

Provisional calendar and process for the adoption of the draft Recommendation (1)

- ✓ 30 September-1 October 2021: Final discussions and adoption by GEC-MIG
- ✓ By 1 November 2021: Transmission of draft Recommendation to the Gender Equality Commission (GEC)
- ✓ 23-25 November 2021: Discussion and adoption by the GEC
- ✓ After the GEC: Finalisation of document by the Gender Equality Division and revision by the legal service of the Council of Europe (usual procedure for CM texts)

Provisional calendar and process for the adoption of the draft Recommendation (2)

- ✓ February 2022: Transmission to the Group of Rapporteurs on Human Rights (GR-H) of the Committee of Ministers for discussion
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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

Result of last consultation and drafting of current working document (1)

- ✓ Last internal and external consultation on the document: 4th June - 16th July 2021
- ✓ Comments/amendments received from:
 - 13 member states
 - 1 observer state
 - 1 international organisation
 - 1 civil society organisation
 - 4 CoE sectors

All comments and amendments were carefully considered to draft the current compromise document by the Chair

Result of last consultation and drafting of current working document (2)

Main content issues:

- ✓ A minority of member states questioned some target groups of the draft Recommendation (undocumented migrant women and asylum-seekers) – changes were made to address these concerns (ex new §12bis)
- ✓ Wording on “gender” was kept in accordance to previous agreements at GEC-MIG and GEC
- ✓ There were questions related to legal aid, the text was modified so as not to go beyond the requirements of the IC/ THB conventions

Result of last consultation and drafting of current working document (3)

- ✓ The different provisions on legal aid were put in the same section
- ✓ The section on girls was modified and strengthened
- ✓ Limiting the number of “as appropriate”, “if relevant”, “as far as possible”, but some wording was changed to less strong language (“encouraged to”)
- ✓ Limiting the number the references to national law, except where national law is clearly referred to in relevant international standards (ex. legal aid)

Result of last consultation and drafting of current working document (4)

- ✓ Some listings were removed (ex. categories of staff to be trained)
- ✓ “Violence against women and trafficking in human beings” was replaced by “Violence against women including trafficking in human beings”
- ✓ Some of the titles were simplified

Format of the working document:

- ✓ New revised text without amendments
- ✓ Numbering of previous version was kept
- ✓ New articles marked with “bis”, “ter”

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

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