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1. Reports debated in 2024

1.1. **Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe**

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4691 of 14.10.2022
- Debated during the 2nd part-session 2024
- Resulted in [Resolution 2543 \(2024\)](#)

1.2. **Protecting women human rights defenders in Europe**

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15642, Ref. 4701 of 23.01.2023
- Debated during the 3rd part-session 2024
- Resulted in [Resolution 2554 \(2024\)](#)

1.3. **Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against lesbian, bisexual and queer women in Europe**

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15559](#), Ref. 4665 of 10.10.2022
- Debated during the 4th part-session 2024
- Resulted in [Resolution 2576 \(2024\)](#)

1.4. **Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation**

Former title: The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors

Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

Previous rapporteur: Ms Margreet de Boer (Netherlands, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15570](#), Ref. 4674 of 10.10.2022
- Debated during the 4th part-session 2024
- Referred back to committee on 03.10.2024

2. Reports tabled in 2024

2.1. **Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting**

Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15562](#), Ref. 4668 of 10.10.2022
- To be debated during the 1st part-session 2025.

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
01.12.2022 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
27.04.2023 (Strasbourg)		Exchange of views with Ms Anita Bhatia, UN Women Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships
22.06.2023 (Strasbourg)	Information memorandum	
15.09.2023 (Paris)	Replies to a questionnaire	Exchange of views with Ms Valerie Frey, Senior Economist, Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
05.06.2024 (Tirana)		Ms Delina Ibrahimaj, Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and Business Climate of Albania; Ms Milva Ekonomi, Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Economy and Finance, Parliament of Albania; Ms Emiriana Sako, Mayor of Durrës; Ms Jonida Halli, Vice Mayor of Tirana; and Mr Emanuel Salinas, World Bank Country Manager for Albania
27.06.2024 (Strasbourg)	Information memorandum	
03.10.2024 (Strasbourg)	Draft report	

2.2. **Overcoming age-based discrimination against older persons**

Rapporteur: Ms Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler (Austria, EPP/CD)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15735](#), Ref. 4736 of 26.05.2023
- Expiry date for adoption: 26.05.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
15.09.2023 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
18.03.2024 (Paris)	Information memorandum	Mr Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET), Brussels, and Ms Nena Georgantzi, Human Rights Manager, AGE Platform Europe, Brussels (<i>online</i>)
12.09.2024 (Paris)	Preliminary draft report	
05.12.2024 (Paris)	Draft report	

3. **Opinions debated in 2024**

3.1. **Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe**

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Azadeh Rojhan (Sweden, SOC)

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4730 of 28.04.2023
- Debated during the 2nd part session 2024

3.2. **The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States**

Former title: The situation in Iran

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15688](#), Ref. 4713 of 02.03.2023
- Debated during the 4th part session 2024

4. **Reports under preparation**

4.1. **Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life**

Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina (Ukraine, ALDE)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15291](#), Ref. 4590 of 21.06.2021
- Expiry date for adoption: 21.06.2024, extended to 27.06.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.11.2021 (Hybrid format)	Introductory memorandum and questionnaire to be sent to ECPRD	
20.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Information memorandum	
01.12.2022 (Paris)	Statement by the rapporteur	
18.03.2024 (Paris)	Statement by the rapporteur	Presentation by Ms Carlien Scheele, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and Ms Elena Anchevska, EIGE Gender Mainstreaming team, on their toolkit for gender-sensitive parliaments
12.09.2024 (Paris)	Information note	Exchange of views with Mr Saša Gavrić, Gender Adviser, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

* Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

4.2. The situation of national minorities in Ukraine

Former title: *The ongoing worsening of the access of Ukraine's national minorities to education in their mother tongues: need for a follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2189 (2017) and Violation of the rights of national minorities in Ukraine*

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Previous rapporteurs: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Mr Randolph De Battista (Malta, SOC)

- Origin: motions for a resolution, Docs. [15334](#) and [15339](#), Ref. 4603 of 27.09.2021
- Expiry date for adoption: 27.09.2023, extended to 03.10.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.11.2021 (hybrid format)	Communication by the rapporteur	
12.05.2022 (Stockholm)		Exchange of views on "National minorities in Europe" with Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
24.03.2023 (Paris)	Communication by the rapporteur	
23.01.2024 (Strasbourg)		Joint hearing with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), with the participation of Ms Veronika Bílková, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in respect of Czechia, Vice-President of the Venice Commission, and one of the rapporteurs on the opinion to the Law on National Minorities (Communities), Czechia; Mr Ashot Avanesyan, Chair of the Council of national communities of Ukraine, Ukraine (<i>online</i>); and Ms Olga Stefanishyna, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ukraine (<i>online</i>)

4.3. Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion and belief in Europe

Former title: Global rules to eliminate all forms of religious oppression

Rapporteur: Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC)

