

# 8 Questions on 8 March

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## Communication

### Publications

131. The publication and effective dissemination of GREVIO's first baseline evaluation reports is an important step for increasing the impact of GREVIO's work among different stakeholders. In accordance with Article 68, paragraph 11, of the convention, GREVIO reports and conclusions are made public as from their adoption, together with any comments by the party concerned. A total of eight GREVIO baseline evaluation reports were published during the reporting period and are available on the Istanbul Convention's website, together with the comments of the respective national authorities. A press release is issued whenever a report is published. On this occasion, interviews may be given by GREVIO members and the Secretariat in order to provide information on the report and evaluation process.

132. In addition, a rich array of publications about the convention has been made available on the Istanbul Convention's website, providing background information on specific areas of the convention and offering practical advice to policy makers and practitioners as to what needs to be done to implement the convention.<sup>122</sup> A leaflet about the convention's monitoring mechanism was published, as well as a "Questions and answers on the convention" leaflet available in 24 languages, which addresses misrepresentations and false narratives about the convention, clearly stating its aims and scope. In addition, the layout of different thematic fact sheets was updated. The fact sheets relate to the topics of (a) children's rights, (b) stalking,

<sup>122</sup> The complete list of publications can be consulted on the convention's website, at the following page: [www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/publications](http://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/publications).

(c) the protection of migrant women, refugee women and women asylum seekers from gender-based violence, (d) crimes committed in the name of so-called honour and (e) female genital mutilation.

### Other communication

133. During the reporting period, GREVIO and its Secretariat participated in several initiatives aimed at informing and deepening knowledge of the convention. To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, on 25 November 2017, all members of GREVIO and the Executive Secretary at the time took part in creating a video<sup>123</sup> illustrating how the standards of the convention aim to support all governmental and non-governmental stakeholders involved in combating violence against women. On the occasion of International Women's Day, on 8 March 2019, the interactive questionnaire "8 Questions on 8 March" was released in English, French, Italian, German and Russian, to raise awareness of the convention, receive participants' views about what they think are priorities in the quest to end violence against women and girls, and dispel any misinterpretations about the convention.

134. The Secretariat of GREVIO also took part in the creation of a free online course on violence against women and domestic violence, together with the Council of Europe Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme. This HELP course covers in an interactive way the key concepts, the international and European legal framework and the European case law governing the prevention and protection of women and girls from violence, focusing in particular on the convention. Composed of six different modules, it offers a comprehensive curriculum to improve the quality of the judicial response in cases of violence against women and support victims' access to justice while prosecuting perpetrators.

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123. See <https://vimeo.com/256080203>.