



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 2025 – October 2027

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

- **Mr Robert Biedroń** (Poland), former President of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, member of the European Parliament, for a second mandate
- **Ms Sandra Konstatzky** (Austria), Head of the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment, for a second mandate
- **Ms Petra Stienen** (Netherlands), former Senator and diplomat, former Chairperson of the Dutch delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, advisor on women's empowerment and inclusive leadership.

#### *Independent experts nominated by the Government of Iceland:*

- **Ms Kristín A Árnadóttir** (Iceland), former Icelandic Ambassador with a distinguished career in international relations, governance and public service
- **Dr María Rún Bjarnadóttir** (Iceland), Academic at the Reykjavík University Faculty of Law, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
- **Mr Vilhjálmur Hilmarsson** (Iceland), Economist at Viska Union, specialist in labour market, equality policy and social welfare.