Former rapporteur: Ms Arta Bilalli Zendeli (North Macedonia, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15700](#), Ref. 4726 of 28.04.2023
- Expiry date for adoption: 28.04.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
11.10.2023 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
07.12.2023 (Paris)		Exchange of views with Ms Nazila Ghanea, United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (<i>online</i>)
06.06.2024 (Tirana)		Mr Genti Kruja, Secretary General and Ms Sheldiana Jano Agaraj, lawyer, Inter-Religious Council of Albania; and Ms Susan Kerr, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief, OSCE/ODIHR
27.06.2024 (Strasbourg)	Communication by the Rapporteur	
12.09.2024 (Paris)	Information memorandum	

4.4. Sexual violence against men and boys*Rapporteur: Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15805](#), Ref. 4764 of 09.10.2023
- Expiry date for adoption: 09.10.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
07.12.2023 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
18.03.2024 (Paris)	Information memorandum	Mr Gary Williams, CEO of SurvivorsUK, London and Ms Katherine Gambir, Senior Research Advisor at the Women's Refugee Commission (<i>online</i>)

4.5. Preventing and combating gender discrimination in health*Rapporteur: Ms Camilla Fabricius (Denmark, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15806](#), Ref. 4765 of 09.10.2023
- Expiry date for adoption: 09.10.2025

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
25.06.2024 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
12.09.2024 (Paris)		Ms Melanie Hyde, Gender, Equity and Human Rights Technical Officer, World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Office for Europe, and Ms Marina Kvaskoff, epidemiologist and tenured scientist, French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM)
05.12.2024 (Paris)		Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence on "Addressing gender-based violence in the healthcare sector and providing support for survivors by medical staff", with the participation of Ms Violette Perrotte, Executive director of La Maison des Femmes; Dr Sophie Tellier, Head of the unit on sexual violence of La Maison des Femmes of Saint-Denis; Dr Gilles Lazimi, General practitioner

4.6. For a ban on so-called conversion therapies*Rapporteur: Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc.15883](#), Ref. 4786 of 26.01.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 26.01.2026

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
25.06.2024 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
05.12.2024 (Paris)		Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe, and Ms Lenna Cumberbatch, Co-Chair of Galop, National Helpline for LGBT+ Victims and Survivors of Abuse and Violence (United Kingdom)

4.7. Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies*Rapporteur: Ms Tuula Haatainen (Finland, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15905](#), Ref. 4791 of 07.03.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 07.03.2026

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
12.09.2024 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
05.12.2024 (Paris)		Ms Guri Hestflått Gabrielsen, Human Rights Policy Director, Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud, and Ms Claire Hasenfratz, Legal officer, Non-discrimination Unit, European Commission (<i>online</i>)

4.8. Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt*Rapporteur: Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15942](#), Ref. 4807 of 19.04.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 07.03.2026

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.09.2024 (Strasbourg)		Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), and Ambassador Tanja Gonggrijp, Chair of the Committee of the Parties (Istanbul Convention)

4.9. Violent pornography*Rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL)**Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15972](#), Ref. 4809 of 19.04.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 19.04.2026

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
03.10.2024 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	

4.10. Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)**Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15975](#), Ref. 4812 of 24.05.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 24.05.2026

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
05.12.2024 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	

4.11. Artificial intelligence and gender equality: risks and challenges*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)**Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Mia Karamehić-Abazović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15986](#), Ref. 4816 of 24.06.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 24.06.2026

5. Opinions under preparation**5.1. Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic***Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)**Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC)**Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, EC/DA)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution [Doc. 15810](#), Ref. 4768 of 09.10.2023
- Expiry date for adoption: 09.10.2025

5.2. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)**Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, EC/DA)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15846](#), Ref. 4776 of 22.01.2024
- Expiry date for adoption: 22.01.2026

6. Bureau of the Committee

Chairperson: Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

1st Vice-Chairperson: Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC)

2nd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Franziska Hoop (Liechtenstein, ALDE)

3rd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL)

7. General Rapporteurs

General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Etilda Gjonaj (Albania, SOC)

General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC)

General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

8. Sub-Committees

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

Chairperson: ZZ...

Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

Chairperson: ZZ...

Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality

Chairperson: Mr Edmunds Cepurītis (Latvia, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

9. Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Website: pace.coe.int/en/pages/network-violence-women

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461

On the basis of [Resolution 1635 \(2008\)](#) and [Recommendation 1847 \(2008\)](#) on “Combating violence against women”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination runs the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence.

This Network is a *sui generis* structure, composed of contact parliamentarians from national, observer and partner for democracy delegations to the Assembly. In 2011, following the opening for signature of the [Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence \(Istanbul Convention, CETS No. 210\)](#), the Network decided that its main objective would be encouraging further signatures and ratifications of this instrument, so that it could enter into force as soon as possible. Since the entry into force of the Convention in August 2014, the Network has continued to promote its ratification and to develop activities linked to its implementation.

