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1. Reports debated in 2022

1. Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15121, Ref. 4524 of 15.09.2020
- Debated during the 1st part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2417 \(2022\)](#) and [Recommendation 2220 \(2022\)](#)

2. Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14879, Ref. 4453 of 25.06.2019
- Debated during the 1st part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2418 \(2022\)](#)

3. Tackling discrimination based on social origin

Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14986, Ref. 4881 of 27.01.2020
- Debated during the 2nd part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2432 \(2022\)](#)

4. Access to abortion in Europe: stopping anti-choice harassment

Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15030, Ref. 4491 of 31.01.2020
- Debated during the May 2022 Standing Committee
- Resulted in [Resolution 2439 \(2022\)](#)

5. The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society

Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15329, Ref. 4598 of 27.09.2021
- Debated during the 3rd part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2443 \(2022\)](#)

6. Combating antisemitism in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15168, Ref. 4544 of 20.11.2020
- Debated during the 3rd part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2447 \(2022\)](#)

7. Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation

Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15045, Ref. 4497 of 06.03.2020
- Debated during the 3rd part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2450 \(2022\)](#)

8. Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15169, Ref. 4545 of 20.11.2020
- Debated during the 4th part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2457 \(2022\)](#)

9. The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14987, Ref. 4482 of 27.01.2020
- Debated during the 4th part-session 2022
- Resulted in [Resolution 2465 \(2022\)](#)

2. Opinions debated in 2022

1. Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Liliane Tanguy (France, ALDE)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE)

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4517 of 26.06.2020
- Debated during the 2nd part-session 2022

2. Gender mainstreaming of migration policies

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Türkiye, NR)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a resolution, Doc. 15069, Ref. 4504 of 07.05.2020
- Debated during the May 2022 Standing Committee

3. Reports tabled in 2022

1. Finding solutions for marital captivity

Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15193, Ref. 4554 of 25.01.2020
- Reference extended to 25.07.2023
- To be debated during the 1st part-session 2023

4. Reports under preparation

1. Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15170, Ref. 4546 of 20.11.2020
- Reference extended to 20.05.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
15.09.2021 (Hybrid format)	Introductory memorandum	
20.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Communication by the rapporteur	
16.09.2022	Information memorandum	Mr Daniel Agacinski, Delegate-General for Mediation, Defender of Rights, France; and Ms Verena Weber, Head, Communication Infrastructures and Services Policy Unit, OECD.

2. Sexual and reproductive health and rights

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15248, Ref. 4579 of 28.05.2021
- Expiry date for adoption: 28.05.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.11.2021 (Hybrid format)	Introductory memorandum	
26.04.2022 (Hybrid format)	Information memorandum	
10.10.2022 (Strasbourg)		Ms Alice Rawsthorn OBE, Design critic, author and co-founder of Design Emergency, London; and Ms Jimena Acosta, independent curator, editor at Toronja Ediciones, Mexico City (online).

3. The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15290, Ref. 4589 of 21.06.2021
- Expiry date for adoption: 21.06.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.11.2021 (Hybrid format)	Introductory memorandum	
14.03.2022 (Hybrid format)	Information memorandum	
27.04.2022 (Hybrid format)		Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence with the participation of Ms Giovanna Lauro, Vice President of Programs & Research, Promundo-US; Ms Teresa Schweiger, Austrian member and Co-Coordinator of MenEngage Europe; and Mr Ivan Jablonka, Professor of History at University Sorbonne Paris Nord, member of the University Institute of France.
16.09.2022 (Paris)	Information memorandum	Exchange of views with Mr Maxime Ruzniewski, CEO, Remixt, Paris.

4. 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: 21.06.2023

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	

5. 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: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)

- Origin: motions for a resolution, Docs. 15334 and 15339, Ref. 4603 of 27.09.2021
- Expiry date for adoption: 27.09.2023

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.

6. The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges*Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)*

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15386, Ref. 4617 of 24.01.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 24.01.2024

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
14.03.2022 (Hybrid format)	Introductory memorandum	

21.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Communication by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Türkiye on 6-7 June 2022	
16.09.2022 (Paris)	Information memorandum	
11.10.2022 (Strasbourg)		Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO); and Ambassador Marie Fontanel, Chair of the Committee of the Parties on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe.

7. Conflict-related sexual violence

Former title: Sexual violence and conflict

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15511, Ref. 4647 of 28.04.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 28.04.2024

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
22.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, with the participation of: Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; Ms Kateryna Pavlichenko, Deputy Minister of Interior of Ukraine (online); and Ms Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović, Senior Legal Adviser, TRIAL International, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
16.09.2022	Information memorandum	Ms Ajna Jusić, President, “Zaboravljena djeca rata” (Forgotten Children of War) Association, Sarajevo; and Ms Céline Bardet, Lawyer and international criminal investigator, Founder and President of We are not Weapons of War NGO, Paris.

8. Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15531, Ref. 4658 of 20.06.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 20.06.2024

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
16.09.2022 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
11.10.2022 (Strasbourg)		Joint hearing of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence with the participation of: Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (pre-recorded video); Ms Helen Portal, Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe; Ms Elisa Rojas, lawyer, Paris (online); and Ms Claire Desaint, Vice-President, “Women to speak, women to act” Association (<i>Femmes pour le dire, Femmes pour agir</i>).

9. Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15559, Ref. 4665 of 10.10.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 10.10.2024

10. Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers

Rapporteur: to be appointed

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15561, Ref. 4667 of 10.10.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 10.10.2024

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

Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Türkiye, NR)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15562, Ref. 4668 of 10.10.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 10.10.2024

12. The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors

Rapporteur: to be appointed

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15570, Ref. 4674 of 10.10.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 10.10.2024

13. Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe

Rapporteur: to be appointed

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4691 of 14.10.2022
- Expiry date for adoption: 14.10.2024

5. Bureau of the Committee

Chairperson: Ms Annicka Engblom (Sweden, EPP/CD)
1st Vice-Chairperson: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)
2nd Vice-Chairperson: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)
3rd Vice-Chairperson: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

6. General Rapporteurs

General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)

General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

7. Sub-Committees

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

Chairperson: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)
Vice-Chairperson: Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD)

Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

Chairperson: Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou (Greece, EPP/CD)
Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality

Chairperson: Ms Maryna Bardina (Ukraine, ALDE)
Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

8. Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

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

Facebook page: <https://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 2022

Date and place	
27.04.2022 (Hybrid format)	Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence</i> with the participation of Ms Giovanna Lauro, Vice President of Programs & Research, Promundo-US; Ms Teresa Schweiger, Austrian member and Co-Coordinator of MenEngage Europe - A Regional Network within the Global Alliance MenEngage; and Mr Ivan Jablonka, Professor of History at University Sorbonne Paris Nord, member of the University Institute of France.
22.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>Developing mechanisms and concrete means to detect crimes of sexual violence of armed conflict and support the rehabilitation of survivors</i> with the participation of: Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; Ms Kateryna Pavlichenko, Deputy Minister of Interior of Ukraine (online); and Ms Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović, Senior Legal Adviser, TRIAL International, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
01.07.2022 (Webinar)	Webinar held jointly with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>Finding solutions to marital captivity</i> with the participation of : Ms Shirin Musa, Director, Femmes for Freedom; Ms Kim Lecoyer, Researcher and lecturer, Centre for Family Studies of Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Post-doctoral researcher, Human Rights Centre, University of Ghent, and Chair, KARAMAH Europe: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights; Ms Meltem Weiland, Director, Nationwide Coordination Centre against Abduction and Forced Marriage, Vienna; Mr Jens van Tricht, Founder and Managing Director, Emancipator, and Coordinator, Men Engage Alliance, Amsterdam; Ms Francesca Montagna, Administrator, Secretariat of GREVIO, Council of Europe.
11.10.2022 (Strasbourg)	Joint hearing with the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination with the participation of: Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (pre-recorded video); Ms Helen Portal, Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe; Ms Elisa Rojas, lawyer, Paris (online); and Ms Claire Desaint, Vice-President, “Women to speak, women to act” Association (<i>Femmes pour le dire, Femmes pour agir</i>).

9. No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Website: <https://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 2022

Date and place	
14.03.2022 (Hybrid format)	Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on <i>Combating antisemitism in Europe</i> with the participation of: Mr Daniel Höltgen, Special Representative of the Secretary General on antisemitic, anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes, Council of Europe; Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights; and Ms Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.

10. 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 2022

Date and place	
20.06.2022 (Strasbourg)	Launch of the platform with the participation of: Nina Nordström, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Finland, Chair of the Group of Rapporteurs on Human Rights, Committee of Ministers; Marc Angel, co-Chair, LGBTI Intergroup, European Parliament; Andrew Boff, associate member of the Platform, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; and Katrin Hugendubel, Advocacy Director, ILGA-Europe.
13.10.2022 (Strasbourg)	Exchange of views on <i>The threatened ban of EuroPride events in Belgrade: an attack on equality, democracy and human rights</i> with the participation of Mr Filip Lukić, Head of Communication, EuroPride 2022.

11. Meetings in 2022

	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 2022 (24-25.01.2022) (hybrid format) 11.03.2022 (hybrid format) Extraordinary Plenary Session (14.03.2022) (hybrid format) 2 nd part-session of 2021 (25-29.04.2022) (hybrid format) 3 rd part-session of 2022 (20-24.06.2022) (hybrid format) 4 th part-session of 2021 (10-14.10.2021) (hybrid format)	27.04.2022	27.04.2022	27.04.2022	27.04.2022	14.03.2022	20.06.2022 13.10.2022
Paris	16.09.2022 01.12.2022						
Stockholm	12.05.2022						
Webinar					01.07.2022		

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13. Website and social media

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/committee-29/AS-EGA>

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/networks>

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/network-violence-women>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461>

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate>

https://twitter.com/PACE_Equality