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## **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**

### ***Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe***

#### **Draft work programme 2022-2023**

##### **Objectives**

In accordance with the Resolution 2417 (2022) "Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe", it is the task of the Platform "to facilitate co-operation between national parliaments aimed at promoting full and effective equality for LGBTI people throughout the continent".

In concrete terms, this means promoting LGBTI equality in Europe through cooperation between the national parliaments brought together within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

##### **Composition**

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Platform (AS/Ega/Inf (2022) 18), the composition of the Platform is as follows:

Members of the Parliamentary Assembly appointed by their national delegation and by specified committees, Partners for Democracy, observers to the Assembly  
Associate member appointed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe  
Possibility of cooperating with other, similar networks (such as the European Parliament's LGBTI Intergroup, Global Equality Caucus)

Work coordinated by the General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI persons (since January 2022: Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC)

##### **Working methods, activities and resources**

The working methods and activities of the Platform will depend on the resources available to it. They are accordingly outlined below in a series of "tiers".

###### ▪ **Tier 1: no additional resources**

The Platform will hold thematic meetings in the context of already foreseen activities (sessions, committee meetings), within the limits of the human and financial resources available

Possibility of holding up to the three meetings

Themes proposed for 2022-2023 (non-exhaustive and non-limitative list):

- Situation of LGBTI asylum-seekers and refugees
- "Conversion therapies"
- Protection of private and family life – rainbow families

▪ **Tier 2: less than 10 000€ (approximately)**

In addition to the activities mentioned above, possibility of envisaging the preparation and dissemination of publications aimed at increasing the visibility of the Platform and of the work already carried out by the Assembly to promote LGBTI equality, and possibly the preparation of a handbook for parliamentarians:

Tier 2a: "simple" publications

- Presentation leaflet (English/French)
- Collected texts already adopted by the Assembly (English/French)

Tier 2b: publications requiring a higher level of resources

- Translations into other languages, according to voluntary contributions
- Possible engagement of an expert to prepare a handbook for parliamentarians seeking to work withing their national parliament to promote the rights of LGBTI people

▪ **Tier 3: above 10 000€ (approximately)**

Possibility of organising events within national parliaments or in other frameworks:

- Thematic conferences on current issues, aiming to contribute to promoting LGBTI equality in Europe, in according with the objective of the Platform
- Seminars in national parliaments to support the adoption of legislative texts aiming to advance the rights and equality of LGBTI people

**Resources**

- Ordinary budget of the Parliamentary Assembly, in so far as the Platform's activities contribute directly to advancing the work of the plenary or committees
- Voluntary contributions (national delegations to the Assembly, permanent representations)
- Contributions and in-kind support for the organisation of events (making meeting rooms available, administrative support)