UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT
17th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission
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**Processs**

- **2 Meetings of GEC-MIG in 2020:** 1-2 October and 14-15 December (Strasbourg) (tbc) + 2 meetings in 2021
- **All 47 member states invited** to participate; **8 member states** with participation costs covered: Austria, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Serbia, Slovak Republic.
- **Support from an expert** to give advice and help drafting.
- **Stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the meetings of GEC-MIG:** CoE sectors, academics, national experts, NGOs.
- **GEC survey** May 2020 – 17 contributions
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Issues mentioned in GEC survey:

✓ Elimination of discrimination and awareness of rights
✓ Employment
✓ Social services
✓ Education, training
✓ Intersectionality
✓ Trafficking
✓ Violence against women
✓ Social norms and stereotypes
✓ Gender-sensitive asylum & migration policies
✓ Political participation
✓ Role of civil society
Gendered impacts of COVID-19

✓ **VAW**: diverging figures but lockdown and restriction have impacted on women’s experience of violence

✓ At beginning, higher **infection rate** for men, but **after lockdown, more women infected**: 53% Germany, 54% Switzerland, 57% Spain and Sweden – maybe due to different gender roles & to women being more exposed

✓ Women carried **more unpaid work** than men (varying from +0,5 hour /day to + 4,5 hours/day)
Gendered impacts of COVID-19

- The **distribution of childcare** between women and men became **less equal** (3 countries)
- **More unpaid leave** for women (2 countries)
- **Women spent less time on paid work** (3 countries)
- **More loss of employment** for women than men (2 countries)
- **Worse teleworking conditions** for women than for men (2 countries)
A call for proposals was published in August 2019 and a grant for a project on “Mobilise against Sexism!” was allocated to the NGO European Women’s Lobby (EWL).

The EWL will implement awareness-raising activities on combating sexism in July-November 2020 through its national co-ordination branches.

Activities will be implemented in 9 countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and Spain.
Preventing and combating sexism – campaign

✓ Recommendation: 19 translations - Albanian, Catalan (Andorra), Azerbaijani, Bulgarian, Czech, Croatian, Georgian, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Macedonian (North Macedonia), Montenegrin, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Ukrainian.

✓ Video: 7 versions available – Albanian, English, French, Georgian, Greek, Russian, Serbian, Spanish and Ukrainian, 5 versions in progress (Dutch, German, Romanian, Swedish, Turkish)

✓ Action page: 14 versions available - (Albanian, Armenian, Catalan, Croatian, English, French, Georgian, German, Greek, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian), 2 translations in progress (Dutch, Romanian)

https://www.coe.int/stop-sexism
Gender mainstreaming

✓ Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI): ongoing contributions of GEC/GED

✓ Criminal Law sector: Conference on “The Role of the Police in a Democratic Society” with a session on “The role and place of women in police forces in Europe” (Strasbourg, 20-21.10.2020)

✓ Bioethics Committee: Report on gender-sensitive issues in relation to bioethics (gender bias in medicine, access/representation of women, etc.)

✓ Committee on Counter Terrorism: Conference on “The roles of women and children in terrorism” (Strasbourg, 3-4.12.2020)
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