

# THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

## Five Years On



# **SOME DATES**

**11.v.2011- ADOPTION OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND  
OPENING FOR SIGNATURE**

**1.viii.2014 - ENTRY INTO FORCE**

**4.v.2015 - FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE  
PARTIES AND ELECTION OF 10 GREVIO MEMBERS**

**21.ix.2015 FIRST MEETING GREVIO**

**MARCH 2016 ADOPTION OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND  
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE FOR THE BASELINE  
EVALUATION**

**MARCH 2016 FIRST QUESTIONNAIRES SENT**

**SEPTEMBER 2016 FIRST REPORTS RECEIVED**

# STATE OF PLAY - RATIFICATIONS

## Ratifications: 22

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey

## Signatories: 21

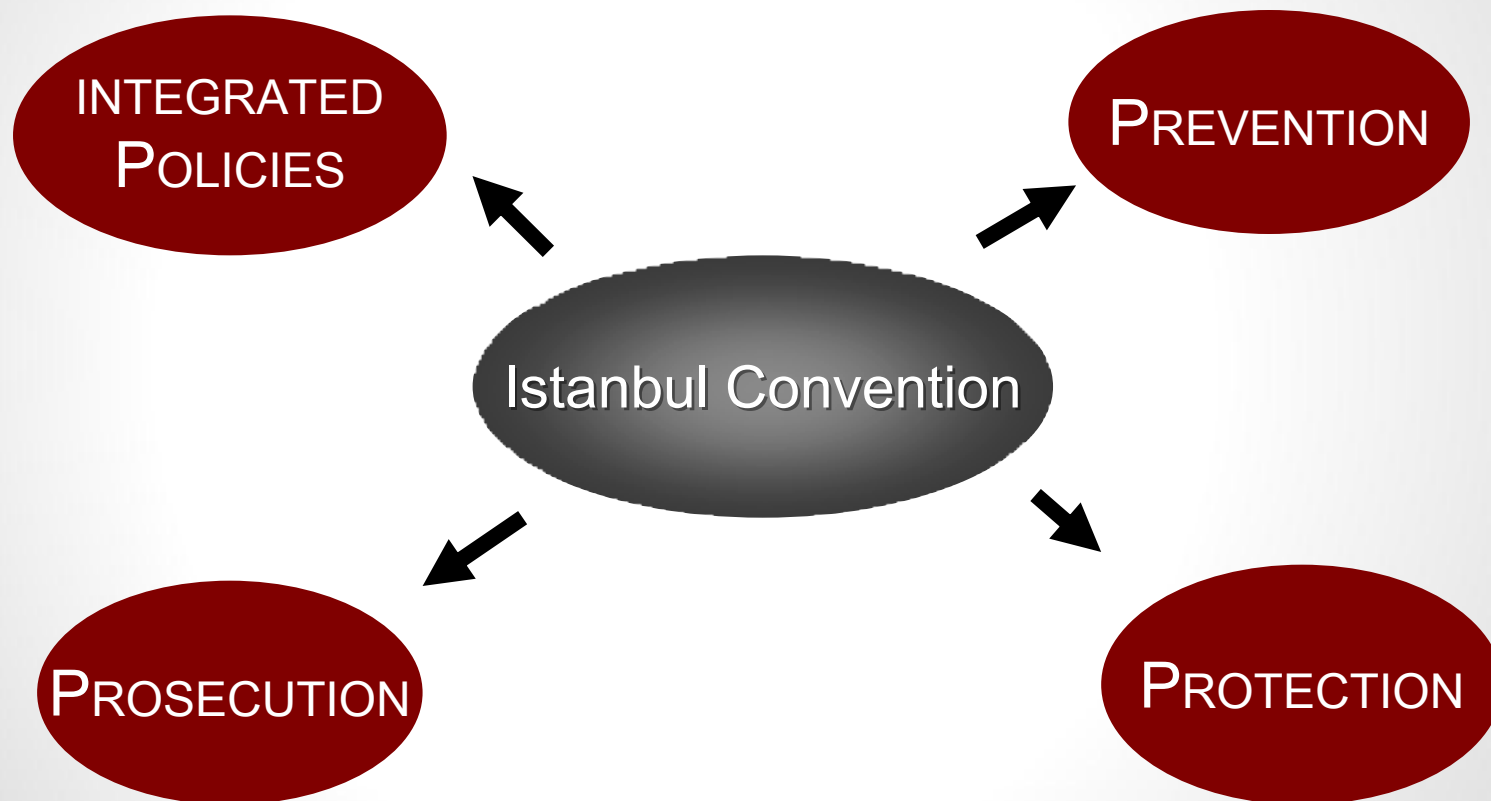
Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United Kingdom



# WHAT NEXT?

- **Maintain pressure for further ratifications**
- **Expected soon – Bulgaria, Ireland, Czech republic  
Germany, Ukraine**
- **Interest shown by the European Union**
- **25<sup>th</sup> ratification = 5 new members of GREVIO**

# HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN





# IMPACT OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

- The effects of the Istanbul Convention on national policy and legislation can already be seen:
  - Trend towards criminalising more forms of violence against women (stalking, FGM, forced marriage)
  - More countries setting up co-ordinating bodies
  - Large scale training initiatives



