



Government of Iceland



Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

The Selection Panel, chaired by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) or a designated representative, is composed of six independent members recognised for their expertise in women's empowerment. Three members are nominated by the Bureau of the Assembly based on a proposal made by the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and three are nominated by the Government of Iceland.

Panel members serve a two-year term, renewable twice. Current Assembly members are not eligible to serve on the panel.

List of the members of the Selection Panel: October 2023 – October 2025

Independent experts nominated by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:

- **Mr Robert Biedroń** (Poland), President of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, member of the European Parliament
- **Ms Sandra Konstatzky** (Austria), Head of the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment
- **Ms Iris Luarasi** (Albania), journalist, former President of the Group of Experts on action against violence against women and domestic violence (GREVIO)

Independent experts nominated by the Government of Iceland:

- **Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfsdóttir** (Iceland), former member of the *Althingi*
- **Ms Sanam Naraghi Anderlini** (Iran/United Kingdom), CEO and founder of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) and former chair of LSE Center for Women, Peace and Security
- **Ms Finnborg Salome Steinþórsdóttir** (Iceland), Post-doctoral researcher and Sessional lecturer in Gender studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Iceland