

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 Romania
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 Romania on 23 May 2016;

Having regard to the Baseline Evaluation Report concerning the implementation of the Convention by Romania adopted by GREVIO at its 26th meeting (1-4 March 2022) as well as the comments of the Government received on 9 June 2022;

Having regard to the recommendation on the implementation of the Convention addressed to Romania 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 Romania 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 Romania in the implementation of recommendations for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, noting in particular:

- the adoption of the Strategy for the promotion of equal opportunities and treatment between women and men and for preventing and combating domestic violence (2022–2027), which identifies gender stereotypes as the primary cause of gender inequality and foresees a wide range of measures to promote equality and counter domestic violence;
- the efforts made to increase the funding for measures to prevent and combat domestic violence;
- the legislative amendments to the Criminal Code that criminalise the non-consensual dissemination or transmission of intimate images;
- the expansion of the scope of emergency barring and protection orders to forms of violence against women beyond domestic violence, notably threats, stalking sexual, physical or psychological violence and comprehensive forms of online violence (imaged-based abuse, online stalking and harassment and unlawful access to private communication or data);
- the increase in the provision of training sessions for law enforcement agencies and the judiciary in order to strengthen the institutional capacity to prevent, identify and respond to gender discrimination and domestic violence, and to promote a more co-ordinated approach;
- the introduction of the systematic review of homicide and attempted murder committed in the context of domestic violence with a view to identifying shortcomings and taking measures to address them;
- the efforts made to provide victims of rape and sexual violence within county hospitals with a view to providing emergency medical care and referring to specialist services.

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- B. Encourages the Government of Romania to take further measures to implement the recommendations addressed to its authorities, in particular by:
1. enhancing the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in relation to all forms of violence covered, beyond domestic violence, while ensuring that the provisions of the convention are implemented without discrimination and their implementation evaluated;
 2. taking measures to align the definition of “family violence” in the Criminal Code with the definition of domestic violence set out in Article 3 of the Istanbul Convention; and introducing a gender perspective into the Domestic Violence Law;
 3. ensuring 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 violence against women and domestic violence to provide a multi-agency and co-ordinated response to the needs of victims of all forms of violence against women covered by the Istanbul Convention, in particular domestic violence, rape and sexual violence, forced marriage, and stalking;
 4. identifying the needs and expanding the financial resources allocated at both state and local levels for the implementation of policies and measures to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence; and providing stable and sustainable funding levels for women’s NGOs that support victims of violence against women;
 5. continuing the efforts to ensure that all relevant sectors, including law enforcement agencies, prosecution services, and the judiciary collect harmonised data disaggregated, at a minimum, by sex and age of the victim and the perpetrator, type of violence, type of relationship between the perpetrator and the victim and to ensure case-tracking across all stages of the criminal justice chain in order to identify attrition and conviction rates;
 6. ensuring, in cases related to the determination of custody and visitation rights, the systematic screening for incidents of violence, including violence by one parent against the other;
 7. taking additional legislative measures to amend the definition of rape and sexual assault in the Criminal Code to incorporate the notion of the lack of freely given consent to align it with the requirements of Article 36 of the convention, and to ensure that criminal liability for rape and sexual assault can be prosecuted *ex parte* and *ex officio*.
- C. Invites the Government of Romania to report back on these measures by 1 June 2028.
- D. Invites the Government of Romania to continue taking measures to implement the Istanbul Convention, particularly on the basis of the conclusions of GREVIO’s baseline evaluation report.