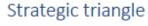


# Introduction to the work of the GEC/PC-eVIO



### 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



## **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 <u>CM/Res(2021)3</u> 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

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