

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 Norway
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 Norway on 5 July 2017;

Having regard to the Baseline Evaluation Report concerning the implementation of the Convention by Norway adopted by GREVIO at its 28th meeting (10-13 October 2022), as well as the comments of the Government received on 21 November 2022;

Having regard to the recommendation on the implementation of the Convention addressed to Norway 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 Norway on the implementation of the recommendation addressed to its authorities, through the reporting form provided for that purpose, as well as the information submitted by civil society;

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

- the adoption, for the first time, of a gender equality strategy covering the period 2025–2030, with a view to mainstreaming gender equality across all sectors and levels of governance;
- the integration of the Sami perspective in national policies on violence against women, such as seen in the Escalation Plan against Violence and Abuse against Children and Domestic Violence (2024–2028) and the strengthening of prevention and protection mechanisms for Sami victims of violence against women, including through legislative amendments to improve shelter services for the Sami population and the development of culturally and linguistically appropriate treatment programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence;
- the increase in funds dedicated to the implementation of the Escalation Plan against Violence and Abuse against Children and Domestic Violence (2024–2028);
- the introduction of a consent-based definition of rape in the Penal Code;
- the assignment of the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution (NIM) as the body responsible for carrying out an independent evaluation of policies for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention;
- the adoption of a directive by the Director of Public Prosecutions to ensure the efficient collection of evidence and reduce reliance on victim testimony in cases of domestic violence;
- the legislative developments to allow the electronic monitoring of perpetrators and ensure the compliance with restraining orders, particularly in domestic violence cases;
- the launch of the INFOVOLD project in 2025 in order to improve access to information on violence, including violence related to “honour”, for individuals arriving in Norway through family reunification and to raise awareness of their rights and on available support services;
- the adoption in 2025 of a new law on the processing of personal data in the Norwegian sport sector in cases involving sexual abuse, harassment and violence, with a view to contributing to

a safe environment for all participants in sports, while ensuring effective protection of personal data.

- B. Encourages the Government of Norway to take further measures to implement the recommendations addressed to its authorities, in particular by:
1. improving co-ordination mechanisms across existing national policy documents on violence against women and review their measures with a view to integrating them into an overarching framework in order to provide a holistic response to all forms of violence against women covered by the Istanbul Convention, including its digital dimension;
 2. ensuring that data collected by all relevant stakeholders on the different forms of violence against women are disaggregated with regard to the sex of the victim and the perpetrator, their relationship and type of violence, and that data collected by law-enforcement agencies and the judiciary are harmonised, with a view to ensuring case-tracking across all stages of the criminal justice chain with a view to determining conviction, attrition and recidivism rates and identifying gaps in the response of institutions, while also introducing data collection in the healthcare sector in relation to all forms of violence against women;
 3. introducing the principle of non-mandatory mediation in family law cases involving a history of violence, and in the interim, actively screening all parental separation cases to identify a history of violence and applying exceptions to mandatory mediation when needed; as well as providing in-service training to mediators, family counsellors, psychologists, judges and other relevant professionals to recognise and adequately address domestic violence;
 4. taking the necessary measures to enable the competent authorities to order *ex officio* a perpetrator of domestic violence to vacate the residence of the victim in situations of immediate danger, reduce the average processing time for issuing emergency barring orders and ensure that protection orders are available under civil law.
- C. Invites the Government of Norway to report back on these measures by 1 June 2028.
- D. Invites the Government of Norway to continue taking measures to implement the Istanbul Convention, particularly on the basis of the conclusions of GREVIO's baseline evaluation report.