

Committee of the Parties



Council of Europe Convention
on preventing and combating violence
against women and domestic violence
(Istanbul Convention)

Conclusions on the implementation of
recommendations in respect of Germany
adopted by the Committee of the Parties
to the Istanbul Convention

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The Committee of the Parties to the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), acting under the terms of Article 68(12) of the Convention and Rule 1(2b) of the Committee of the Parties’ Rules of Procedure;

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 66(1) of the Convention concerning the monitoring role of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as “GREVIO”);

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Parties;

Having regard to the instrument of ratification deposited by Germany on 12 October 2017;

Having regard to the Baseline Evaluation Report concerning the implementation of the Convention by Germany adopted by GREVIO at its 27th meeting (20-24 June 2022), as well as the comments of the Government received on 30 September 2022;

Having regard to the recommendation on the implementation of the Convention addressed to Germany by the Committee of the Parties, published on 12 December 2022;

Bearing in mind the adoption, at its 9th meeting on 15 December 2020, of a reporting form which focuses on a maximum of ten areas of the Convention and which states are required to use to report back to the Committee of the Parties on measures taken to implement the recommendations addressed to their authorities;

Having examined the information provided by Germany on the implementation of the recommendation addressed to its authorities, through the reporting form provided for that purpose, and taking into account other available information;

A. Welcomes the measures taken and progress achieved by Germany in the implementation of recommendations for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, noting in particular:

- the adoption of the first federal Strategy to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence (2025–2030), addressing several forms of violence against women covered by the Istanbul Convention, including the digital dimension of violence, and addressing intersectional discrimination;
- the adoption of the Violence Support Services Act, which introduces the right to protection and support services for women victims of gender-based violence, tailored to the needs of victims;
- the efforts made to allocate significant financial resources for the implementation of policies and measures to prevent and combat violence against women at both the federal and the lander levels;
- the establishment of a national co-ordinating body consisting, on the one hand, of an entity within the federal government, mandated to co-ordinate and promote the implementation of policies and measures to combat violence against women, and, on the other hand, the National Rapporteur Mechanism on gender-based violence mandated to ensure the independent monitoring and evaluation of measures taken at national level;
- the collection and publication of data on reports made to law enforcement agencies on all forms of violence against women and girls, disaggregated by all relevant data categories, as well as efforts made to conduct prevalence surveys and studies on violence against women, including forms of violence against women;
- the efforts made to expand the number of shelter places and counselling services for women victims of domestic violence on the basis of the federal funding programme “Together Against Violence towards Women “(2020-2024);
- the ongoing efforts to enhance the enforcement of emergency barring and protection orders, notably through the introduction of electronic monitoring in cases of domestic violence in order to prevent breaches, and to empower family courts to order perpetrators to participate in anti-violence programmes.

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- B. Encourages the Government of Germany to take further measures to implement the recommendations addressed to its authorities, in particular by:
1. adopt nation-wide definitions in line with those set out in Article 3 of the Istanbul Convention and applicable for all relevant policy areas and sectors, beyond the provision of support services;
 2. taking measures to ensure the co-ordination and co-operation among all different governmental and non-governmental bodies and specialist service providers in implementing policies and measures to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and domestic violence, and to provide a multi-agency and co-ordinated response to the needs of victims without discrimination;
 3. taking measures to ensure that all relevant sectors, beyond the law enforcement agencies, collect harmonised data disaggregated, at a minimum, by sex and age of the victim and the perpetrator, type of violence, relationship between the perpetrator and the victim, and to enable case-tracking across all stages of the criminal justice chain in order to identify attrition and conviction rates;
 4. intensifying efforts to ensure that all relevant professionals receive systematic and mandatory initial and in-service training on identifying and responding to all forms of violence against women covered by the convention, applying a victim-centred and empowering approach;
 5. pursuing the efforts to ensure that all relevant professionals, and in particular the judiciary, are aware of and take into account the negative impact on children of violence by one parent against the other and refrain from attributing reluctance among children to visits with the other parent to supposed alienating behaviour from the victim and by ensuring the screening of cases concerning decisions on custody and visitation rights for a history of violence against women.
- C. Invites the Government of Germany to report back on these measures by 1 June 2028.
- D. Invites the Government of Germany to continue taking measures to implement the Istanbul Convention, particularly on the basis of the conclusions of GREVIO's baseline evaluation report.