

**HUMAN RIGHTS,  
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## PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARIAT

**Working methods of the Drafting Committee on Migrant Women (GEC-MIG)  
20th GEC meeting, 23-25.11.2021**

## GEC-MIG: Mandate

### ✓ Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023:

- Objective 5: 'Protect the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls'

- ### ✓ Terms of Reference of GEC-MIG (adopted by the CM on 19-21 November 2019) - "Specific task": 'Draft a **recommendation on migrant and refugee women on the basis of Recommendation R(79)10 concerning women migrants and of an analysis of needs and gaps that need to be addressed**'.

## GEC-MIG Working Methods (1)

- ✓ **5 Meetings of GEC-MIG in 2020-2021**
- ✓ 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 with the drafting.

## GEC-MIG Working Methods (2)

- ✓ **GEC survey** May-July 2020: 20 contributions
- ✓ **Guidance** given at the July 2020 GEC meeting
- ✓ **Reporting to the GEC and continuous guidance from GEC** after each GEC-MIG meeting
- ✓ **Internal consultation meeting** with different sectors of the CoE (September 2020)
- ✓ **Input by relevant CoE sectors** to ensure consistency with existing standards and policies: GREVIO, GRETA, CPT, ECtHR, SGSR
- ✓ **Exchanges with/input by** different stakeholders during GEC-MIG meetings: civil society organisations, UN bodies

## GEC-MIG Working Methods (3)

### Amendments/comments by MS and other stakeholders:

- ✓ After GEC-MIG1 (October 2020)
- ✓ After GEC-MIG2 (December 2020 – looked at during GEC-MIG 3 and 4)
- ✓ After GEC-MIG4, last internal and external consultation, (4<sup>th</sup> June - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021)

In total 35 member states participated in GEC-MIG meetings and/or submitted amendments

 Drafting of a compromise document discussed & agreed during last GEC-MIG meeting (Sept. 2021)

 Finalisation of draft Recommendation in view of GEC meeting by Chair and Secretariat

## Next steps for the adoption of the draft Recommendation (1)

- ✓ After the GEC: Finalisation of document by the Gender Equality Division
- ✓ Revision by the legal service of the Council of Europe (usual procedure for CM texts)
- ✓ February 2022: Transmission to the Group of Rapporteurs on Human Rights (GR-H) of the Committee of Ministers for discussion

## Next steps for the adoption of the draft Recommendation (2)

- ✓ Depending on how the discussions proceed at the GR-H meeting, the document could be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers in March 2022 for adoption at the earliest
- ✓ If the text is not agreed at the first discussion of the GR-H, as these meetings only take place once a month, it will be transmitted later (April?) to the Committee of Ministers
- ✓ Final step: adoption by the Committee of Ministers

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<https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/drafting-committee-on-migrant-women>

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