



## Role of expert committees

- Part of the CoE **intergovernmental structures**
  - “standard-setting dimension”
- Answerable to one or more **parent** committee(s)
- **Specific and limited task(s)** given by the Committee of Ministers (ToR) e.g draft binding or non-binding legal instruments
- **Draft recommendations** and guidelines: soft law nature, address new/ emerging challenges, carefully negotiated

Strategic triangle



## Basic principles of standard setting

- ***Understanding*** political, social, economic and technological developments, trends and challenges
- ***Analysing*** through the prism of human rights, democracy and rule of law
- ***Collaborating*** with member states, civil society, academia, private sector
- ***Continuing*** in developing, refining and updating standards
- ***Complementing*** work of other CoE bodies and mechanisms (European Court of Human Rights, monitoring bodies, PACE, Commissioner for Human Rights, etc.)
- ***Providing*** input for co-operation activities

## Working methods of expert committees

- ***Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods***
  - Privacy of meeting
  - No vote (except on procedural matters)
- **Terms of reference**
- **Composition** : members, participants, observers
- Civil society involvement / possible hearing with private sector

## Working methods of expert committees

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – members with a right to vote
- Meeting reports – transmitted to GEC and CDPC

## Deliverable

- Based on the GREVIO General Recommendation No 1, the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (aka Istanbul Convention) and the Cybercrime Convention (aka Budapest Convention)
- By 31/12/2025
- Timeline (Appendix 1 of document GEC/PCeVIO(2024)3)

## Draft CM recommendations to member States

### Preamble

- Reasons for the recommendation
- Importance of equality, including gender equality, and non-discrimination in democratic societies and in terms of human rights protection
- Challenges posed by AI
- Reference to existing standards

### Operative part – recommendation to governments of member States:

- to fully implement the measures set out in the recommendation
- to promote the goals of the recommendation at national and international level
- to regularly review the appropriateness of measures

### Appendix/ Explanatory memorandum

- Definitions and scope
- Main principles
- What is to be protected / promoted and how (measures)

Thank you for your attention!  
Merci pour votre attention !



## Tour de table

Please introduce yourself and tell us your **key expectations** or **wishes** for the work of this Expert Committee

Veillez vous présenter et nous faire part de vos **principales attentes** ou **souhaits** concernant les travaux de ce Comité d'expert·e·s.