

Migrant women – GEC-MIG

Process

- ✓ **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

Protecting the rights of migrant,
refugee and asylum-seeking
women and girls



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Gender Equality Strategy

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)





Preventing and combating sexism NGO grant

- ✓ 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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