The Network is chaired by the General Rapporteur on violence against women, who acts as its political coordinator.

Meetings in 2024

Date and place	
24.01.2024 (Strasbourg)	Joint exchange of views with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>Reflecting on progress: a decade of implementing the Istanbul Convention in Europe</i> , with the participation of Ms Aleid Van Den Brink, First Vice-President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).
11.03.2024 (New York)	Side event on <i>Parliamentarians as drivers for women’s empowerment</i> , co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, Greece and Iceland, with the participation of: Mr Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson, Minister of Social Affairs and the Labour Market of Iceland; Ms Maria Alexandra Kefala, Deputy Minister of Social Cohesion and Family of Greece; Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Despina

	<p>Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR), Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Ms Wanda Nowicka (Poland, SOC); and Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Head of the Ukrainian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.</p>
05.06.2024 (Tirana)	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Addressing the intersection of psychological and online violence against women: challenges and best practices</i> with the participation of Ms Albana Kociu, Minister of Health and Social Protection, Albania; Ms Ogerta Manastirliu, Minister of Education, Sports and Youth, Albania; Ms Elif Sariaydin, Administrator, Violence against Women Division of the Council of Europe, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DGII); Mr Michele Ribotta, UN Women, Representative and Chair of UN Albania Gender Group; Ms Luz Martinez Seijo, member of the Spanish Delegation to PACE; Ms Klodiana Spahiu, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Labour, Social Issues and Health, Parliament of Albania; and Ms Ines Leskaj, Representative of Albanian Women's Empowerment Network (AWEN).</p> <p>Presentations on <i>Regional overview: the role of the media in countering online violence against women in politics</i> by H.E. Michel Tarran, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania; and Ms Iris Luarasi, Director of the Counselling Line for Women and Girls (CLWG), former President of the GREVIO and exchange of views with representatives of the Parliament of Albania: Ms Flutura Acka, Chair of the Committee on Education and Public Information Media; Ms Evis Kushi, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Education and Public Information Media and Ms Valbona Sulçe and Ms Anila Basha, journalists.</p>
11.06.2024 (Riga)	<p>Exchange of views on <i>From ratification to implementation of the Istanbul Convention – legislation, budgeting and monitoring structures with the participation of Ms Maria Andriani Kostopoulou, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO); Ms Inese L̄biņa-Egnere, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Latvia; Ms Zane Skujiņa-Rubene, Chair of the Equality Sub-Committee of the Social Affairs Committee.</i></p> <p>Exchange of views on <i>The role and responsibilities of parliaments in monitoring implementation of the Istanbul Convention – working with GREVIO, building alliances</i> with the participation of Ms Laura Castel, member of the Spanish delegation to PACE; Ms Liisa-Li Pakosta, Chair of the Estonian delegation to PACE; Mr Georgios Stamatias, member of the Greek delegation to PACE; Ms Catia Polidori, member of the Italian delegation to PACE; Ms Aysu Bankoğlu, member of the Turkish delegation to PACE; Ms Sevilay Çelenk Özen, member of the Turkish delegation to PACE.</p> <p>Exchange of views on <i>The role and co-operation between parliaments and NGOs/civil society specialised on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence</i> with the participation of Ms Leila Rasima, Chair of the Human Rights and Public Affairs Committee; Ms Beata Jonite, Policy coordinator, MARTA Centre; Ms Inete Ielīte, Chair of the Women's NGO Cooperation Network of Latvia; Ms Maija Krastiņa, Founder of "Sievietei Paveicās".</p>
05.12.2024 (Paris)	<p>Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>Addressing gender-based violence in the healthcare sector and providing support for survivors by medical staff</i> with the participation of Ms Violette Perrotte, Executive director of La Maison des Femmes; Dr Sophie Tellier, Head of the unit on sexual violence of La Maison des Femmes of Saint-Denis; Dr Gilles Lazimi, General practitioner.</p>

10. No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Website: pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate

In follow-up to Assembly [Resolution 1967 \(2014\)](#) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination proposed setting up the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

The Alliance was officially launched on 29 January 2015 in Strasbourg. It is composed of parliamentarians, members of the Parliamentary Assembly, who commit to taking open, firm and pro-active stands against racism, hatred and intolerance on whatever grounds and however they manifest themselves. Their commitment is formalised by signing the Charter of Commitments for membership in the Alliance.

The main activities of the Alliance are conducted at national level. Its members commit to:

- raising awareness against racism and intolerance amongst politicians and civil society;
- promoting the respect of equality, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, as grounded in the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols;
- exchanging information on law and best practices in preventing and combating racism, hatred and intolerance with parliamentarians from other countries;
- supporting and participating in the work of the national committees of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement."

