



Exhibition: « Say ***NO to violence against women and YES to gender equality*** »

Opening: Monday, **28 September 2026, at 1:30 pm.**
Chamber Lobby, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Conference of INGOs (CINGO), the INGO Gender Equality Committee is presenting an art exhibition entitled “Say NO to violence against women and YES to gender equality” during the autumn 2026 PACE session.

Featuring photographs, paintings and videos contributed by twelve international NGOs, the exhibition highlights civil society’s efforts to combat violence against women and promote gender equality in Europe and around the world. It also emphasizes the importance of implementing the Council of Europe’s Istanbul Convention and bringing its gender equality standards to life. The Convention is widely regarded as the “gold standard” for addressing gender-based violence.

This exhibition’s title is an invitation to PACE delegates, council of Europe bodies and national delegations to join civil society in its commitment to combatting violence and ensuring equality in our societies.

Speakers for the opening of the exhibition are:

- Luz Martinez Seijo, General Rapporteur on violence against women
- Gerhard Ermischer, President of CINGO
- Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division
- Johanna Nelles, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the monitoring mechanism of the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention

We would be delighted to welcome you to the inauguration.

The Gender Equality Committee “NGOs as advocates for gender equality and women’s rights”.