



## GEC-MIG: Mandate

### ✓ **Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023:**

- Objective 5 on 'Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls'
- Mention of an 'update' of R(79)10 concerning women migrants

### ✓ **Terms of Reference of GEC-MIG** (CM meeting of 4 November 2019):

*'draft a recommendation on migrant and refugee women on the basis of R(79)10 concerning women migrants and of an analysis of needs and gaps that need to be addressed'.*

## GEC-MIG Working Methods (1)

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ All participants and observers in the GEC are **observers in GEC-MIG**
- ✓ **Support from an expert** (Louise Hooper) to give advice and help drafting.



## GEC-MIG Working Methods (2)

- ✓ **GEC survey** May-July 2020 – 19 contributions
- ✓ **Guidance** given at July 2020 GEC meeting
- ✓ **Internal consultation meeting** with different sectors of the CoE on 17.09.20
- ✓ **Exchanges** with different stakeholders **at each meeting** of GEC-MIG
- ✓ **Reporting to the GEC** after each GEC-MIG meeting
- ✓ **Informal consultation** of relevant stakeholders on draft at the end of the process
- ✓ Draft new recommendation to be **adopted by the GEC** and subsequently **the Committee of Ministers**

## Objectives of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

- ✓ Getting to **know each other**
- ✓ Exchanges with **relevant CoE sectors**
- ✓ Exchanges with 3 **migrant women's NGOs**
- ✓ Consideration of **needs assessment / discussion paper**
- ✓ **Decisions on scope and structure** of the future new recommendation

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## Drafting Committee on Migrant Women (GEC-MIG)



Building on the [Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023](#) and its Strategic Objective 5 “[Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls](#)”, the Drafting Committee on Migrant Women (GEC-MIG), a subordinate body to the [Gender Equality Commission \(GEC\)](#), was tasked by the Committee of Ministers to draft a Recommendation on migrant and refugee women on the basis of [Recommendation Rec\(79\)10 concerning women migrants](#) and of an analysis of needs and gaps that need to be addressed. GEC-MIG is composed of representatives of 8 member states (Austria, France,

Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Serbia, Slovak Republic) whose expenses are borne by the Council of Europe. All member states may send additional representatives, without defrayal of expenses, to the meetings of the Drafting Committee. Two meetings are foreseen each year of the GEC-MIG mandate (2020-2021).



### INFORMATION DOCUMENTS AND RELEVANT LINKS

- ▶ [Terms of reference of the GEC-MIG 2020-2021](#)
- ▶ [Guide on the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights- Immigration, European Court for Human Rights, 2020](#)
- ▶ [Key Recommendations- Factsheet on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls, 2019](#)
- ▶ [Protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls, Factsheet, 2019](#)
- ▶ [Gender-Based asylum claims and non-refoulement: Articles 60 and 61 of the Istanbul Convention, 2019](#)
- ▶ [Protecting migrant women, refugee women, and women asylum-seekers from gender-balanced violence, Factsheet,](#)

### Calendar of events

### Resources

- Glossary
- Standards and Mechanisms
- Publications
- Factsheets
- Multimedia
- Useful links

## Recommendation No. R(79)10 of the Committee of Ministers to member States concerning women migrants

- ✓ The **first of the 29 recommendations** on gender equality issues
- ✓ Should **serve “as a basis”** for new recommendation
- ✓ Many **changes** in the last 40 years
- ✓ Some issues initially identified for the new recommendation are **covered** – but may need updating
- ✓ Some issues are **not covered**



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