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**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 AGENDA**

**I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

*Draft Agenda*

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**II. Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality**

**1. Work plan of the Gender Equality Commission 2016 - 2017**

*GEC(2016)1 revised 1*

**2. Draft Terms of Reference of the Gender Equality Commission 2018 - 2019**

*GEC(2017)4*

**3. Draft Gender Equality Strategy 2018 - 2023**

*Discussion document*

*GEC(2017)2*

**4. Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017**

**a. Objective 1 - Combating gender stereotypes and sexism**

- Preparation of a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism

*Report of the first meeting of the Drafting Committee preparing a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism (Paris, 2-3 March 2017)*

*GEC(2017)3*

*Report of the seminar on “Combating Sexist Hate Speech” (Strasbourg, 10-12 February 2016) French version*

[Report](#)

**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)

*Oral Presentation*

[GREVIO statement](#)

**c. Objective 3 - Guaranteeing equal access of women to justice**

- Regional Project on “Improving women’s access to justice in six EAP countries”

*Oral presentation*

*Report of the regional conference “Strengthening Judicial Capacity to improve*

*Women’s Access to Justice” – 24 - 25 October 2016*

*Online version only*

*Conference video*

*Video*

**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

*Draft Analytical Report of the third round of monitoring of Recommendation*

*Rec(2003)3*

*GEC(2017)5*

- Presentation by François Friederich, Head of the Electoral Assistance Division, of the regional study on “Women’s political representation in the Eastern Partnership countries”

[Study](#)

**e. Objective 5 - Achieving gender mainstreaming in all policies and measures**

- Update from Carlien Scheele, Senior Gender Equality Advisor

*Oral presentation*

- Gender Mainstreaming in Council of Europe Activities

*Oral presentation*

*5th edition of information document (March 2017)*

*Online version only*

- Draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on Gender Equality in the audio-visual sector

*Oral Presentation*

## **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
- Exchange of views with Inger Linge, Gender Equality Rapporteur of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities 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)
- Presentation of the gender equality-related work of the Youth sector by Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department
- 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)
- Presentation by Emmanuel Baron, Programme Manager, about the gender equality activities carried out within the South Mediterranean Programme

## **III. Co-operation with international/regional organisations**

- Exchange of views with Claudia Ritter, President of the Sofia Foundation
- Exchange of views with Keiko Nowacka, Gender Programme Co-ordinator, OECD Development Centre, Organisation for Economic Co-ordination and Development (OECD)
- 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)
- Exchange of views with 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

- Council of Europe side event during CSW61, New York

*Oral presentation*

- 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)

#### **IV. Report of events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat**

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#### **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 the abridged report of the 11th GEC meeting (5 - 7 April 2017)**

#### **Calendar of forthcoming events and meetings:**

##### **Council of Europe**

##### **2017**

- *2nd meeting of the Drafting Committee preparing a draft Committee of Ministers recommendation on combating sexism 22 – 23 June 2017, Paris*
- *12th GEC meeting: 15-17 November 2017, Prague, Czech Republic*

##### **2018**

- *13th GEC meeting: 12-14 April 2018, Strasbourg, France*
- *Conference to launch the new Gender Equality Strategy, dates to be confirmed, Copenhagen, Denmark*