

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 Slovenia 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, paragraph 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, paragraph 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 Slovenia on 5 February 2015;

Having regard to the baseline evaluation report concerning the implementation of the Convention by Slovenia adopted by GREVIO at its 21st meeting (21 – 23 June 2021) as well as the comments of the Government received on 12 October 2021;

Having regard to the recommendation on the implementation of the Convention addressed to Slovenia by the Committee of the Parties, published on 9 December 2021;

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 Slovenia 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 Slovenia in the implementation of recommendations for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, noting in particular:

- the adoption in 2023 of a resolution on the national programme for equal opportunities for women and men (2023–2030), the country’s third mid-term strategic document in the field, which gives new impetus to the fields of preventing and combating all forms of violence against women and girls, reducing inequalities between women and men and overcoming stereotypical gender roles, which are listed among the priority thematic areas of work for the period in question;
- an increase in funding at the level of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and at the level of municipalities for awareness-raising on violence against women and the provision of services for women victims, including by means of increasing financing opportunities for women’s’ rights NGOs, as well as efforts to involve such organisations in the design of policies and legislation;
- the efforts made to improve data collection in the judiciary, involving co-operation between the National Statistical Office and the Supreme Prosecutor’s office; progress made in the field of data collection in healthcare and by social services and the efforts invested in conducting national surveys and studies into gender-based violence;
- the reforms undertaken to bring the existing helpline for women and girls victims of violence further in line with the requirements of the Istanbul Convention, including the dedicated funding allocated for this purpose;

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- B. Encourages the Government of Slovenia to take further measures to implement the recommendations addressed to its authorities, in particular by:
1. assigning the role of co-ordinating body in relation to all forms of violence against women covered by the Istanbul Convention to one or more fully institutionalised entities and ensuring that the co-ordination body is allocated the necessary human and financial resources in order to secure the sustainability of its work;
 2. taking additional measures to ensure the comprehensive collection of data in relation to all forms of violence covered by the Convention, in particular when it comes to the criminal justice system, which would also provide a basis for evidence-based policy making;
 3. taking a number of priority actions in the determination of custody and visitation rights to ensure the safety of victims and their children, in particular by taking measures to incorporate a systematic screening, and take into account incidents of violence in the relationship, on the basis of strengthened co-operation and information exchange between civil and criminal courts and other relevant services;
 4. stepping up efforts in order to ensure a prompt and appropriate response from law-enforcement agencies to violence against women, in particular by revising and developing the applicable investigation and prosecution guidelines and by improving the training of law enforcement officers to enhance the effectiveness of investigations; working towards a more victim-centred and gender-sensitive approach among law enforcement agencies and taking relevant measures to encourage reporting of all forms of violence against women;
 5. amending the applicable legislation in order to conform with the requirements of Article 55 of the Istanbul Convention regarding the *ex officio* prosecution of the offences of marital rape and sexual violence against a spouse or a partner.
- C. Invites the Government of Slovenia to report back on these measures by 7 June 2027.
- D. Invites the Government of Slovenia to continue taking measures to implement the Istanbul Convention, particularly on the basis of the conclusions of GREVIO's baseline evaluation report.