

Role of the GRETA

GRETA is responsible for monitoring implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by the States who have ratified the Council of Europe Convention. GRETA regularly publishes reports evaluating the measures taken by the States who are party to the Convention.

The Convention entrusted the Committee of Ministers to define the election procedure of the members of GRETA. Article 36 of the Convention stipulates that GRETA shall have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 members and stresses the need to ensure geographical and gender balance, as well as a multidisciplinary expertise, GRETA's members shall be nationals of States Parties to the Convention. Members must have recognised competences in the fields of human rights, assistance and protection of victims, action against trafficking in human beings or professional experience in the areas covered by this Convention. GRETA members must be independent and impartial in the exercise of their functions.

Members of GRETA must have sufficient time and capacity to participate in meetings of GRETA, carry out country visits and be able to work online for the preparation of reports and conclusions of GRETA. Currently there are 3 plenary meetings of 5 days each, i.e. a total of 15 days per year. In addition, each GRETA member participates in one to two country visits per year, each lasting some 5 days. A scheme of expenses is in place.

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Please refer to the Council of Europe Convention website for further information on the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.