The Alliance is coordinated by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, who is supported by the Bureau of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Meetings in 2024

Date and place	
19.03.2024 (Paris)	<p>Joint meeting with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: heard a presentation of the Joint European Union / Council of Europe Programme "Equality and Freedom from Discrimination for Roma" (EQUIROM) by Mr Manuel Demougeot, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) and held an exchange of views on the theme <i>Equality and non-discrimination for Roma and Travellers</i>.</p> <p>Joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - heard a statement by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and rapporteur for a report on <i>The theme of migration and asylum in election campaigns and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants</i> (Resolution 2525 (2024)); - held an exchange of views, on the theme <i>Approaching the theme of migration and asylum during election campaigns: policy instruments in preventing and combating hate speech</i>, with the participation of Ms Laura Castel, member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, member of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe and Mr Daris Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, European Network of Equality Bodies (EQUINET).
26.06.2024 (Strasbourg)	<p>Presentation of Recommendation CM/Rec (2024) 4 on Combating hate crime by Mr Wolfram Bechtel, Secretary of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI).</p> <p>Presentation of the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law by Mr Kristian Bartholin, Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) and Head of the Digital Development Unit, and exchange of views with the participation of Ms Mariagrazia Squicciarini, Chief of Executive Office and Director a.i. at the Social and Human Sciences Sector of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Ms Adinde School, Office Manager, International Network against Cyber Hate (INACH).</p>

11. Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe

Terms of reference: [AS/Ega/Inf \(2022\) 18](#)

In its [Resolution 2417 \(2022\)](#) “Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe”, the Assembly called for the creation of a network of its interested members, in order to facilitate cooperation between national parliaments aimed at promoting full and effective equality for LGBTI people throughout the continent.

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination adopted the terms of reference of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe on 26 April 2022. It will be composed of parliamentarians from national, observer and partner for democracy delegations to the Assembly, as well as members appointed by other Assembly committees and an associate member appointed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe. Members of other similar interparliamentary networks may also be invited to participate in its work.

In carrying out its work, the Platform will work for example to promote the exchange of good practices between national parliaments and the acknowledgement of LGBTI rights in the Assembly’s work, and to strengthen the Assembly’s voice and promote synergies with other Council of Europe activities in this field.

The Platform is coordinated by the General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people in Europe, supported by the Bureau of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Meetings in 2024

Date and place	
16.04.2024 (Strasbourg)	Exchange of views on <i>Addressing discrimination and violence against transgender people</i> with Ms Dinah Bons, Co-Chair, Transgender Europe (TGEU); Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe; Ms Erika Castellanos, Executive Director, Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE).
03.10.2024 (Strasbourg)	Exchange of views on <i>Intersectional inequalities: addressing the rights of LGBTI persons with disabilities</i> , with Ms Bella FitzPatrick, Executive Director, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Youth and Student Organisation (IGLYO); Ms Marine Uldry, Human Rights Policy Coordinator, European Disability Forum; and Ms Béatrice Bradillon, Co-Founder and Ms Laetitia Rebord, member, Les Dévalideuses.
04.12.2024 (Strasbourg)	Conference on <i>Addressing violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe</i> , with the participation of: Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovillis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; Lady Phyll, Executive Director and Founder of UK Black Pride; Ms Bella FitzPatrick, Executive Director of IGLYO; Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), PACE General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people; Ms Dragana Todorovic, Executive Director, Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community; Ms Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe; Ms Marie Patouillet, French Paralympic medallist; Ms Anastasiia Gerasymenko, Insight, Ukraine; Ms Irene Zeilinger, WAVE Board Member, Founder of Garance; Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC); Ms Lucia Plaváková (Slovakia, ALDE); Ms Evgenia Giakoumopoulou, Head of the SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe; Ms Françoise Kempf, Administrator, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe; Ms Maud Royer President, Toutes des Femmes; Ms Ruth Mestre Researcher, University of Valencia.

12. Meetings in 2024

	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	Sub-Committee on Gender Equality	Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities	Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Inter-sectional Discrimination	Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	No Hate Parliamentary Alliance	Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe
Strasbourg	1 st part-session of 2024 (22 - 26.01.2024)				24.01.2024		
New York					11.03.2024		
Paris	18-19.03.2024	18.03.2024	18.03.2024	18.03.2024		19.03.2024	
Strasbourg	2 nd part-session of 2024 (15-19.04.2024)						16.04.2024
Tirana	5-6.06.2024				05.06.2024		
Riga					11.06.2024		
Strasbourg	3 rd part-session of 2024 (24 - 28.06.2024)		27.06.2024	27.06.2024		26.06.2024	
Paris	12.09.2024						
Strasbourg	4 th part-session of 2024 (30.09-04.10.2024)						03.10.2024
Strasbourg							04.12.2024
Paris	05.12.2024						

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