetings**16. Other business****17. Adoption of the abridged report**