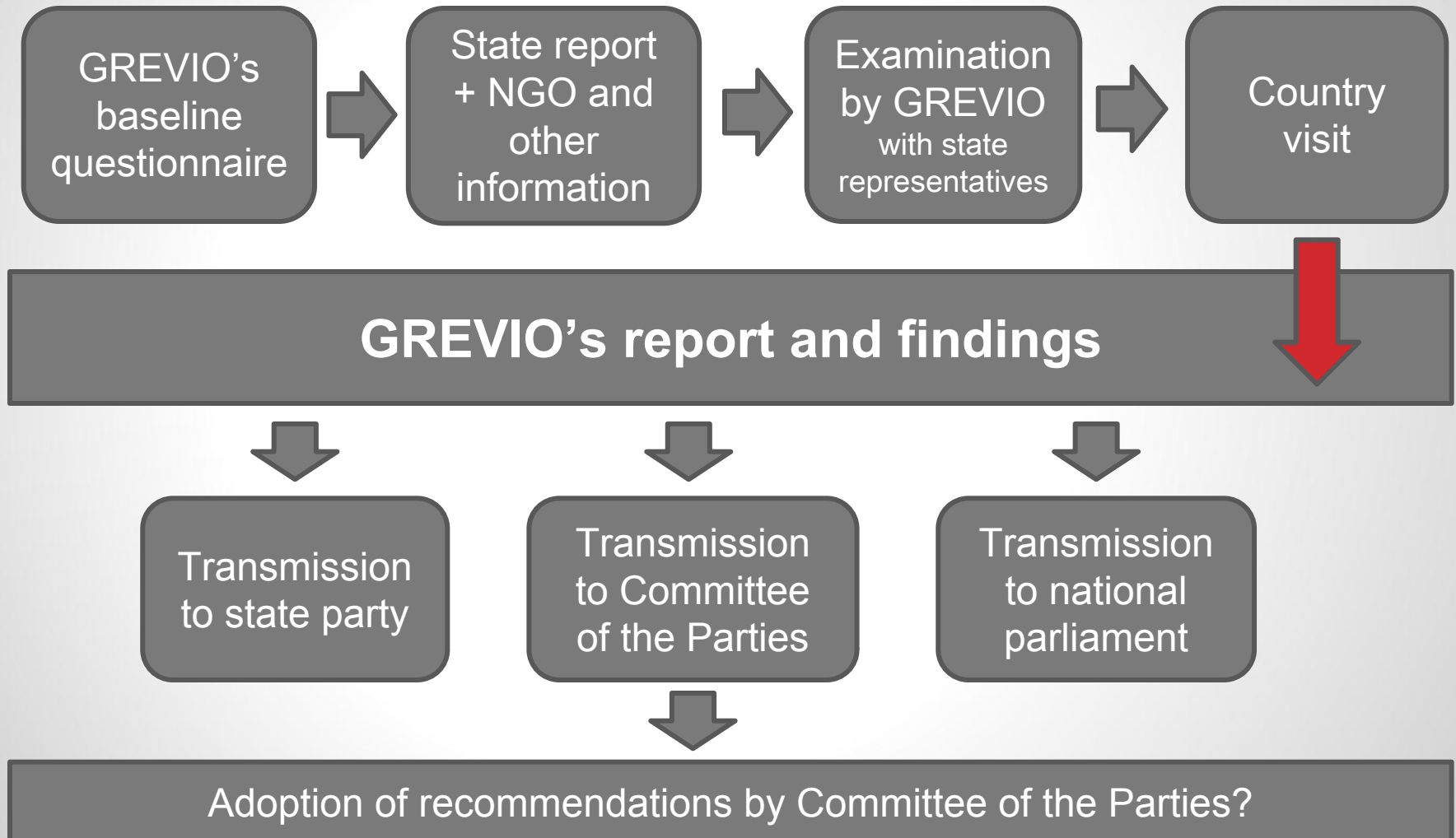
# MONITORING

The Istanbul Convention monitoring mechanism rests on two pillars:

- the Committee of the Parties:  
a political body composed of Government representatives of all the Parties to the Convention
- the Group of Experts on action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO):  
an independent expert body set up to monitor the implementation of the Convention composed of 10 independent and impartial experts



# BASELINE EVALUATION PROCEDURE







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initiated in relation to

- ★ Austria
- ★ Monaco

State reports received on 1 September 2016

State dialogues conducted week of 7 November 2016

State visits planned weeks of 28 November and 5  
December



# BASELINE EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Next state parties to be monitored:

- ★ Albania
- ★ Denmark

State reports to be received in January  
2017



# **BASELINE EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

## **Austria and Monaco**

- **State dialogue with GREVIO – 8 and 9 November 2016**
- **Country visits – November/December 2016**
- **Final GREVIO report – adoption mid 2017 – to be transmitted to Committee of the Parties AND made public**
- **Role of PACE Network members during GREVIO's evaluation processes.**



# TWO DIFFERENT MONITORING PROCEDURES

- evaluation procedure
  - country-by-country
  - division into evaluation rounds
  - in situ visits
  
- special inquiry procedure
  - serious, massive or persistent pattern of violence
  - possible visit with the consent of the State Party



# NGOS AND CIVIL SOCIETY: GREVIO'S SOURCES OF INFORMATION

**What does the Convention say?**

**Article 68 (5): GREVIO may receive information on the implementation of the Convention from non-governmental organisations and civil society**

**What do GREVIO's Rules of Procedure say?**

**Rule 35 (1):**

GREVIO may invite non-governmental organisations and other members of civil society active in the areas of concern to GREVIO, in particular women's organisations, national coalitions of organisations and national branches of international non-governmental organisations, to provide it with information in relation to [...] a questionnaire [...].



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