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## **ISTANBUL CONVENTION: CURRENT CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION**

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9.30 – 11.30, room G01  
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The Istanbul Convention is a major Council of Europe treaty on preventing and combating domestic violence, of which women and children are the main victims. Despite this scourge, with more than one woman dying every three days in each country, governments are holding back the implementation of this text, refusing to adapt their legislation and change existing practices, which nevertheless show their weakness in this area. All democracies are concerned, every citizen can work in his country for a more just and less violent society.

- Welcome: **Anna Rurka**, President, Conference INGOs, Council of Europe
- Moderator: **Anne Nègre**, Vice-President in Charge of Equality, Conference INGOs, Council of Europe
- **Elisabeth Walaas**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention
- **Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele**, Head, Violence against Women Division Executive Secretary of the Monitoring Mechanisms of Istanbul Convention, Committee of the Parties, GREVIO
- **Neil Datta, Secretary**, European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights. Author of the book *“Restoring the Natural Order” The religious extremists’ vision to mobilize European societies against human rights on sexuality and reproduction.*
- Projection of an ARTE documentary: **“Abortion: Backlash in Europe”**
- **David Paternotte**, Associate Professor, Chairman of the Management Committee of the Master's Degree in Gender Studies, Free University of Brussels, Institute of Sociology. *Author of the book: Anti-Gender Campaigns in Europe Mobilizing against Equality*
- **Florin Buhuceanu**, Executive President of ECPI, Euregional Center for Public Initiatives (Romania)
- **Olivier Egelé**, President Platform Alsace of Stop Sexual Violences, SVS referent for the prevention of sexual violence at work
- **Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo**, MP, Monaco, General Rapporteur on Violence against Women of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe