



Strasbourg, 22 March 2017

GEC (2017) Order of business

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION (GEC)

11th meeting

5-6 April 2017, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm

7 April 2017, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

AGORA, Meeting Room G01

Strasbourg

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2017	
9.30 - 9.40 am	I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
9.40 – 9.50 am	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 1. Work plan of the Gender Equality Commission 2016-2017
9.50 - 10.00 am	2. Draft Terms of Reference of the Gender Equality Commission 2018-2019
10.00 - 11.00 am	3. Draft Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023
11.00 - 11.30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.00 pm	4. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 c. Objective 3 - Guaranteeing equal access of women to justice - Regional Project on “Improving women’s access to justice in six EAP countries”
	- Presentation by Isabela Mihalache, SRSG Roma Support Team about the Joint EU/Council of Europe project on Access of Roma and Traveller Women to Justice (JUSTROM)
12.00 – 1.00 pm	a. Objective 1 - Combating gender stereotypes and sexism - Preparation of a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism
1.00 - 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.30 – 3.00 pm	III. Co-operation with international/regional organisations - Presentation by Veronica Birga, Chief, Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about their work on women’s access to justice
3.00 – 4.00 pm	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 5. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe - Exchange of views with Ambassador António Gamito, Executive Director and Rocio Cervera, Deputy Executive Director of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)
4.00 - 4.30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.30 – 5.30 pm	4. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 b. Objective 2 - Preventing and combating violence against women - Exchange of views with Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017	
9.30 – 10.15 am	5. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe - Exchange of views with Inger Linge, Gender Equality Rapporteur of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
10.15 – 10.45 am	4. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 e. Objective 5 - Achieving gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures - Update from Carlien Scheele, Senior Gender Equality Advisor
	- Gender Mainstreaming in Council of Europe Activities
	- Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on Gender Equality in the audio-visual sector
10.45 - 11.15 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 12.15 pm	5. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe - Exchange of views with Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
12.15 – 1.00 pm	- Presentation by Emmanuel Baron, Programme Manager, about gender equality activities carried out within the South Mediterranean Programme
1.00 - 2.30 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.30 – 3.00 pm Video conference	III. Co-operation with international/regional organisations - Exchange of views with Claudia Ritter, President of the Sofia Foundation (via Video Conference)
3.00 – 4.00 pm	III. Co-operation with international/regional organisations - Exchange of views with Keiko Nowacka, Gender Programme Co-ordinator, OECD Development Centre, Organisation for Economic Co-ordination and Development (OECD)
4.00 – 4.30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.30 – 5.00 pm	- Presentation of EIGE's new report on the economic benefits of gender equality and other relevant activities/publications by Bernadette Gemmell, Research Communications Officer, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
5.00 – 5.30 pm	- Council of Europe side event during CSW61, New York - Council of the European Union - gender equality agenda: - o Slovakian Presidency (July – December 2016) - o Maltese Presidency (January – June 2017) - o Estonian Presidency (July – December 2017)

FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017	
9.30 – 10.00 am	II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality 5. Co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe - Exchange of views with Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, to present the gender equality-related work of the Youth sector
10.00 – 11.00 am	4. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 d. Objective 4 - Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making - Third round of monitoring the implementation of CM Recommendation Rec(2003)3 on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making
	- Presentation by François Friederich, Head of the Division of Electoral Assistance, Directorate General of Democracy, of the regional study on “Women’s political representation in the Eastern Partnership countries”
11.00 – 11.30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 1.00 pm	IV. Report of events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat
	V. Current and future activities at national level and at international level - Council of Europe gender equality agenda: - o Cyprus Chairmanship (November 2016 – May 2017) - o Czech Republic Chairmanship (May – November 2017)
	VI. Other business
	VII. Adoption of abridged report