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

• 25th ratification = 5 new members of GREVIO
HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

INTEGRATED POLICIES

PREVENTION

PROSECUTION

PROTECTION

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
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

1. GREVIO’s baseline questionnaire
2. State report + NGO and other information
3. Examination by GREVIO with state representatives
4. Country visit

GREVIO’s report and findings

- Transmission to state party
- Transmission to Committee of the Parties
- Transmission to national parliament

Adoption of recommendations by Committee of the Parties?
BASELINE EVALUATION
PROCEDURE

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
Next state parties to be monitored:

- Albania
- Denmark

State reports to be received in January 2017
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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